

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, September 10, 2018, beginning at 7:00p.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, and Vince DeMelfi; Director of Human Resources/Assistant Secretary Tracy Lanzafame; Administrative Assistant Bobbi Erlston; Director of Public Works John Fritz; Chief of Police Roger VanLoan, and Fire Chief Scott McBride. Absent were Council Member Fred Trump; Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman; Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz, and Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

W. Kreisher announced that the Zoning Hearing Board Appeal with Bloomsburg Industrial Ventures was remanded to the Zoning Hearing Board to be heard in its entirety.

W. Kreisher announced that the Joe Yannone appeal to the Court of Common Pleas regarding the Shade Tree Commission's decision that required he replace a shade tree he removed, was heard by Judge Norton and a potential resolution/decision is expected soon.

W. Kreisher informed the public that union negotiations with the Bloomsburg Police Department, Bloomsburg Recycling Center and the Department of Public Works are ongoing.

W. Kreisher noted that he would like a notation added to the June 25, 2018 minutes stating that L. Martz is a Pennsylvania Notary Public.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved adding a notation to the June 25, 2018 meeting minutes stating that L. Martz is a Pennsylvania Notary Public.

W. Kreisher would like a notation added to the July 9, 2018 meeting minutes stating that Toni Bell was appointed Vice President of Council.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved adding a notation to the July 9, 2018 meeting minutes stating that Toni Bell was appointed Vice President of Council.

W. Kreisher noted that cable franchise fees are down substantially.

W. Kreisher informed the public that on September 5, 2018 he attended a Childhood Cancer Awareness gathering at Marley's Brewery and Grille to announce a Town of Bloomsburg proclamation declaring the month of September 2018 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved including the proclamation as part of the minutes.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD

Representative of the Columbia County Historical and Genealogical Society Alex Dubil requested Council allow the Public Works Department to hang WWI Armistice Flags, purchased by Columbia

County Historical and Genealogical Society, from the flag poles in Town. In addition to the flag hangings in Town, there will be a National Bell Ringing on November 11, 2018 at 11:00a.m.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Public Works Department to hang WWI Armistice Flags from the flag poles in town.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 27, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the August 27, 2018 Town Council minutes without any changes or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND AUGUST 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, \$337,221.19; Recycling Fund, \$12,588.50; Street Lighting Fund, \$3,975.19; Fire Fund, \$6,801.57; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$17,323.43, and the August payroll authorization in the amount of \$309,512.38.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR AN ENTRY LEVEL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise for an entry level Public Works employee.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE THE 2019 BUDGET WORKSHOPS

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise the 2019 Budget Workshops to be held on September 18, 2018 and October 10, 2018.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT FIRE ESCROW FUNDS FOR LESLIE SHAFFER'S RESIDENCE AT 712 POPLAR STREET

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept fire escrow funds in the amount of \$13,360.00 for Leslie Shaffer's residence at 712 Poplar Street.

APPROVAL OF SKYSHOOTERS DISPLAYS AS THE FIREWORK PROVIDER FOR THE 2019 JULY 4TH EVENT AT THE BLOOMSBURG TOWN PARK

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote by J. Huber, Council approved Skyshooters Displays as the firework provider for the 2019 July 4th Event at the Bloomsburg Town Park.

APPROVAL OF DISPERSING JULY 4TH 2018 EVENT DONATIONS BACK TO THE BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION TO BE USED FOR THE 2019 JULY 4TH EVENT AT THE BLOOMSBURG TOWN PARK

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved dispersing July 4th 2018 Event donations back to the Bloomsburg University Foundation in the amount of \$556.40 to be used for the 2019 July 4th Event at the Bloomsburg Town Park.

Director of Governmental and External Affairs Dan Knorr informed Council that the donation website www.takeaction.bu.org/fireworks will be updated and active on or around September 11, 2018.

APPROVAL OF A BUDGETARY COST AND DESIGN PROPOSAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500 FROM STROSSER/BAER ARCHITECTS, LLC FOR REMAINING TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 4 'yes' votes and 2 'no' votes by W. Kreisher and J. Huber, Council approved of a budgetary cost and design proposal in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 from Strosser/Baer Architects, LLC for remaining Town Hall renovations.

APPROVAL OF SENDING A MAXIMUM OF THREE INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE PSAB FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved sending a maximum of three interested council members, within budgeted funds, to attend the PSAB Fall Leadership conference on October 12-14, 2018.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTING JOHN THOMAS TO THE CURRENT VACANT PLANNING COMMISSION SEAT

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council nominated John Thomas to the vacant Planning Commission seat.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by J. Garman and voted on unanimously, Council closed nominations and confirmed the appointment of John Thomas to the vacant Planning Commission seat.

APPROVAL OF THE 2019 POLICE PENSION MMO

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved of the 2019 Police Pension MMO in the amount of \$274,700.00, state aid estimated at \$165,168.00.

APPROVAL OF THE 2019 EMPLOYEE PENSION MMO

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved of the 2019 Employee Pension MMO in the amount of \$209,147.00, state aid estimated at \$133,052.00.

APPROVAL OF RESIDENT PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$372,440.00 FOR THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved of Resident Project Representative Agreement with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$372,440.00 for the Floodwall Expansion Project.

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY'S STUDENTS "ADOPT-A-STREET" PROGRAM INITIATIVE

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved of Bloomsburg University's student "Adopt-a-Street" program initiative.

APPROVAL OF TWO PROPOSED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS LISTED IN THE EASTERN PA CONTINUUM OF CARE'S UPDATED PROJECT LIST ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford and voted on unanimously, Council approved of two proposed domestic violence programs listed in the Eastern PA Continuum of Care's updated project list are consistent with the Town of Bloomsburg CDBG Consolidated Plan.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LIVIC CIVIL FOR CONTINUED GIS MAPPING IN COORDINATION WITH THE RECENT CRS AUDIT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Livic Civil in the amount of \$3,000.00 for continued GIS mapping in coordination with the recent CRS audit.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE CHANGING THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING DATES TO THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 3:15P.M.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise changing the Public Safety Committee meeting dates to the third Tuesday of every month at 3:15p.m.

D. Knorr informed everyone that campus sirens that are part of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania's emergency notification system will be tested on Friday, September 14, at 9:50a.m. The sirens, installed on Elwell Hall, McCormick Center for Human Services and Nelson Field House, will alert the campus community when vital emergency information is available via email, voice, and text message.

D. Knorr noted that the Trash to Treasure event will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 20-22, in the Kehr Union Ballroom. Hours are Thursday from 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.; Friday from 10:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. and Saturday from 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. Trash-to-Treasure supports local non-profits with programs in health, education and financial stability.

D. Knorr noted that the Lightstreet Road Intersection ribbon cutting will be on September 17, 2018 at 5:00p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the Council meeting adjourned at 8:27p.m.

Tracy Lanzafame
Director of Human Resources/Asst. Secretary