

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, May 13, 2019, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor William Kreisher; Council Members Fred Trump, James Huber, James Garman, Bonnie Crawford, and Vince DeMelfi; Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Director of Human Resources/Assistant Secretary Tracy Lanzafame; Administrative Assistant Jessica Graham; Director of Public Works John Fritz; Acting Chief of Police Leonard Rogutski; Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman; Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman; and Fire Chief Scott McBride. Absent was Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz; Council Vice President Toni Bell, and Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts.

The Mayor informed the Town that there were three executive sessions during the last Town Council meeting. The first was held on May 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. and it pertained to personnel matters with regard to Union Negotiations with Public Works and the Police Department. The second executive session was held on May 10, 2019 at 3:15 p.m. until 3:50 p.m. and the third session was held on May 13, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:36 p.m. Both sessions were for personnel matters.

The Mayor informed the Town that donations for the July 4th fireworks are still being accepted by Bloomsburg University and that anyone who wants to donate money to the event can go to www.TakeActionBU.org/fireworks.

The Mayor went on to inform the Town that May 18, 2019 is cleanup day at the Town Park. The necessary supplies will be provided for anybody that wants to volunteer.

The Mayor informed the Town that on May 22, 2019 there will be a Special Town Council meeting to review three zoning ordinance amendments that pertain to homeless shelters, substance abuse treatment facilities, and halfway houses for persons on parole or probation. A public hearing to discuss these items will be held at 6:00 p.m. before the Special Town Council meeting where they are expected to be adopted.

The Mayor went on to commemorate the actions of the Bloomsburg Police Department during the incident at the Honeysuckle Apartments on Friday, May 10, 2019.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Chris Malatesta, Athletes Director at Bloomsburg Area High School, informed Council that they request the use of Streater Field for the High School's football practice. The team would also contribute towards the maintenance of the field as well as giving the Town of Bloomsburg \$3,000 dollars as a contribution for use of the field for the season.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg Area High School to use Streater Field for football practice as long as they provide the necessary insurances.

Melissa Farrow from United Way Recovery Coalition was not present to discuss available substance use programs.

Hunter Derr requested from Council the use of the Bloomsburg Skate Park for a family friendly, mixed genre music event to take place there. Mr. Derr noted that they do have insurance and ensured the Town that they would clean up afterwards. The event will take place on May 25, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and it will be free admission.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the event to take place at the Bloomsburg Skate Park as long as they provide the proper insurances.

The meeting adjourned into a Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m. to hear from the community regarding the Non-Student Rental Ordinance amendment.

The Mayor stating that as of July 1st, 2019 the Town of Bloomsburg will no longer be issuing the \$100.00 non-student rental provisional licenses. Each non-student rental will then have to apply for a regular license after July 1st. George Coho did not agree that the non-student rental provisional license should be removed. Further discussion ensued.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 992 NON-STUDENT RENTAL PROVISIONAL LICENSES

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 4 'yes' votes and 2 'no' votes (B. Crawford, F. Trump), Council approved the removal of non-student rental provisional licenses as of July 1, 2019.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 5-13-19.01 PENN-DOT BOA

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 5-13-19.01 PENN-DOT BOA.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-13-19.02-DESIGNATION OF AGENT FOR THE 2019 HMGP GRANT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 05-13-19.02 Designation of Agent for the 2019 HMGP Grant.

EMS WEEK PROCLAMATION

The Mayor read and presented Tim Wagner, president of the Bloomsburg Volunteer Ambulance Association, a proclamation declaring that the week of May 19-25th, 2019 is Emergency Medical Services Week. The theme for the week is EMS Strong: Beyond the Call. He encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 04/22/19

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the April 22, 2019 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 04/30/19

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the April 30, 2019 minutes.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND APRIL PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund, \$195,901.33; Recycling Fund, \$17,522.23; Street Lighting Fund, \$8,182.80; Fire Fund, \$14,160.04; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$6,736.61; CDBG – DR Fund, \$5,390.00 and the April payroll authorization in the amount of \$227,278.09.

APPROVAL OF A NEW EEOC POLICY AS PROVIDED BY THE TOWN'S LABOR COUNSEL

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by B. Crawford, it was open to discussion with V. DeMelfi wanting to add 'gender identity' to the protected class paragraph. Motion to move forward with the addition of 'gender identity' was made by J. Huber, seconded by V. DeMelfi and voted on unanimously, Council approved the new EEOC policy as provided by the Town's Labor Counsel.

APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN BOUGHTER TO THE VACANT POSITION

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Planning Commission's recommended appointment of Steven Boughter to the vacant position on the Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM XW CONSTRUCTION, LLP TO REPLACE THE ROOF OVER THE FIRST FLOOR ADDITION (CODE ENFORCEMENT)

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the quote from XW Construction, LLP in the amount of \$7,864.00 to replace the roof over the first floor addition of Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF PAYING DISPUTED 2018 MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY SEWER INVOICES INCURRED FROM MARCH THROUGH JUNE 2018 TO AVOID LEGAL COSTS TO THE TOWN

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved paying disputed 2018 Municipal Authority Sewer invoices incurred from March through June 2018 to avoid legal costs to the Town.

APPROVAL OF ENDING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR FINANCE/ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK KIMBERLY POGASH, EFFECTIVE JUNE 3, 2019

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved ending the probationary period for Finance/Administrative Clerk Kimberly Pogash, effective June 3, 2019.

APPROVAL OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG AND TEAMSTERS UNION FOR UNIFORMED OFFICERS OF THE BLOOMSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT PER THE ACT 111 INTEREST ARBITRATION AWARD.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Bloomsburg and Teamsters Union for Uniformed Officers of the Bloomsburg Police Department per the Act 111 Interest Arbitration Award

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness to Frank Elnasher at 134 E. Main Street for a door replacement.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Dawn Moore at 27 E. 5th Street to replacing siding on gable/remove awning.

APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL FROM SIMONE COLLINS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00 FOR THE WALKABILITY/TRAIL STUDY

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the proposal from Simone Collins in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the Town of Bloomsburg Walkability/Trail Study.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM MARCH 1, 2019 TO MARCH 31, 2019 FOR THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. in the amount of \$7,012.00 for professional services from March 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019 for the Floodwall Expansion Project.

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG AND SUEZ WATER REGARDING INSTALLING UNDERGROUND STORMWATER FACILITIES FOR THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the agreement between the Town of Bloomsburg and Suez Water regarding installing underground stormwater facilities for the Floodwall Expansion Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT #1 TO HRI, INC. FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT.

On a motion F. Trump, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment #1 to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$223,240.76 for General Construction for the Floodwall Expansion Project.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 TO HRI, INC. IN A DECREASED AMOUNT OF \$1,828.19 FOR THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Change Order #1 to HRI, Inc. in a decreased amount of \$1,828.19 for the Floodwall Expansion Project.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2019 STREET PAVING PROJECT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for bids for the following streets for the 2019 Street Paving Project: 8th Street from Iron Street to West Street, Columbia Avenue from West Street to Center Street, 9th Street from Market Street to Railroad Street, Railroad Street from 9th Street to Port Noble Drive, Railroad Street from 5th Street to Railroad Tracks, Iron Street from 7th Street to 9th Street (includes additional 90ft of 9th Street), Chestnut Street from 2nd Street to 3rd Street (mill and overlay), and Chestnut Street from 3rd Street to 4th Street (complete reconstruction).

APPROVAL OF SELLING A 1987 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK ON MUNICIBID

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved selling a 1987 International Dump Truck on Municibid.

APPROVAL OF SELLING A 1996 CHEVROLET S10 PICK-UP TRUCK ON MUNICIBID

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved selling a 1996 Chevrolet S10 Pick-up Truck on Municibid.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING AN AIRSPACE ANALYSIS 7460-1 FORM TO THE FAA REGARDING A POSSIBLE RADIO ANTENNA BEING BUILT ON TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG PROPERTY NEAR THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting an Airspace Analysis 7460-1 Form to the FAA regarding a possible radio antenna being built on Town of Bloomsburg property near the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport with all costs from this submission being paid for by Entercom who made the request to the Town.

APPROVAL OF A ONE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE BASD TO USE AND MAINTAIN THE STREATER FIELD FOOTBALL FIELD FOR PRACTICES DURING THE FLOODWALL AND ATHLETIC FIELDS CONSTRUCTION AT THE BLOOMSBURG MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a one year agreement with the BASD to use and maintain the Streater Field football field for practices during the floodwall and athletic fields construction at the Bloomsburg Middle and High Schools.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A 15' PULL-BEHIND BRUSH HOG MOWER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,400.00 FROM JO'S EQUIPMENT

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (F. Trump), Council approved the purchase of a 15' Pull-Behind Brush Hog Mower in the amount of \$6,400.00 from Jo's Equipment.

L. Rogutski addressed Council expressing his displeasure with what, in his opinion, was an irregularity in the hiring process for the Chief of Police position. He handed in his letter of withdrawal for consideration for the position and as Acting Chief of Police effective at midnight.

S. Rogutski addressed Council, expressing her displeasure with the hiring process based on L. Rogutski's version of what he believed transpired.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHAPTER 8 FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE VISIT CONDUCTED IN NOVEMBER OF 2014 BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertisement of an amendment to the Chapter 8 Floodplain Ordinance as required by the Community Assistance visit conducted in November of 2014 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Lauren Martz
Town Manager/Secretary