

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, August 27, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor William Kreisher; Vice President Toni Bell; Council Members James Garman, James Huber, Bonnie Crawford, Fred Trump and Vince DeMelfi; Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Administrative Assistant Bobbi Erlston; Director of Public Works John Fritz; Chief of Police Roger VanLoan; Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill and Fire Chief Scott McBride. Absent were Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman; Director of Human Resources/Assistant Secretary Tracy Lanzafame and Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor William Kreisher noted the wonderful job Don E. Bower Construction has done on the Lightstreet Road ARC Intersection Project and the improvement it has made when entering the Town of Bloomsburg.

W. Kreisher informed the public that there will be a meeting tomorrow with the Municipal Authority and Town's legal representatives to discuss options of a business agreement. There will also be a meeting with Bloomsburg University tomorrow to discuss improving the gateways into town.

W. Kreisher noted that the options of a School Resource Officer with the Bloomsburg Area School District is still being discussed.

The Town of Bloomsburg will have legal representation for the Joe Yannone appeal in regards to replanting a shade tree he removed from his property at 55 E. Main Street.

W. Kreisher informed the public that there will be a Zoning Hearing Board appeal at the Bloomsburg Court House tomorrow at 12:00p.m in regards to Bloomsburg Industrial Ventures nursing home dispute on Fifth Street.

The Bloomsburg Area School District and the Town of Bloomsburg have chosen GPI Engineers to be the representatives for the Floodwall Expansion Project on the south side of town.

W. Kreisher noted that there was an executive session held on August 27, 2018 starting at 2:00 p.m. and ending at 3:30p.m to discuss union negotiations.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Paul and Marie Polk of 243 Barton Street informed Council that they have been working diligently with SEDA-Cog over the last 2 years, bringing their house up to code standards in order to elevate their home. FEMA has denied them funding due to their home being in the floodway. Marie asked Council if there was funds available to help move their furnace and electrical panel upstairs. W. Kreisher suggested that this discussion be moved to the Community and Economic Development Committee for further discussion of possible options.

Johnie Kashner of 224 Leonard Street expressed her concerns with the lack of flood protection in the west end of Town. She noted that her properties have been severely damaged due to past flooding events. Recent floods have forced her out of her home twice in a matter of a few

weeks. She asks Council to clear trees and other debris from Fishing Creek to help prevent future flooding.

Jane Hyde of 236 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street asked Council why utility companies continue to tear up 9<sup>th</sup> street. She expressed that the road is in terrible condition and needs to be repaved. Ms. Hyde had a petition signed by residents on 9<sup>th</sup> street to demonstrate how everyone wants the road paved. J. Fritz explained to her that the utility companies are fixing patches that have been made previously. J. Fritz assured Ms. Hyde that 9<sup>th</sup> Street would be paved in 2019.

F. Trump expressed that Council should send a letter to FEMA/PEMA explaining that due to their strict requirements for their grant programs, the citizens of Bloomsburg are having complications finding funding options to help elevate their homes from flood waters.

#### **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 13, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the August 13, 2018 Town Council minutes without any changes or corrections.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LINDA WOODWARD FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Linda Woodward in the amount of \$1,390.00 for appraisal services required for the Floodwall Expansion Project.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR SIGNING A CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY FORM WITH THE CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved of the Mayor signing a Certification of Consistency Form with the CDBG consolidated plan.

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

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Don E. Bower Construction in the amount of \$90,164.72 for the Lightstreet Road ARC Project to be paid for via Bloomsburg University CGA and PennDOT.

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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 \$253,547.60 for the Lightstreet Road ARC Project to be paid for via Bloomsburg University CGA and PennDOT.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO BORTON LAWSON ENGINEERING, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM APRIL 1, 2018 TO JULY 6, 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 Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$121,722.03 for professional services from April 1, 2018 to July 6, 2018 for the Floodwall Expansion Project.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SOKOL, INC. FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR ADDITIONAL STREET PAVING OF 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET AND CENTER STREET**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Sokol, Inc. in the amount of \$82,897.00 for change order #1 for additional street paving of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Penn Street to East Street and Center Street from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

**APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Alli Downs to install a fence at 513-515 Market Street.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for St. Paul's Episcopal Church to repair a roof at 105 E. Main Street.

On a motion by B. Crawford, 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 Martin Bowman to replace a roof at 27 W. Fifth Street.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Thanh Le to install vinyl siding and wrap windows at 216 West Street.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Thanh Le to amend previous approval at 135-137-139 E. Fourth Street.

There being no further business to discuss, the Council meeting adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel matter at 8:01 p.m.

Lauren Martz  
Town Manager/Secretary