

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, June 25, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Vice President William Kreisher; Council Members Fred Trump; Toni Bell; 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; Acting Public Works Superintendent John Fritz, and Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill. Absent was Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman; Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz, and Fire Chief Scott McBride.

W. Kreisher read to the public letters of interest received from W. Carey Howell, Douglas Reiter, and himself for the position of Mayor. W. Kreisher stated in his letter of interest that he would resign from his position as a Council member if he was appointed Mayor. J. Garman expressed that he had considered all three candidates, but thought experience was needed, which ruled out D. Reiter, and C. Howell had spent his last year in office spending taxpayer money unwisely. J. Garman recommended B. Kreisher as the best candidate to fill the vacant Mayor position.

#### **RESIGNATION ACCEPTANCE FROM WILLIAM KREISHER FROM THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG'S TOWN COUNCIL**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the resignation of William Kreisher as a councilman of the Town of Bloomsburg.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 1 abstention by W. Kreisher, Council appointed William Kreisher to fill the position of Mayor.

#### **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 06-25-18.01 – GIVING PENNDOT AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST RAILROAD CROSSING ALTERATIONS AT LOCUST STREET FROM THE PUC**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Resolution No. 06-25-18.01 giving PennDOT authorization to request railroad crossing alterations at Locust Street from the PUC.

#### **APPROVAL OF JUNE 11, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the June 11, 2018 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

#### **APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG AND SEDA-COG FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE FFY 2018 CDBG PROGRAM**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved of a Professional & Administrative Services Agreement between the Town of Bloomsburg and SEDA-COG for administration of the FFY 2018 CDBG Program.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO KORN FERRY FROM THE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR SECOND QUARTER ACTUARIAL SERVICES**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment in the amount of \$3,202.50 from the Police Pension Plan for second quarter actuarial services.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO KORN FERRY FROM THE EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN FOR SECOND QUARTER ACTUARIAL SERVICES**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment in the amount of \$3,202.50 from the Employee Pension Plan for second quarter actuarial services.

**APPROVAL OF REMOVING ERIC BOWER FROM THE ROBBINS, STROUP, AND HARTMAN BANK ACCOUNTS AT FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST, EFFECTIVE JUNE 12, 2018**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved removing Eric Bower from the Robbins, Stroup, and Hartman bank accounts at First Columbia Bank and Trust, effective June 12, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF REMOVING ERIC BOWER AS A CHECK SIGNOR AND DECISION MAKER FROM ALL FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST ACCOUNTS AFFILIATED WITH THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG, EFFECTIVE JUNE 12, 2018**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved removing Eric Bower as a check signor and decision maker from all First Columbia Bank and Trust accounts affiliated with the Town of Bloomsburg, effective June 12, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DON E. BOWER CONSTRUCTION FOR THE LIGHTSTREET ROAD ARC PROJECT (TO BE PAID FOR VIA BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY CGA AND PENNDOT)**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Don E. Bower Construction in the amount of \$121,577.73 for the Lightstreet Road ARC Project, with the Town acting as a pass through.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO THE OTTERY GROUP FOR PHASE I ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to The Ottery Group in the amount of \$4,100.00 for Phase I Archaeological Survey for the Floodwall Expansion Project.

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR THE 2018 ROAD PAVING PROJECTS**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved

advertisement of the 2018 Road Paving Projects. The roads to be paved are: E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Cherry Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Michael Drive, and Iron Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

**APPROVAL OF SENDING A 3 YEAR PROJECT ACTIVITY EXTENSION REQUEST LETTER TO JOHN GUERS AT DCED REGARDING THE CDBG-DR GRANT FUNDS BEING USED FOR HOME ELEVATION PROJECTS**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved sending a 3 year project activity extension request letter to John Guers at DCED regarding the CDBG-DR grant funds being used for home elevation projects.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LENDENMANN'S REMODELING AND CONSTRUCTION FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-56**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Lendenmann's Remodeling and Construction in the amount of \$2,550.00 for HOME program application TB-T-56.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LENDENMANN'S REMODELING AND CONSTRUCTION FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-44**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Lendenmann's Remodeling and Construction in the amount of \$12,529.00 for Home program application TB-T-44

**APPROVAL OF A SUB-ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH BARRY ISETT ASSOCIATES FOR A SHORT TERM CODE ENFORCEMENT PROJECT**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved of sub-engagement letter with Barry Isett Associates for a short term code enforcement project with the addition that John DeCusatis will report to the Town Manager and the Community of Economic and Development Committee.

**DISCUSSION OF PROVIDING LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO THE JOE YANNONE APPEAL**

Council discussed the possibilities of providing legal representation for the Town of Bloomsburg in regards to the Joe Yannone appeal. W. Kreisher suggested that we send Code Enforcement Officer, Ralph Magill, to the appeal instead of hiring an attorney. John Hintz from the Shade Tree Commission expressed his concerns that without hiring an attorney the chances of Joe Yannone winning the appeal will be greater. Director of External and Governmental Affairs, Dan Knorr, mentioned that without pursuing legal help, the Town of Bloomsburg might be setting a precedent for other citizens. W. Kreisher made a motion to table the discussion until the next Town Council meeting which will be held on July 9, 2018. In the meantime, W. Kreisher will contact legal representation options and report back to Council on a recommended course of action.

On a motion by W. Kreisher, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved to table the discussion of hiring legal representation for the Town of Bloomsburg until the next Council meeting on July 9, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF ALLOCATING \$1,000 TOWARDS THE 2018 JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved allocating \$1,000.00 towards the 2018 July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Display from the vendor fees collected at the 2018 July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

Diane Levan brought to Council's attention that in previous years the Pool Fundraising Committee has been granted permission to pass the hat during the July 4<sup>th</sup> event to raise funds to fix the Norris E. Rock pool. Diane asked Council for permission again for this year's event.

**APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE POOL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE TO PASS THE HAT DURING THE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> EVENT**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to allow the Pool Fundraising Committee to pass the hat during the July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

Citizen to be heard D. Levan questioned Council with regard to the C. Hummel Press Enterprise article. It was her recollection that Hummel and Lewis was not appointed the Town's solicitor at the January 2, 2018 Reorganizational meeting. W. Kreisher stated that was correct, that there was no Town solicitor appointed and he found the C. Hummel article in the Press Enterprise to be unfortunate.

The meeting went into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters at 8:19 p.m. and being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Lauren Martz  
Town Manager/Secretary