

A Bloomsburg Town Council meeting was held Monday, August 10, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference. Public joined by dialing: +1 646 558 8656 US and included the meeting ID: 456-920-3798. Public could also join online at: <https://us04web.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; Administrative Assistant Bobbi Erlston; Chief of Police Roger Van Loan; Director of Public Works John Fritz; Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz; Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts; Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill; Director of Finance Kathy Smith; Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman, and Fire Chief Scott McBride. Public citizens present were Fred Gaffney, Tim Wagner, Steve Coladonato, Jared Harris, Barbara Coladonato, Eric Ness, Dan Knorr, Sue O'Donnell, Reporter, Geri, Alex, Debra, two phone numbers, Cleve Hummel, Jason Gregas, Galaxy S10, Craig Seamans, Cindy Schultz, Bob Weaver, Drew Barton, Nancy Edwards, Tyler Dombroski and Kyle Bauman (at 9:30 p.m.).

#### **REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR**

W. Kreisher announced that 66% of households in Columbia County have responded to the 2020 census, and only 50% of the Town of Bloomsburg has responded. W. Kreisher urged the citizens of Bloomsburg to participate in the census.

W. Kreisher reminded the citizens the street sweeping schedule has been revised to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of the month.

W. Kreisher noted the Bloomsburg Community Garden is doing very well.

W. Kreisher announced an executive session was held on August 5, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:39 a.m. to discuss personnel matters.

W. Kreisher noted that an executive session will be held after the adjournment of the meeting to discuss performance reviews of employees.

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Debra Keller of Iron Street expressed her concerns regarding a condemned property on Iron Street. She noted the property has been condemned since May of 2020, and the property owner hasn't made any attempts to rectify the situation. K. Roberts noted that he has been in contact with the property owner and noted her plans to get the property cleaned up within the next 24 hours. D. Keller noted the condemned sign was removed by the property owner. K. Roberts noted he was not aware of this and will address it with the property owner.

L. Dooley noted that the United Way is requesting Council allow them to hang purple ribbons and balloons throughout the downtown during the month of September to recognize Addiction Recovery Month. United Way will clean up all ribbons and balloons after September.

#### **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-10-2020.01 DISPOSITION LIST**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 08-10-2020.01 disposition list.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-10-2020.02 FEE RESOLUTION**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 08-10-2020.02 fee resolution.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-10-2020.03 CDBG-DR APPLICATION**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 08-10-2020.03 CDBG-DR application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIRECT LOAN & GRANT APPLICATION**

Mayor Kreisher asked for public comment starting at 7:25 p.m.

Jared Harris asked if the County was providing funds for police radios. Chief Van Loan noted that the County isn't sure of the amount they will be allocating to the Town for radios. It was noted if the Town moves forward with taking out a bond, and the County provides funds for radios, the additional funds from the bond can be allocated to another project.

J. Huber questioned why the Fire Department needs a new fire and ladder truck. S. McBride explained that the current truck is getting old and is starting to cost money to repair. S. McBride also noted that the truck is still in good enough condition that they could receive monies back if they sell it. J. Huber asked if the University will be contributing funds to help pay the cost of the truck. S. McBride noted that the University provided funds for the last truck. The University will be letting the Town know in the upcoming month what allocation they are willing to donate.

J. Harris inquired if the Town has plans to purchase more vehicles from the University. J. Harris noted that this would be a cheaper alternative than purchasing new vehicles. L. Dooley mentioned that D. Knorr has been made aware that any vehicles the University would be releasing the Town would be interested in.

J. Harris asked about using Enterprise rather than purchasing vehicles out right. L. Dooley mentioned that the Town reviewed the costs and since the Town has an in-house mechanic along with having a longer life span of vehicles on the fleet that the Enterprise option would cost the Town more monies than the current operation.

Mayor Kreisher closed the public comment period at 7:46 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness to Sue O'Donnell of 147 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for a shed installation.

**APPROVAL TO PRE-APPROVE OF ALL HARB APPROVED ITEMS UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2020**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (J. Huber), Council approved to pre-approve all HARB approved items until December 31, 2020.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 27, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the July 27, 2020 Town Council minutes with no additions or corrections.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND JULY PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (J. Huber), Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund, \$243,198.81; Recycling Fund, \$30,561.07; Street Lighting Fund, \$3,683.02; Fire Fund, \$5,840.61; Commercial Loan Repayment Fund, \$9,937.20; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$17,758.77; Airport Fund, \$247,180.33. CDBG-DR Fund, \$739,652.14; and July Payroll Authorization, \$334,643.89.

**APPROVAL OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials.

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE THE AMUSEMENT TAX ORDINANCE**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise the amusement tax ordinance.

**APPROVAL OF MEMBERS TO THE AIRPORT TASK FORCE TO MEET THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO THE BELOW MEMBERS. MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED ARE: TY WILLIAMS, DAN BROADT, DR. THOMAS BOWEN, DR. PHIL POLSTRA, BJ TEICHMAN, JARED HARRIS, COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES GARMAN AND COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN HUMMEL**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved members to the Airport Task Force to meet the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF A LAND USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG AND WEIS MARKETS, INC.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a land use agreement between the Town of Bloomsburg and Weis Markets, Inc.

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS REGARDING THE MILLER AVENUE PROJECT**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 4 'yes' votes and 3 'no' votes (W. Kreisher, J. Huber, V. DeMelfi), Council approved to advertise for bids regarding the Miller Avenue Project.

**APPROVAL OF AN EASEMENT WITH KATHY & CLEVELAND HUMMEL REGARDING THE MILLER AVENUE PROJECT**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an easement with Kathy & Cleveland Hummel regarding the Miller Avenue Project.

C. Hummel noted that he is redirecting the water runoff from his building adjacent to Miller Avenue to provide a safer pedestrian walkway for the Miller Avenue project.

**APPROVAL OF A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG INC. FOR THE MILLER AVENUE PROJECT**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 4 'yes' votes and 3 'no' votes (W. Kreisher, J. Huber, V. DeMelfi), Council approved a maintenance agreement with Downtown Bloomsburg Inc. for the Miller Avenue Project.

**APPROVAL OF SENDING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY STRATEGIES GROUP GRANT SUBMISSION**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved sending a letter of support for the Community Strategies Group grant submission.

**APPROVAL OF REALLOCATING LOCAL FUNDS TO PERFORM A TRAFFIC STUDY FOR A ROAD DIET ON MAIN STREET**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved reallocating \$25,000 of local funds to perform a traffic study for a road diet on Main Street.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HAILSTONE ECONOMIC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING THE ANALYSIS TO FAIR HOUSING**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hailstone Economic in the amount of \$7,485.97 for professional services regarding the analysis to fair housing.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HAILSTONE ECONOMIC FOR FIFTY PERCENT OF ADVERTISING COSTS**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hailstone Economic in the amount of \$573.48 for fifty percent of advertising costs.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO MCTISH, KUNKEL & ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM MARCH 15, 2020 TO JULY 4, 2020 REGARDING THE TOWN PARK RESTORATION IMPROVEMENTS**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to McTish, Kunkel & Associates in the amount of \$13,130.00 for professional services from March 15, 2020 to July 4, 2020 regarding the Town Park restoration improvements.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO D.B. CONSTRUCTION FOR CHANGE ORDER #7 REGARDING THE HOUSING ELEVATION PROJECT AT 270 E. 10TH STREET**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to D.B. Construction for change order #7 in the increased amount of \$1,480.00 regarding the housing elevation project at 270 E. 10th Street.

**APPROVAL OF OPTION B FOR THE CDBG-CV FUNDS**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council approved option B for the CDBG-CV funds. Project B consists of \$6,000 for a public service announcement, \$37,633.50 for the airport fuel pump, \$5,200 for the 2021 CodeRED system and \$96,611.50 for resident subsistence.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HAYDEN POWER GROUP FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICES REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hayden Power Group in the amount of \$67,057.34 for electrical services regarding the floodwall expansion project.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DON E. BOWER, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES REGARDING THE REHABILITATION APRON PHASE II CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (J. Huber), Council approved payment to Don E. Bower, Inc. in the amount of \$155,457.44 for construction services regarding the rehabilitation apron phase II construction project.

**APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE POOL AND BATHHOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT PENDING DCNR & SEDA-COG'S REVIEW**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for bids for the pool and bathhouse renovation project pending DCNR and SEDA-COG's review.

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

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$476,377.96 for construction services regarding the floodwall expansion project.

**APPROVAL TO SEND A LETTER TO THE PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING SINGLE-USE PLASTICS**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (W. Kreisher), Council approved sending a letter to the Pennsylvania General Assembly regarding single-use plastics.

**APPROVAL TO UPDATE THE COLUMBIA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN OF 2017**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to update the Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2017.

**APPROVAL OF PARKING PLANS FOR EAST 2ND STREET (MATT ZOPPETTI)**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to table the motion until the September 14<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting.

**APPROVAL OF WAIVING A DEMOLITION PERMIT FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council approved waiving a demolition permit in the amount of \$30.00 for Columbia County.

**APPROVAL OF WAIVING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT FEE FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 2 'no' votes (J. Huber, W. Kreisher), Council approved waiving the land development fee in the amount of \$305.00 for Columbia County.

**APPROVAL OF MOVING THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TIMES FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved moving the Community and Economic Development Committee meeting times from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF SUSPENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE FOR SIX MONTHS UNTIL FURTHER REVIEW**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on 1 'yes' vote (J. Garman) and 6 'no' votes, Council denied suspending the sign ordinance for six months until further review.

J. Harris expressed his concerns with needing to purchase a sign permit to put up temporary student housing signage while realtors do not need to purchase signs. T. Bell acknowledged his concerns and asked that he be patient with the Code Office while they review the ordinance.

D. Knorr informed Council that the University has provided the census data with all on campus information, along with around 5,000 off campus addresses regarding to student housing.

B. Crawford asked Fire Chief S. McBride about the turnout of donations to the fire department because of not participating in the carnival. S. McBride confirmed that people have been making donations. Also, someone had set up a gofundme.com page for the fire department that has been bringing in some funds as well.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, and with no further business, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 10:10 p.m. and lasted till 10:55 p.m.

Lisa Dooley  
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer