

A Bloomsburg Town Council meeting was held Monday, August 24, 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; Chief of Police Roger Van Loan; Director of Public Works John Fritz; Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts; Director of Finance Kathy Smith; Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman; Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman, and Fire Chief Scott McBride. Public citizens present were Alex Dubil, Jared Harris, Barbara Coladonato, Julye Wemple, Dan Knorr, Steve Coladonato, Chris Watts, Chris Shaeffer, Rand Whipple and Karen.

COUNCIL REMARKS

W. Kreisher announced that an executive session was held on August 10, 2020 from 10:10 p.m. to 10:55 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and employee evaluations.

W. Kreisher mentioned the COVID-19 team met with Geisinger.

J. Huber reminded residents the first budget workshop will begin on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

J. Garman noted that Council met with Downtown Bloomsburg Inc. to review the Miller Avenue project plans.

RAILROAD COMMENDATION

Council thanked the Public Works Department, Police Department, Bloomsburg Ambulance, Bloomsburg Fire Department, Dr. Kupas, and Geisinger for their tremendous work regarding an industrial accident that took place on August 11, 2020. William Kreisher will sign a letter of commendation regarding this incident.

Fire Chief Scott McBride informed Council that typically during Fair Week, the Bloomsburg Fire Department holds a boot drive on 5th Street. S. McBride noted that a small apparatus is usually parked on the street. The Fire Department is requesting permission to hold a boot drive the weekend of October 17th & October 18th in front of the Bloomsburg Fire Department instead of 5th Street. The event will be coordinated with the Police Department.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a boot drive for the Bloomsburg Fire Department.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 10, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the August 10, 2020 Town Council minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF ELIMINATING THE RECEPTIONIST POSITION EFFECTIVE AUGUST 14, 2020

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved eliminating the receptionist position effective August 14, 2020.

APPROVAL OF AN INTERNSHIP

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Collin Sharrow interning with Town Mechanic, Larry Brown.

APPROVAL OF A TACTICAL ATHLETE INJURY CARE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

Chief Van Loan informed Council that a tactical athlete injury and prevention program would be free of charge for the police department. R. Van Loan stated that on several occasions he was able to have an officer be seen by medical personnel within 4 hours. Fire Chief S. McBride mentioned it was also offered for the Fire Department as well.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a tactical athlete injury care and prevention program at no charge to the Town.

APPROVAL OF COLUMBIA COUNTY PRISON LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the plan with the following conditional items:

- a) The 'Certificate of Ownership' statement provided on Sheet No. C0 shall be signed and notarized.
- b) The recommended financial security shall be provided for all proposed site improvements.
- c) Monuments shall be set at all corners of the new consolidated lot currently marked by an iron pin. These corners are currently labeled as "POINT," on sheet No. C2.
- d) Error of closure computations and a draft deed for the proposed consolidation lot should be provided and reviewed by the Town Solicitor.

APPROVAL OF HARSHIDA, LLC LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

- a) The 'Certificate of Ownership' statement provided on Sheet No. 1 of 3 shall be signed and notarized.
- b) The recommended financial security shall be provided for all proposed site improvements.
- c) The Plans shall be signed and sealed by the Surveyor and Engineer.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO D.B. CONSTRUCTION FOR 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 in the amount of \$36,559.50 for the housing elevation project at 270 E. 10th Street.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING A FY 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$274,628.00.

APPROVAL OF LISTING A PUBLIC WORKS FUEL TANK ON MUNICIBID

Council was informed that Public Works was reported to the Department of Labor and Industry regarding the fuel tanks. V. DeMelfi expressed his concerns regarding selling the tank because it was recently purchased. J. Fritz noted that measurements of the Public Works property were taken, and there is no way to arrange the tanks where they would be safely located. J. Fritz suggested setting a reserve price of \$2,500.00 on Municibid.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved listing a Public Works fuel tank on Municibid.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THROUGH AUGUST 2, 2020

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 Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$87,838.05 for professional services through August 2, 2020.

D. Knorr informed Council that the University will be providing weekly updates and feedback regarding COVID-19. Since August 24, 2020, there have been 49 positive student cases reported at the University and one employee case. The breakdown contained 39 new cases and 11 cases that were reported last week. It was noted that students who are found not following state and campus guidelines will face severe consequences. D. Knorr thanked the Chief of Police and the officers that have invested their time and interest in making on campus classes successful. D. Knorr also thanked R. Van Loan, W. Kreisher, and L. Dooley for their time during this stressful time. W. Kreisher thanked D. Knorr for his work and the open communication between the University and the Town. V. DeMelfi asked D. Knorr if he had a breakdown of cases that have been reported on and off campus. D. Knorr noted that he currently does not have a breakdown. Citizen J. Harris asked if the student landlords will be notified regarding positive cases. D. Knorr mentioned that he would ask the Department of Health representative that question. J. Huber suggested the Town adopt an ordinance similar to State College. It was noted that an ordinance like State College is very hard to enforce. J. Huber expressed his concerns with 15% of the Town's population being over 65 years of age and being the most susceptible to getting the virus. R. Van Loan commended the communication between the University, L. Dooley, and himself. R. Van Loan also noted the difficulties with obtaining information from the Department of Health. V. DeMelfi asked if T. Bell was aware of the COVID-19 cases recorded at the University.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously and with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Town Council Minutes
August 24, 2020

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer