

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, July 9, 2018, 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; Toni Bell; James Garman; James Huber and Bonnie Crawford; Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Director of Human Resources/Assistant Secretary Tracy Lanzafame; Acting Public Works Superintendent John Fritz; Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz; Administrative Assistant Bobbi Erlston; Chief of Police Roger Van Loan; Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill; Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman, and Fire Chief Scott McBride.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

W. Kreisher informed the public that he will be having regular office hours every Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. His office is located on the second floor in Town Hall. Citizens are encouraged to voice their questions and concerns with him during these office hours. He welcomed all other Council Members to have available office hours and noted that they can use the office space adjoining the Council Room.

W. Kreisher formally thanked L. Martz, Director of External and Government Affairs Dan Knorr, the Bloomsburg University Student Veterans Association, and T. Bell for their contribution in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Event.

W. Kreisher commended the Bloomsburg Police Department, and specifically officers Shawn Hill and Lenny Rogutski, for saving baby ducklings trapped in a sewer drain during the July 4<sup>th</sup> Event. W. Kreisher expressed that such community based police work makes the police department and community want to work together.

W. Kreisher announced to Council and the public that the Town of Bloomsburg has been granted the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program award from FEMA for participating in acquiring and demolishing 11 homes in the 900 block of West Main Street.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council temporarily adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m. for the public hearing about the 2018 CDBG funds.

Public Hearing reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to proceed with the proposed projects and will seek an amendment should they decide to allocate funds to a different project. Tyler Dombroski informed Council and the public how the remaining \$265,616 FFY 2018 CDBG Funds will be allocated for the proposed projects. The Town Park Restorations Improvements are proposed to receive \$62,800.00, Miller Avenue Streetscape will receive \$149,693.00, SEDA-COG Administration will receive \$43,999.00, and for reporting and grant compliance requirements for the Town will receive \$9,124.00.

W. Kreisher read to the public letters of interest for the vacant council member position received from Vince DeMelfi, Todd White, Jane W. Hyde, Douglas Reiter, and John Thomas. Toni Bell made a motion to appoint Vince DeMelfi to the vacant seat. T. Bell clarified that Vince had

only lost the election to Bill Kreisher on a draw and also because of his knowledge of the town and his persistence in attendance at most public meetings.

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Vince DeMelfi to fill the vacant council member position.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 25, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the June 25, 2018 Town Council meeting minutes with the following correction to add: William Kreisher was sworn into office by the Secretary after being appointed Mayor.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND MAY 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, \$246,202.61; Recycling Fund, \$29,200.17; Street Lighting Fund, \$4,688.60; Fire Fund, \$9,631.47; Library Fund, \$21,542.23; CDBG-DR Fund, \$124,061.90; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$15,958.47; HOME Fund, \$27,419.00, and the June payroll authorization in the amount of \$204,376.32.

**APPROVAL OF ADDING WILLIAM KREISHER AS A CHECK SIGNOR TO THE ROBBINS, STROUP, AND HARTMAN BANK ACCOUNTS AT FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST, EFFECTIVE JULY 10, 2018.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 5 ‘yes’ votes and 1 abstention by W. Kreisher, Council approved adding William Kreisher as a check signor to the Robbins, Stroup, and Hartman bank accounts at First Columbia Bank and Trust, effective July 10, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF ADDING WILLIAM KREISHER AS A DECISION MAKER TO ALL FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST ACCOUNTS AFFILIATED WITH THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG, EFFECTIVE JULY 10, 2018**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 5 ‘yes’ votes and 1 abstention by William Kreisher, Council approved adding William Kreisher as a decision maker to all First Columbia Bank and Trust account affiliated with the Town of Bloomsburg, effective July 10, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF CLOSING THE NORRIS E. ROCK BANK ACCOUNT**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved closing the Norris E. Rock bank account with a current balance of \$1.00.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A 2018 FORD F-150 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT/DUI PROGRAM**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved purchasing a 2018 Ford F-150 in the amount of \$44,745.14 for Police Department/DUI Program to be paid for via DUI Funds.

**APPROVAL ADDING COUNCIL MEMBER TONI BELL AS A CHECK SIGNOR**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 1 abstention by T. Bell, Council approved adding Toni Bell as a check signor.

**APPROVE APPOINTING CHUCK WAGNER AS A ZONING HEARING BOARD ALTERNATIVE**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved appointing Chuck Wagner as a Zoning Hearing Board Alternate.

**APPROVAL OF SIGNING A LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT WITH ATTORNEY BRIAN KERSTETTER TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL LEGAL SERVICES**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved signing a letter of engagement with attorney Brian Kerstetter to provide municipal legal services as needed.

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTING BONNIE CRAWFORD TO THE VACANT PLANNING COMMISSION SEAT**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 1 abstention by B. Crawford, Council approved appointing Bonnie Crawford to the vacant Planning Commission seat.

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBER TO WORK WITH ROGER VANLOAN TO DEVELOP A POTENTIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG AND THE BLOOMSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 1 abstention by J. Garman, Council approved appointing James Garman to work with Roger VanLoan to develop a potential agreement between the Town of Bloomsburg and the Bloomsburg Area School District for a school resource officer.

**APPROVAL TO MOVE MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018 ADDENDUM ITEMS TO THE JULY 9, 2018 AGENDA FOR REVIEW**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to move the July 9, 2018 addendum items to the July 9, 2018 Town Council agenda for review.

**APPROVAL OF A 2018 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE NEW 5 INCH HOSE AND NEW RESCUE ROPES AND BAGS**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved of a 2018 Fire Department Budget amendment to purchase new 5 inch hose in the amount of \$6,360.00 and new rescue ropes and bags in the amount of \$1,333.00 instead of purchasing a Rollin Rack in the amount of \$8,195.00.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO WANDELL’S FURNITURE FOR FURNITURE IN THE MAYOR’S OFFICE**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 5 ‘yes’ votes and 1 ‘no’ vote by F. Trump, Council approved payment to Wandell’s Furniture in the amount of \$1,609.00 for furniture in the Mayor’s office.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO GARVEY’S CARPET FOR FLOORING IN THE MAYOR’S OFFICE**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 5 ‘yes’ votes and 1 ‘no’ vote by F. Trump, Council approved payment to Garvey’s Carpet in the amount of \$1,245.76 for flooring in the Mayor’s Office.

**APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Sue O’Donnell to construct an addition at 155 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Bruce Wray to place signage at 102 E. Main Street.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Thomas James to replace garage doors at 18 & 26 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

**APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY LAND DEVELOPMENT GATEWAY IMPROVEMENTS  
WAIVER FROM SECTION 22-403.1.A.(2)**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a waiver from section 22-403.1.A.(2) that plans shall be provided at a maximum sheet size of 24”x36”. A note on drawing no. C-001 requests a modification from the requirement to allow for a larger plan size.

**CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY LAND DEVELOPMENT GATEWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

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

1. An erosion & sediment pollution control (E&SPC) plan shall be prepared and deemed adequate by the Columbia County Conservation District. A copy of the final approved plan and adequacy letter shall be provided. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.(1), Sec. 22-508. and Sec. 22-804.]
2. All plans shall be signed and sealed by the Plan Preparer. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(o)]
3. The ownership statement provided on drawing no. C-001 shall be signed by the Owner and notarized. [Sec. 403.1.A.(2)(s) and Sec. 403.1.A.(2)(t)]

**APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG INDUSTRIAL VENTURES SUBDIVISION FORMER BLOOM MILLS LOCATION WAIVER FROM SECTION 22-702**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 5 ‘yes’ votes and 1 ‘no’ vote by J. Huber, Council approved a waiver from section 22-702 that the monuments and markers shall be set at all required locations.

**CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG INDUSTRIAL VENTURES SUBDIVISION FORMER BLOOM MILLS LOCATION**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 5 ‘yes’ votes and 1 ‘no’ vote by J. Huber, and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council conditionally approved the plan contingent upon the following items being met:

1. The ‘Survey Certification’ & ‘Engineer Certification’ statements provided on sheet no. LD-0 shall be signed, sealed and dated. All plans shall be also be signed and sealed. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(o)]
2. The ‘Certificate of Ownership and Acknowledgement of Application’ statement provided on sheet no. LD-0 shall be signed by the Owners and notarized. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(s) and Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(t)]
3. The right-of-way and cartway widths for Railroad Street shall be indicated on the plan. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.2.d]
4. Drainage easements shall be shown and labeled on the plan for the existing drainage pipe that traverses proposed Parcels B and B-1. [Sec. 22-505.1 and Sec. 22-505.1.A]
5. Utility easements shall be shown and labeled on the plan for the existing overhead electric lines that traverse proposed Parcels B and B-1. [Sec. 22-505.1 and Sec. 22w-501.A]

**APPROVAL OF LEROY & MARY YOCUM NINTH STREET TOWN HOUSES ADDENDUM LAND WAIVER FROM SECTIONS 22-403.1.A.1, 22-508.1.E, AND 22-804**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a waiver for sections 22-403.1.A.1, 22-508.1.E, and 22-804 from providing a formal Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan. An exemption letter has been requested from the Conservation District and will be provided upon receipt.

**APPROVAL OF LEROY & MARY YOCUM NINTH STREET TOWN HOUSES ADDENDUM LAND WAIVER FROM SECTION 22-702**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a waiver for section 22-702 to allow for property corner markers on the plan instead of the required monuments and markers.

**CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF LEROY & MARY YOCUM NINTH STREET TOWN HOUSES ADDENDUM LAND**

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

1. The Columbia County Planning Commission shall review the plan and provide comments. [Sec. 22-203. and Sec. 22-404.A.(3)]
2. The 'Certificate of Ownership and Acknowledgement of Subdivision/Land Development Addendum Plans' statement provided on the title sheet shall be signed and notarized. Items 2, 3 & 4 shall be deleted from the statement. [Sec. 22-404.B.(1)(a)7), Sec. 22-404.B.(1)(a)8), and Sec. 22-404.D.(1)(a)5) ]
3. A sewage facilities planning module must be approved by the PA DEP for the addition of one (1) equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) over the current approved flows for the development. A copy of the approval letter shall be provided. [Sec. 22-404.B.(2)(g) and Sec. 22-404.D.(1)(a)20f)]
4. Financial security must be provided for all proposed site improvements. A construction cost estimate shall be submitted. [Sec. 22-404.C.]

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO ROBERT G. DENT HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A WASTE OIL FURNACE**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 4 'yes' votes and 2 'no' votes by T. Bell and W. Kreisher, Council approved payment to Robert G. Dent Heating and Air Conditioning Inc. for the relocation of a waste oil furnace. This furnace will eliminate the ability to collect waste oil going forward at the Bloomsburg Recycling Center.

**APPROVAL TO SEND POST CARDS TO THE REPETITIVE LOSS RESIDENTS AS AN EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH REQUIREMENT OF THE CRS PROGRAM**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved sending post cards to the repetitive loss residents as an educational outreach requirement of the CRS Program.

**APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR CURBSIDE BINS WHEN THEY ARE 100 PERCENT FUNDED BY GRANTS**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved waiving the fee for curbside bins when they are 100 percent funded by grant funds.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DON E. BOWER CONSTRUCTION FOR THE LIGHTSTREET ROAD ARC PROJECT**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Don E. Bower Construction in the amount of \$86,317.76 for the Lightstreet Road ARC Project.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO BORTON LAWSON FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM APRIL 1, 2018 TO JUNE 22, 2018 FOR THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Borton Lawson in the amount of \$8,500.57 for professional services from April 1, 2018 to June 22, 2018 for the Floodwall Expansion Project.

**APPROVAL OF FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT \$9,550,000.00 CDGB-DR CONTRACT**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Floodwall Expansion Project \$9,550,000.00 CDBG-DR contract.

**APPROVAL OF FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT PHASE III ENGINEERING PROPOSAL**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Floodwall Expansion Project Phase III Engineering Proposal.

**APPROVAL OF SELLING OLD VEHICLE LIFT FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON MUNICIBID**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved selling an old vehicle lift from the Public Works Department on Municibid.

**APPROVAL OF SELLING A 1990 GMC TOP KICK DUMP TRUCK ON MUNICIBID**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved selling a 1990 GMC Top Kick Dump Truck on Municibid.

**APPROVAL OF SELLING A 1991 TARCO, BIG T-VAC, LEAF BLOWER ON MUNICIBID**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved selling a 1991 Tarco, Big T-Vac, leaf blower on Municibid.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A SECURITY GATE MOTOR AND REMOTE CONTROL FROM SUBURBAN FENCE CO. FOR THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG'S PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote by F. Trump, Council approved purchasing a security gate motor and remote control from Suburban Fence Co. in the amount of \$5,960.00 for the Town of Bloomsburg's Public Works Department.

**APPROVAL OF PAYING THE ADDITIONAL \$3,130.88 TO NORTHEASTERN AUTOMATED**

**TECHNOLOGIES TO REPLACE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE COLUMBIA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote by W. Kreisher, Council approved paying the additional \$3,130.88 to Northeastern Automated Technologies to replace fire alarm system at the Columbia Child Development Center. Original quote of \$7,949.47 was revised to \$11,080.35 due to unforeseen wire complications.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO WM. ORR & SONS, INC. FOR A NEW GUIDE RAIL ON RESERVOIR STREET**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Wm. Orr & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$8,410.00 for a new guide rail on Reservoir Street.

**APPROVAL FOR THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIES GROUP TO PAY THE COSTS OF SILK MILL APARTMENT PROJECT WITH A PERFORMANCE BOND**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Community Strategies Group to pay the costs of the silk mill apartment project with a performance bond.

A discussion then ensued regarding the Joe Yannone tree removal issue.

Steve Coladonato spoke as a citizen to be heard, expressing to Council that if they begin choosing which ordinances they enforce and what ordinances they don't, that they are setting a precedence for citizens to purposely break ordinances because they know they are not being enforced.

Shade Tree Commission Chair Sylvia Costa expressed to Council that it is a nice gesture for Joe Yannone and his legal team to offer planting a tree in a different location, but that it defeats the purpose of having a Shade Tree Commission when you disregard their decisions as a recommending body and not uphold the ordinance.

Eric Bower explained to Council that other establishments on Main Street, such as West End Ale House, have tables for outside dining and a tree in front of their building. He also noted that a shade tree makes it difficult to walk by when people are sitting outside.

Shade Tree Commission Vice Chair Virginia Thorne expressed to Council that upholding ordinances is paramount and should be enforced. She also noted to Council that she spoke with a Certified Arborist of New York City and was advised that in all circumstances such as this, citizens should always have to replant.

Helen Reese expressed to Council that she feels they are spending tax payer's dollars unnecessarily on the airport. The airport has no effect on town citizens and the funds that are being spent on the airport can be spend on fixing the town pool.



Helen Reese also expressed to Council how important the Norris E. Rock swimming pool is to the Town of Bloomsburg and its citizens. The pool serves as a vital livability item in the town, and should be funded.

The meeting adjourned into executive session at 10:10 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters. There being no further business to discuss, the Council meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Lauren Martz  
Town Manager/Secretary