

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021, beginning at 7:00 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, 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, Director of Finance Kathy Smith, Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts, Director of Governmental Services/ Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz, Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman. Also present were Julye Wemple, Jared Harris, Eric Ness, Jamie Shrawder, Corey Kreischer, Alex Dubil, Lehman, Steve and Barbara Coladonato, Oren Helbok, Gene & Wilma S., Dennis, Asa Kelley, Ralph Magill, David's I-pad, Fred Trump, Carey Howell, Matt Hess, Dan Knorr, Dick & Mary Osborne (7:10 p.m.), Nick McGaw, and two Bloomsburg residents.

COUNCIL REMARKS.

Executive sessions:

August 4, 2021 Public Works and Codes personnel matter from 9:02 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.

August 4, 2021 Police personnel matter from 11:12 a.m. - 11:51 a.m.

Mayor Kreisher announced that the Walk with a Doc Health and Nature Awareness event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24th from 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

T. Bell reminded everyone about the noise ordinance workshop scheduled for Wednesday, August 11th at 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall and via Zoom.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD.

Matt Hess from Columbia County Housing Authority (CCHA) was present to request a letter of support for the sale of the public housing complex known as Town Park Village. The CCHA proposes to sell the property to a private entity thus removing it from the list of low-income public housing. In return, 20 units of public housing vouchers (to be utilized anywhere in the County) would be provided to offset the loss of the units. Mr. Hess stated that a support letter from the town would be needed for the submission of the Section 18 application. Council members questioned the timeline for the project, availability of actual housing units to use the vouchers along with the waiting list for low-income housing which was informed to be lengthy. This item will be placed on the next Community and Economic Development agenda for further discussion.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 7/19/21 MEETING.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the July 19, 2021 Council meeting with no corrections or additions.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND JULY 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 \$230,438.45, Recycling Fund \$30,496.55,

Street Lighting Fund \$4,499.65, Fire Fund \$6,095.19, Liquid Fuels Fund \$4,380.12, CDBG-Entitlement \$15,070.00, Pool Fund \$92,798.75, Commercial Revolving Loan Fund \$13,813.25, and July Payroll Authorization \$826,277.54.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CHIEF ROGER F. VAN LOAN EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2021.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council accepted with regret the resignation of Roger Van Loan from the position of Police Chief effective October 31, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE MARINOS, MCDONALD & KNECHT, LLP FOR 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 hiring Marino's, McDonald & Knecht, LLP to perform legal services for vacating a street and acquiring property under a federal community block grant program.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, PART 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG TO EXCLUDE FROM MEMBERSHIP IN THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT FUND A TAX COLLECTOR WHO IS HIRED, ELECTED, OR APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2021.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Part 6 of the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Bloomsburg to exclude from membership in the municipal employee's retirement fund a tax collector who is hired, elected or appointed by the Town of Bloomsburg on or after December 31, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE PENTELEDATA GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR FASTER INTERNET AT A DECREASE COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$40 PER MONTH.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted unanimously, Council approved the PenTeleData general agreement for faster internet at a decrease of \$40.00 per month.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR THE FOLLOWING BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSIONS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise the following budget workshop sessions.

Wednesday, August 25th at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, September 22nd at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, October 27th at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, November 3rd at 2 p.m.

Monday, November 8th at 2 p.m.

Goal: Draft budget before Council on November 15th at 7 p.m.

APPROVAL TO APPOINT DAVE GALLIGUEZ TO THE BLOOMSBURG HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION WITH A TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2021 (RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BLOOMSBURG HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ON 8/5/2021).

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Dave Galliguez to the Bloomsburg Human Relations Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOCATE (\$7.00 PER HOUR) TOWARDS PREMIUM PAY FOR EMPLOYEES WHO RETIRED BETWEEN MARCH 17, 2020 AND MARCH 3, 2021 PER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY GUIDANCE.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved allocating \$7.00 per hour towards premium pay for employees who retired between March 17, 2020 and March 3, 2021 per the U.S Department of the Treasury guidance.

APPROVAL TO PLACE A FLAG POLE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$690 FROM SUBURBAN FENCE.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the installation of a flag pole at the recycling center per the quote of \$690 from Suburban Fence.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM CRONE METALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,075 TO REMOVE DOCK PLATE ASSEMBLY AND REMOUNT TO DOCK ON OPPOSITE SIDE.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the quote from Crone Metals in the amount of \$4,075 to remove a dock plate assembly and remount it the dock on the opposite side.

UPDATE ON THE 2021 PAVING SCHEDULE.

John Fritz updated Council on the timeline for the 2021 street paving schedule. The bid opening will be August 23, 2021 with a project completion date of September 24, 2021.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A JOHN DEERE HARD CAB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,982.08. THE AMOUNT IS UNBUDGETED. THE TOWN RECEIVED \$4,800 FOR THE 2009 TRACTOR AND CAB ON MUNICIBID.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a John Deere hard cab in the amount of \$3,982.08.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, the meeting adjourned into an executive session at 7:58 p.m. The executive session lasted until 9:21 p.m. to discuss code legal items along with a police personnel matter.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer