

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021, beginning at 7:03 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Town Hall and via teleconference. The public joined by dialing: +1 646 558 8656 U.S. and included the meeting ID: 456-920-3798. The public could also join online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4569203798>.

Present were Mayor William Kreisher, Council Vice President Toni Bell, Council Members James Huber (via Zoom), James Garman, Bonnie Crawford, Justin Hummel, and Vince DeMelfi, Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Chief of Police Roger Van Loan, Director of Public Works John Fritz, Fire Chief Scott McBride, Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman, Director of Governmental Services/ Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz, Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman. Members of the public present were Mike Lester, Eric Ness, David's iPad, Mary & Dick Osborne, Ted Oman, Jamie Shrawder and Chris B.

Girard Jenkins, John Harahus and Deborah Erdman from Geisinger presented Officer Bradley Sharrow and Officer Shawn Hill with certificates for saving a resident's life. Officer Shawn Hill applied a tourniquet as Officer Bradley Sharrow assisted with applying pressure to the wound. John Harahus trained Town staff through the "Stop the Bleed" class that is offered by Geisinger's trauma team for free.

Mayor Kreisher presented Officer Shawn Hill and Officer Bradley Sharrow with certificates of appreciation of saving the gentleman's life.

Chief Roger Van Loan presented a Life Saving Commendation ribbon to Officer Shawn Hill for his efforts in saving the resident from bleeding to death.

Council remarks.

Executive sessions:	June 9, 2021	Police personnel from 10:20 a.m.- 10:35 a.m. Parking personnel from 10:35 a.m.- 10:38 a.m. Airport legal matter from 10:38 a.m.- 11:05 a.m.
	June 29, 2021	Legal matter from 4:40 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.
	July 14, 2021	Personnel matter from 11:51 a.m.- 12:12 p.m. Legal matter from 12:12 p.m.- 12:47 p.m.
	July 19, 2021	Personnel matters from 6:30 p.m.- 7:02 p.m.

The Annual Cake and Ice Cream festival will be held on August 5, 2021 at the Town Park.

There will be a public information session regarding flood insurance for Town resident's tomorrow, July 20th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom only.

Citizens to be heard.

Rich Kisner and Matt Hess from Community Strategies Group (CSG) were present to discuss the Mulberry Mills housing project developer's agreement. Mr. Kisner explained that CSG is utilizing federal funds for Mulberry Mills. Because of federal funds being utilized, the project is 100 % insured to require completion. Therefore, they are requesting the financial security portion of the agreement to be waived. The agreement will still require inspections per Carbon Engineering's recommendation.

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING FAIR HOUSING.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council adopted the Fair Housing Resolution.

BLOOMSBURG TOWN CENTER, LLC CURATIVE AMENDMENT DECISION.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6-0-1 (with Kreisher abstaining for not attending and reading the transcripts), Council voted to deny Bloomsburg Town Center, LLC's Curative Amendment decision.

BLOOMSBURG SENIOR, LLC CURATIVE AMENDMENT DECISION.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council voted to deny Bloomsburg Senior, LLC's Curative Amendment decision.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 6/28/2021 MEETING.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the June 28, 2021 Council meeting.

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 \$152,781.79, Recycling Fund \$14,305.40, Street Lighting Fund \$5,262.87, Fire Fund \$6,662.33, Liquid Fuels Fund \$4,909.02, CDBG-Entitlement \$8,180.82, Pool Fund \$92,326.91, Commercial Revolving Loan Fund \$11,000.00 and June Payroll Authorization \$302,611.66.

APPROVAL OF A SEPARATE SWEEP INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDS.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved opening a separate sweep interest bearing account for the American Rescue Act Funds.

APPROVAL OF REPLACING PUBLIC SECTOR REVENUE LOSS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$564,232.09 OF AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDS BACK INTO THE GENERAL FUND PER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY GUIDANCE.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved replacing public sector revenue loss in the amount of \$564,232.09 of American Rescue Funds back into the general fund per the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury guidance.

APPROVAL OF REPLACING PUBLIC SECTOR REVENUE LOSS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,129.74 OF AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDS BACK INTO THE RECYCLING FUND PER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY GUIDANCE.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved replacing public sector revenue funds in the amount of \$9,129.74 of the American Rescue Act funds back into the recycling fund per the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury guidance.

APPROVAL TO ALLOCATE (\$7.00 PER HOUR) TOWARDS PREMIUM PAY FOR CURRENT EMPLOYED WORKERS THAT WORKED BETWEEN MARCH 17, 2020 AND MARCH 3, 2021 PER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY GUIDANCE.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the allocation of (\$7.00 per hour) towards premium pay for current employed workers that worked between March 17, 2020 and March 3, 2021 per the U.S. Department of the Treasury guidance.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVESTMENT POLICY REGARDING BOTH PENSION PLANS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following investment policy for both pension plans.

Prior Investment Guidelines:

-Asset Allocation as follows:	% of assets
Cash Equivalents	0-20%
Fixed Income Securities	40-60%
Equity Securities	40-60%

Approved Investment Guidelines:

-Asset Allocation as follows:	% of assets
Cash Equivalents	0-20%
Fixed Income Securities	0-40%
Equity Securities	60-80%

*All allocations subject to plus or minus five (5%) percent fluctuation.

APPROVAL TO RELEASE FIRE ESCROW FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,187.78 TO JIM DUTT & JOAN LENTCZNER IN REGARDS TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 48 EAST 5TH STREET (THE AMOUNT FROM COMMITTEE CHANGED DUE TO THE JUNE INTEREST BEING CALCULATED).

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the release of the fire escrow funds in the amount of \$73,187.78 to Jim Dutt and Joan Lentczner in regards to the property located at 48 E. 5th Street.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A STORAGE CONTAINER TO BE LOCATED AT THE BLOOMSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT (FEDERAL SURPLUS ITEM FOR \$0 COST TO THE TOWN).

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the acquisition of a storage container to be located at the police department. This is a federal surplus item and there is no cost to the Town.

APPROVAL TO REQUEST QUOTES FOR LEGAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH VACATING A STREET AND ACQUIRING THE PROPERTY UNDER A FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDED PROJECT.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 5 to 2 (DeMelfi and Huber voting no), Council approved requesting quotes for legal services associated with vacating a street and acquiring the property under a federal CDBG funded project.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SEDA-COG FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the professional and administrative services agreement with SEDA-COG for the federal fiscal year 2021 CDBG program.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE 2021- 2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG).

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved the 2021- 2025 consolidated plan and annual action plan for federal fiscal year 2021 CDBG program.

APPROVAL OF THE CDBG/ HOME PROGRAM PROCUREMENT POLICY.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 1 (DeMelfi voting no), Council approved the CDBG/Home program procurement policy.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE \$32,000 GRANT FUNDS FOR THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT UNDER THE AIRPORT RESCUE GRANT PROGRAM (ARGP).

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved the \$32,000 grant funds for the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport under the airport rescue grant program (ARGP).

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO HEPKO CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,926.45.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved payment to Hepko Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$86,926.45.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO THE C. S. BELL CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,190 FOR THE LAST REMAINING HMG-40 GLASS CRUSHER. ALSO, SHIPPING SOURCED WITH A DIFFERENT VENDOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$360. TOTAL EXPENSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,550.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to C.S. Bell in the amount of \$3,190 for the last remaining HMG-40 glass crusher. Also, shipping sourced with a different vendor in the amount of \$360. Total expense is in the amount of \$3,550.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE AIRPORT RUNWAY SEALING PROJECT THAT WILL BE COVERED 100% THROUGH FEDERAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$479,100.55.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved moving forward with the airport runway sealing project. The project will be covered 100 % through federal funds in the amount of \$479,100.55.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A 2021 APPLICATION FOR A FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE ACQUISITION AND DEMOLITION PROGRAM FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 102 LEONARD STREET WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the submission of a 2021 application for a flood mitigation assistance acquisition and demolition program for the property located at 102 Leonard Street with the memorandum of understanding.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO ALLOW SCOTT TOWNSHIP TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT FOR EARL & ROSEMARY L. RITTER. THE MAJORITY OF THE INCORPORATION IS WITHIN SCOTT TOWNSHIP'S ZONING ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTION.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council approved allowing Scott Township to review and approve the application of subdivision and land development for Earl & Rosemary L. Ritter.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL APPROVALS FOR THE CONNIE R. FOUST SUBDIVISION/ INCORPORATION.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Connie R. Foust subdivision/lot incorporation with the following condition.

1.The 'certificate of ownership and acknowledgement of subdivision plans' statement provided shall be

signed by the owners and notarized.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CHUCK WAGNER'S RESIGNATION FROM THE ZONING HEARING BOARD.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the resignation of Chuck Wagner from the Zoning Hearing Board.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE WAIVING THE FINANCIAL SECURITY PORTION OF THE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT FOR THE MULBERRY MILLS PROJECT.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved waiving the financial security portion of the developer's agreement for the Mulberry Mills Housing project.

APPROVAL TO APPOINT CRAIG SEAMANS TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD (FROM THE ALTERNATE SPOT) WITH A TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2022.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Craig Seamans to the Zoning Hearing Board with a term expiring 12/31/2022.

APPROVAL OF WAGE INCREASES.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved wage increases for the following employees.

Employee Name	Old Rate	New Rate
Scott Buck	\$12.3085	\$15.0164
Tracy Kishbaugh	\$14.1522	\$17.2657
Kimberly Pogash	\$15.2982	\$18.6638
Randi Fetterman	\$18.7666	\$20.38

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Hummel, seconded J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer