

Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Finance Kathy Smith, Director of Public Works John Fritz and Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman. Also present were Jared Harris, Rick Sitler, Julye Wemple, Alex Dubil, Corey Kreischer, Scott McBride, Will Ralston, Matt Hess, Danielle King, David's iPad, Mary, Nick McGaw, Jim Huber, Janine Penman, Dan Knorr, Eric Ness and Kris Seets from Korn Ferry.

#### **COUNCIL REMARKS.**

Executive sessions were held on the following dates:

August 23, 2021 from 8:46 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. regarding police personnel matters.

August 31, 2021 from 5:27 p.m.- 6:07 p.m. regarding a legal matter.

September 8, 2021 from 10:10 a.m. – 11:53 a.m. regarding personnel matters and a lease agreement matter.

September 9, 2021 from 2:00 p.m.- 3:02 p.m. regarding a legal matter.

Jim Huber would like the topic of a mask policy to be discussed at the next Committee for all Town facilities.

Vince DeMelfi reiterated that the noise ordinance will be discussed in executive session.

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

Rick Sitler was present to request more police presence on Glenn Avenue on Thursday and Friday nights. Mr. Sitler stated the noise and speeding vehicles has become a problem and that he has seen fewer patrols in the area since the station has moved to 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Jared Harris manages the complex at 303 Glenn Avenue and agrees with Mr. Sitler.

#### **AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 15, PART 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG TO REQUIRE PERMITS FOR STREET CLOSURES AND PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 21, PART 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG TO REQUIRE PERMITS FOR STREET CLOSURES.**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an Amendment to Chapter 15, Part 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg to require permits for street closures and provide for penalties for violation thereof; and amending Chapter 21, Part 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg to require permits for street closures.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 8/23/2021 MEETING.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the August 23, 2021 meeting with no correction or additions.

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT SHANE WRIGHT TO THE FLOOD TASK FORCE.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Shane Wright to the Flood Task Force.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ACCEPTING THE FIRE ESCROW FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,171.35 FOR BRENDA MADARA AT 113 HEMLOCK LANE.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the acceptance of fire escrow funds in the amount of \$47,171.35 for the structure owned by Brenda Madara at 113 Hemlock Lane.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND AUGUST PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$795,843.55.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$443,777.25, Recycling Fund \$15,182.15, Street Lighting Fund \$4,283.01, Fire Fund \$5,251.28, Liquid Fuels Fund \$7,357.85, CDBG-Entitlement \$55,624.08, Airport \$3,600, Pool Fund \$3,092.13, and August Payroll Authorization \$257,675.80.

**APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING FOR A WINDOW PAINTING FOR THE ANNUAL EXCHANGE WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19 PER WINDOW. IF A MOTION IS MADE, THE NUMBER OF WINDOWS WILL NEED TO BE SPECIFIED.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting funds for the annual Exchange Window painting contest in the amount of \$38.00 for a total of two windows.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2022 POLICE PENSION MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$453,142, STATE AID ESTIMATED AT \$177,258.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the 2022 police pension minimum municipal obligation in the amount of \$453,142, with state aid estimated at \$177,258.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2022 TOWN PENSION MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$302,928, STATE AID ESTIMATED AT \$137,867.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the 2022 Town pension minimum municipal obligation in the amount of \$302,928, state aid estimated at \$137,867.

**APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FROM MARK CONNER ELECTRIC, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,005.73 REGARDING THE AIRPORT HANGAR DOOR.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the invoice from Mark Conner Electric, LLC in the amount of \$2,005.73 regarding the airport hangar door.

**APPROVAL FOR THE AMERICAN FLAG TO BE DISPLAYED ON TOWN PROPERTY ON A FLAG POLE.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved displaying the American flag on flag poles located on Town property.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SEDA-COG REGARDING THE HOME GRANT.**

**-TOTAL ADMINISTRATION: \$30,000.**

**-TOTAL DELIVERY: \$62,604.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved entering into a professional and technical services agreement with SEDA-COG regarding the HOME grant, total administration \$30,000 and total delivery \$62,604.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO SEDA-COG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,650 FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019-CV HUD ENTITLEMENT.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to SEDA-COG in the amount of \$8,650 for services rendered in the administration of the federal fiscal year 2019-CV HUD entitlement.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE GRANT REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG FOR STAFF WORK ON CDBG AND CDBG-CV PROJECTS.**

2018	\$4,431.66
2019	\$1,557.19
2019-CV	\$991.62
TOTAL	\$6,980.47

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the grant reimbursement to the Town of Bloomsburg for staff work on CDBG and CDBG-CV projects for a total amount of \$6,980.47.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO BORTON LAWSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,887.69 FROM 12/1/2020 THROUGH 04/30/2021 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON PHASE II FLOODWALL (AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS- THE COUNTY WAS NOT WILLING TO COVER THROUGH WYOMING VALLEY).**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Borton Lawson in the amount of \$8,887.69 for 12/1/2020 through 04/30/21 for engineering services on phase II floodwall (American Recovery Funds-the County was not willing to cover through Wyoming Valley).

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MCTISH, KUNKEL & ASSOCIATES UP TO \$9,000 REGARDING THE PARK WALKING TRAIL AROUND THE BALL FIELDS.**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 1 (DeMelfi voting no), Council approved entering into a professional engineering services agreement with McTish, Kunkel and Associates for up to \$9,000 regarding the park walking trail around the ball field.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO HEPKO CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,076.34.**

On a motion T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved payment to Hepco Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$ 9,076.34.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO DENT PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,490 FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER UNIT (AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS).**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted in unanimously, Council approved payment to Dent Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$9,490 for the Recycling Center heating unit (American Recovery Funds).

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO DENT PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,190 FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS UNIT (AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS).**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted in unanimously, Council approved payment to Dent Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$5,190 for the Public Works heating unit (American Recovery Funds).

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO KEYSTONE RIDGE DESIGNS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,735 FOR 20 RECYCLING/ TRASH RECEPTACLES (AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS).**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on 6 to 1 (DeMelfi voting no), Council approved payment to Keystone Ridge Designs in the amount of \$41,735 for 20 recycling/trash receptacles (American Recovery Funds).

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE SELLING THE POOL LIGHTS ON MUNICIBID.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved selling the pool lights on Municibid.

**APPROVAL OF SENDING A SUPPORT LETTER TO COLUMBIA COUNTY HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. NOTE: PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES: \$180.83 AND POTENTIAL FUTURE TAXES: \$10,194.13.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved sending a letter to the Columbia County Housing Authority in support of the sale regarding the Town Park Place Village.

A motion to adjourn into an executive session was made at 8:18 p.m. by J. Huber, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously to adjourn.

Council went into an executive session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss pool personnel matters along with legal matters. Council made a motion to return to the public meeting at 9:30 p.m.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring a pool coordinator at a rate of \$15 per hour.

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Lisa Dooley  
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer