

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, July 8, 2019, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor William Kreisher; Council Vice President Toni Bell; Council Members Fred Trump, James Huber, James Garman, and Vince DeMelfi; Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Administrative Assistant Bobbi Erlston; Director of Public Works John Fritz; Acting Chief of Police Leonard Rogutski; Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts; Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill, and Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman. Absent was Council Member Bonnie Crawford.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Bloomsburg University Director of External and Government Relations Dan Knorr updated Council on the Miller Avenue Project. Knorr noted that Downtown Bloomsburg Inc. (DBI) has contracted Larson Design Group for the project. DBI met with the 3 adjacent property owners to discuss any issues or concerns they may have before the project moves forward. D. Knorr commented that the biggest concern was that Joe Gushen's apartments above Fog & Flame would need to be considered when designing lighting for the project. D. Knorr announced that there will be a meeting open to the public at the Greenly Center located at 50 E. Main Street, Bloomsburg on August 5, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Alex Dubil then addressed Council expressing his concerns with people running stop signs in the downtown. Mr. Dubil also noted that the curbs on Wood Street are in desperate need of repair and there should be sidewalks installed.

Cindy James addressed Council next, stating some questions she had regarding the proposed drug rehab center at the former Windsor Foods property located at 595 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

W. Kreisher noted that immediately following the meeting an executive session will be held to discuss the ruling of a drug rehab center being approved at the former Windsor Foods property and the continuing search for a Police Chief.

### **APPROVAL OF JUNE 24, 2019 AND JUNE 25, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the June 24, 2019 and June 25, 2019 Town Council minutes with an addition to reflect that V. DeMelfi made a motion to allocate \$150,000.00 from the CDBG Fund to the Pool Fundraising Committee. V. DeMelfi's motion failed due to the lack of a second.

### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND JUNE PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund, \$327,972.63; Recycling Fund, \$14,705.19; Street Lighting Fund, \$6,294.67; Fire Fund, \$12,198.83; Library Fund, \$19,043.47; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$1,559.81; CDBG Entitlement Fund, \$12,841.84; CDBG – DR Fund, \$500.00; CDBG Program Income Fund, \$58,225.00, and the June payroll authorization in the amount of \$221,037.70.

### **APPROVAL OF A REDUCTION TO THE BERGER RECREATION VEHICLE CAMP LAND DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL SECURITY**

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a partial reduction in the amount of \$25,750 to the Berger Recreation Vehicle Camp Land Development financial security.

**APPROVAL TO RELEASE FIRE ESCROW FUNDS TO JEREMY GROSS FOR 335-337 FAIR STREET**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to release Fire Escrow Funds in the amount of \$32,860.00 to Jeremy Gross for 335-337 Fair Street.

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A FARADAY BOX FROM RAMSEY**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to purchase a Faraday Box from Ramsey in an amount not to exceed \$2,177.90. Invoice will be fully reimbursed by the District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Funds.

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A LAPTOP COMPUTER FROM SUMURI**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to purchase a laptop computer from Sumuri in an amount not to exceed \$3,088.00. Invoice will be fully reimbursed by the District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Funds

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SAFE CITY SOLUTIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING THE HIRING PROCESS OF A NEW CHIEF OF POLICE**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Safe City Solutions in the amount of \$5,500.00 for professional services regarding the hiring process of a new Chief of Police.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SPIKE GILLESPIE SIGNS FOR 5 GATEWAY ENTRY SIGNS**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 4 'yes' votes and 2 'no' voted (F. Trump and J. Huber), Council approved payment to Spike Gillespie Signs in the amount of \$7,137.37 for 5 Gateway Entry Signs.

**APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness to Audra Mitchell of 106 West Street for exterior renovations.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness to Herb Shannon of 357 East Street for deck replacements.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness to Thomas James of 18-26 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street for a fence replacement.

**APPROVAL OF SAINT COLUMBA - LOT INCORPORATION**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the plan contingent upon the following conditional items being met:

1. The Deed of Incorporation shall be reviewed and approved by the Town solicitor.

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

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$211,389.30 for general construction of the Floodwall Expansion Project.

**APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL FROM LIVIC CIVIL FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup> & MARKET STREETS TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION PROJECT TO BE PAID VIA ARLE GRANT FUNDS**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a proposal in the amount of \$35,490.00 from Livic Civil for the 5<sup>th</sup> & Market Streets Traffic Signal Modernization Project to be paid via ARLE grant funds.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO BORTON LAWSON FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM MARCH 9, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2019 REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT FOR RIGHT OF WAYS**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Borton Lawson in the amount of \$1,068.00 for professional services from March 9, 2019 to June 30, 2019 regarding the Floodwall Expansion Project for right of ways.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO BORTON LAWSON FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FROM MARCH 9, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2019 REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Borton Lawson in the amount of \$32,725.93 for professional engineering services from March 9, 2019 to June 30, 2019 regarding the Floodwall Expansion Project.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SIMONE COLLINS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM JUNE 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2019 REGARDING THE WALKABILITY/TRAIL STUDY PROJECT**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Simone Collins in the amount of \$6,006.45 for professional services from June 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019 regarding the Walkability/Trail Study Project.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO MARK CONNER ELECTRIC LLC TO INSTALL 2 LED LIGHTS AND OVERHEAD WIRES IN THE NORTH PARKING LOT ABOVE MAIN STREET**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Mark Conner Electric LLC in the amount of \$1,750.00 to install 2 LED lights and overhead wires in the north parking lot above Main Street.

**APPROVAL OF FILLING AND COVERING THE NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL POOL TO PRESERVE THE MARCITE CONTINGENT UPON THE POOL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE PROVIDING FUNDS TO FILL THE POOL AND PURCHASE A NEW POOL COVER**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (V. DeMelfi), Council approved filling and covering the Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool to preserve the marcite contingent upon the Pool Fundraising Committee providing funds to fill the pool and purchase a new pool cover.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HILLTOP SERVICES TO REPAIR THE T-HANGAR FLOOR**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 4 'yes' votes, and 2 'no' votes (V. DeMelfi and J. Huber), Council approved payment to Hilltop Services in the amount of \$1,250.00 to Repair the T-Hangar Floor.

**APPROVAL TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE WITH REGARD TO ASSESSING THE FEASIBILITY OF SELLING THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on 5 'yes' votes, and 1 'no' vote (J. Garman), Council approved attaining legal advice with regard to assessing the feasibility of selling Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

**APPROVAL OF AN ENCROACHMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 270 E. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET OWNED BY MOLLY BAUMAN**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an encroachment of right-of-way for a property located at 270 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street owned by Molly Bauman.

**APPROVAL OF THE ADVERTISEMENT OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE SHADE TREE ORDINANCE**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the advertisement of an amendment to the Shade Tree Ordinance.

L. Martz noted that there will be an informational session on July 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the potential adoption of a Floodplain Ordinance that is being mandated by FEMA. Following the meeting will be a Special Council Meeting to potentially adopt the ordinance.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:14 p.m. Council reconvened the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL TO FILE AN APPEAL TO THE COMMONWEALTH COURT BLOOMSBURG INDUSTRIAL VENTURES RULING**

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to appeal Judge Grine's ruling of Bloomsburg Industrial Ventures being able to use the former Windsor Foods location as a drug rehabilitation center.

Lauren Martz  
Town Manager/Secretary