

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, April 23, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Presiding was Mayor Eric Bower; Council Members Fred Trump; Toni Bell; William Kreisher; James Huber; James Garman and Bonnie Crawford; Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Director of Human Resources/Assistant Secretary Tracy Lanzafame; Administrative Assistant Bobbi Erlston; Chief of Police Roger Van Loan; Fire Chief Scott McBride. Absent was Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill; Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman; Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz and Acting Public Works Superintendent John Fritz

E. Bower addressed the public and announced that he intends to fight the recent charges that are being pressed against him with his legal team. He believes that while his situation may be personally embarrassing, he has done nothing wrong and will continue to serve as Mayor.

Council adjourned into Executive Session to discuss legal matters and personnel at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened at 7:19 p.m.

T. Bell read a prepared statement to the public addressing the Mayor and the charges that are being pressed against him. In her statement, T. Bell made a call to other Council members to ask E. Bower to resign from the position of Mayor because of the recent charges that have been made public that are a distraction from his public service, not that they believe he is guilty of any crime.

B. Crawford also read a prepared statement to the public addressing the Mayor and the charges against him that have been made public. Council Member Crawford informed the public that Council does not have the authority to remove E. Bower from the office of Mayor, nor does making an official request for him to resign have any power to remove the Mayor. B. Crawford asked for a vote of no confidence to be taken regardless of the ineffectiveness it has on removing E. Bower from the position of Mayor. B. Crawford asked for a vote of no confidence for the purpose of making public their stand on the topic.

REQUEST FOR E. BOWER TO RESIGN FROM POSITION OF MAYOR

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote by J. Huber, and 1 abstention by E. Bower, Council asked E. Bower resign from position of Mayor.

APPROVAL TO HAVE THE SUPERVISION OF CHIEF OF POLICE ROGER VANLOAN MOVED TO BONNIE CRAWFORD WHO IS THE CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved assigning the supervision of Chief of Police Roger Van Loan to B. Crawford, who is the chair of the Public Safety Committee, until such time as the Mayor's legal issues are settled.

Chief VanLoan addressed Council and the public regarding the events of last weekend's Block Party. He stated that they encountered fewer problems than last year and last year had improved from the previous year. He believes that working together with Town Gown and the University to restrict parking, visitors to dorm rooms and other measures have been effective in stemming the influx of out of town attendees. The Town Police conducted a DUI check point and also made 12 drug arrests. Chief Van Loan also noted that 220 citations were written and those were down from last year. No officers were injured and there was no major assaults this year during Block Party.

Cleve Hummel discussed with Council that his experiment with providing porta-potties for the students to use on Lightstreet Road for a fee of \$1.00 per use or \$5.00 for the whole day was successful. Chief VanLoan agreed and noted that there were less citations written for public urination. C. Hummel would like to donate the \$1,300 in proceeds from the porta-potties during Block Party to be used to purchase garbage receptacles to be placed on Lightstreet Road. The Town Gown will look into the possibility of strategically placing porta-potties during Block Party.

Dan Knorr, Director of External and Government Relations, thanked Chief VanLoan for his time and hard work regarding the Block Party. He also thanked the Police for escorting Bloomsburg University's President Hanna through the event to observe the impact on the Town.

E. Bower read a proclamation for Arbor Day to Shade Tree Commission members Sylvia Costa, Lauren Strausser, and Virginia Thorne.

Members of the Shade Tree Commission informed Council that the owner of Tri Pi Pizzeria on Main Street, Joe Yannone, has expressed his intension to Shade Tree Committee Staff person, B. Erlston over the phone that he is going to appeal the decision of the Code Appeal Board. That decision requires him to replant a tree in front of his business that he had previously removed without permission and then filled in the tree pit with concrete. Shade Tree Commission members asked Council to allow them to spend the necessary funds to hire a lawyer and challenge any attempt Joe Yannone would make in court on appeal. C. Hummel read passages from the Commonwealth ordinance and the Town of Bloomsburg ordinance to Council to inform them that there are differences in the way the Town of Bloomsburg ordinance is written.

APPROVAL TO MOVE THE DISCUSSION OF JOE YANNONE’S CODE APPEAL BOARD APPEAL TO THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved to move the discussion of Joe Yannone’s Code Appeal Board Appeal to the Community & Economic Development Committee.

Matt Zoppetti presented Council with plans drawn by an engineer to add 7 additional parking spaces to Husky Corners by moving the sidewalk in 18 inches. Mr. Zoppetti also presented to Council plans drawn by the same engineer to had additional spaces to St. Columba parking area. E. Bower stated that the plans and the discussion should be moved to the Public Safety Committee.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 9, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, the Council approves the April 9, 2018 Town Council meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM CJ CONTRACTORS FOR ALL LABOR AND MATERIALS TO REMOVE THE CURRENT STEPS AT THE TOWN HALL ENTRANCE AND REPLACE IT WITH NEW CONCRETE TO BE 3500 PSI FIBER REINFORCED, WITH TOOLED EDGES AND TEXTURED FINISH

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 6 ‘yes’ votes and 1 ‘no’ vote by F. Trump, Council approved of the proposal from CJ Contractors in the amount of \$2,000.00 for all labor and materials to remove the current steps at the town hall entrance and replace it with new concrete to be 3500 PSI fiber reinforced, with tooled edges and textured finish.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST FROM THE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR FIRST QUARTER TRUSTEES FEES AND COMMISSIONS

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved of payment to First Columbia Bank & Trust in the amount of \$4,756.00 from the police pension plan for first quarter trustees’ fees and commissions.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST FROM THE EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN FOR FIRST QUARTER TRUSTEES FEES AND COMMISSIONS

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to First Columbia Bank & Trust in the amount of \$3,939.82 from the employee pension plan for first quarter trustees’ fees and commissions.

APPROVAL OF PROMOTING A POLICE OFFICER TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved of promoting police officer Michael Fosse to the Rank of Sergeant, effective May 21, 2018.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THROUGH APRIL 1, 2018 FOR PHASE I APRON DESIGN

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$56,735.87 for professional services through April 1, 2018 for Phase I Apron Design.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THROUGH MARCH 30, 2018 FOR PHASE I APRON DESIGN

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$28,655.00 for professional services through March 30, 2018 for Phase I Apron Design.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SQUARE 1 HOME IMPROVEMENT INC. FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-51

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Square 1 Home Improvement Inc. in the amount of \$13,150.00 for HOME Program Application TB-T-51.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SQUARE 1 HOME IMPROVEMENT INC. FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-49

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Square 1 Home Improvement Inc. in the amount of \$3,664.00 for HOME Program Application TB-T-49.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LENDENMANN'S CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-58

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 abstention by E. Bower, Council approves payment to Lendenmann's Construction & Remodeling in the amount of \$4,761.00 for HOME Program application TB-T-58.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LENDENMANN'S CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-58

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 abstention by E. Bower, Council approves payment to Lendenmann's Construction & Remodeling in the amount of \$2,930.00 for HOME Program application TB-T-58.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LENDENMANN'S CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-53

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approves payment to Lendenmann's Construction & Remodeling in the amount of \$3,222.00 for HOME Program application TB-T-53.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SEDA-COG FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND DELIVERY COSTS FOR THE HOME PROGRAM

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to SEDA-COG in the amount of \$12,795.00 for administrative and delivery costs for the HOME program.

APPROVAL TO RETAIN LINDA L. WOODWARD TO PERFORM WAIVER VALUATIONS FOR THE FLOOD MITIGATION EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved of allowing retain Linda L. Woodward to perform waiver valuations for the Flood Mitigation Expansion Project in the amount of \$695.00 per property parcel.

APPROVAL OF FFY 2012 CDBG-DR CONTRACT AMENDMENT IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$650,000 CONTINGENT UPON SEDA-COG'S REVIEW AND APPROVAL

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Kreisher, and voted on unanimously, Council approves of FFY 2012 CDBG-DR contract amendment in the additional amount of \$650,000 contingent upon SEDA-COG's review and approval.

L. Martz noted that before the Town Council meeting, Council and staff met with the Town Park Improvement Association and discussed various topics regarding the Town Park and the July 4th fireworks display. L. Martz also announced that there will be a Town Park clean-up day held on May 19, 2018 8:00a.m to 12:00p.m. Citizens are encouraged to volunteer.

J. Huber requested that minutes should be taken and recorded from all town related committees including Town/Gown, DBI, TPIA and etc. These minutes should be reviewed during the Town Council meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Lauren Martz
Town Manager/Secretary