

Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, October 11, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2nd 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, Fire Chief Scott McBride, Director of Governmental Services Charles Fritz and Director of Public Works John Fritz. Also present were Jared Harris (7:11 p.m.), Geri Gibbons, Janine Penman, Tyler Dombroski, David's I-Pad, Dennis, Corrine, David Jones, Barbara Coladonato, Bill Eschenfelder, Andrew Barton (7:17 p.m.), Jamie Shrawder, Jacob Kelley, Catherine Lauinger, John Grabusky, Gwen Bobbie and a resident on an iPhone.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD.

Jacob Kelley, Gwen Bobbie, Catherine Lauinger and John Grabusky were present to support the Town passing a Proclamation recognizing October 16, 2021 as OUTFEST in the Town of Bloomsburg.

Mayor Kreisher read the proclamation and the rest of Council supported the proclamation.

COUNCIL REMARKS.

Executive sessions were held on the following dates.

September 13, 2021 8:22 p.m.- 8:59 p.m. regarding pool matters.

September 13, 2021 8:59 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. regarding fair and legal matters.

October 6, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. regarding the Chief of Police search.

October 6, 2021 from 11 a.m.- 12:13 p.m. regarding the Chief of Police search.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 9/13/2021 MEETING.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the September 13, 2021 meeting with the correction of "Glen" to "Glenn" Avenue.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND SEPTEMBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$620,996.74.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$320,275.56, Recycling Fund \$23,439.24, Street Lighting Fund \$4,439.92, Commercial Revolving Loan \$14,426.25, Fire Fund \$6,117.24, Liquid Fuels Fund \$2,611.15, CDBG-Entitlement \$10,319.12, Pool Fund \$9,286.33, and September Payroll Authorization \$230,081.93.

APPROVAL TO HAVE KILMER INSURANCE AGENCY, INC. PROVIDE INSURANCE QUOTES FROM EMC INSURANCE COMPANIES ALONG WITH MCKEE RISK MANAGEMENT, INC.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved having Kilmer Insurance Agency, Inc. provide insurance quotes from EMC Insurance Companies along with McKee Risk Management, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & MELLOT, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000. THE GRANT IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$601,300 AND THE BOND IS \$1,444,000.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved entering into a legal services agreement with Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellot, LLC in the amount

of \$20,000.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNITED STEEL, PAPER AND FORESTRY, RUBBER, MANUFACTURING, ENERGY, ALLIED INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION, AFL-CIO-CLC ON BEHALF OF LOCAL UNION 1928-06 TO AMEND PENSIONS FOR NEW HIRES ON OR FOLLOWING JANUARY 1, 2022.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved entering into a memorandum of understanding with the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC on behalf of local union 1928-06 to amend pensions for new hires on or following January 1, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE HIRING AN EMPLOYEE IN THE CODES DEPARTMENT FOR \$10 AN HOUR FOR ROUGHLY 10 HOURS A WEEK.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring an employee in the Codes Department for \$10 an hour for roughly 10 hours a week.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE 2022 POLICE PENSION MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$453,142, STATE AID ESTIMATED AT \$177,258 (NET INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,446 FROM 2021).

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the 2022 police pension minimum municipal obligation in the amount of \$453,142, state aid estimated at \$177,258 (net increase in the amount of \$51,446 from 2021).

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE 2022 TOWN PENSION MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$301,833, STATE AID ESTIMATED AT \$137,867 (NET INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,439 FROM 2021).

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the 2022 Town employee pension minimum municipal obligation in the amount of \$301,833, state aid estimated at \$137,867 (net increase in the amount of \$24,439 from 2021).

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ENDING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF MATTHEW MUMAW IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE 10/27/2021.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved ending the probationary period for Matthew Mumaw in the Public Works Department, effective 10/27/2021.

APPROVAL OF AWARDING A BID REGARDING FUEL TANKS

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved awarding a bid regarding fuel tanks to be located at the Public Works Department to Diltz Equipment in the amount of \$50,237.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS FOR THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (FMA) ELEVATION PROJECTS. THE ADDRESSES ARE 334 E. 9TH STREET & 122 E. 12TH STREET.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the request of quotations for the flood mitigation assistance (FMA) elevation projects at 334 E. 9th Street and 122 E. 12th Street.

RECOMMENDATION TO SUBMIT AN ACQUISITION AND DEMOLITION FLOOD MITIGATION

ASSISTANCE (FMA) APPLICATION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 445 W. FIRST STREET (2021 TAX AMOUNT- \$319.89).

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 1 to 6 (Bell, Huber, DeMelfi, Kreisher, Garman and Crawford voting no and Hummel voting yes) Council denied the request to submit an acquisition and demolition flood mitigation assistance (FMA) application for the property located at 445 W. 1st Street.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM BK CONSTRUCTION- BRIAN PHILLIPS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,300 FOR DISASSEMBLING THE CANOPY AND REASSEMBLING IT AROUND THE RECYCLING BUILDING. THIS IS NEEDED FOR THE CELL TOWER PLACEMENT.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from BK Construction-Brian Phillips in the amount of \$1,300 to disassemble the canopy at the Recycling Center and reassembling it on the other side of the building.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PURCHASING TWO FANS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$299.98 FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS FOR AIR CIRCULATION INSIDE THE CENTER.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of two fans in the amount of \$299.98 for the Recycling Center from the American Recovery Funds for air circulation inside the center.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ALLOCATING \$25,000 OF AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS TO THE MILLER AVENUE PROJECT.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 4 to 3 (Kreisher, DeMelfi and Huber voting no), Council approved allocating \$25,000 of American Recovery Funds to the Miller Avenue project.

RECOMMENDATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH MR. BERGER REGARDING PARKING OFF OF FT. MCCLURE BLVD. FOR \$200 A WEEKEND (FRIDAY- SUNDAY).

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved entering into a MOU with John Berger regarding parking off of Ft. McClure Blvd. for \$200 a weekend (Friday-Sunday).

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$217,000 WITH DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS, INC. REGARDING THE AIRPORT FUEL FARM PROJECT (100% COVERED UNDER GRANT FUNDS).

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 5 to 2 (Huber and DeMelfi voting no), Council approved entering into a professional service agreement in the amount of \$217,000 with Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. regarding the airport fuel farm project (100% covered under grant funds).

APPROVAL OF A QUOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,150 FOR THE MRB GROUP TO PERFORM A REVIEW OF DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS, INC. QUOTE FOR CRACK SEAL AND REMARKING (100% COVERED UNDER GRANT FUNDS).

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved a quote in the amount of \$3,150 for the MRB Group to perform a review of Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. quote for crack seal and remarking (100% covered under grant funds).

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE 2022 SCOTT TOWNSHIP COMPOST SITE AGREEMENT.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the 2022 Scott Township compost site agreement.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE 2022 SCOTT TOWNSHIP RECYCLING COORDINATOR AGREEMENT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the 2022 Scott Township Recycling Coordinator agreement.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TRICK OR TREAT FOR OCTOBER 30, 2021 FROM 6 P.M. UNTIL 8 P.M. WITH NO SCHEDULED RAIN DATE.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Trick or Treat night for October 30, 2021 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. with no scheduled rain date.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A HANDICAP SPACE LOCATED AT 267 EAST 8TH STREET.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a handicap space located at 267 East 8th Street.

RECOMMENDATION TO DISCUSS WITH FULL COUNCIL UTILIZING THE CODERED EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR 2022.

No motion was made. Following discussion, a motion was made by T. Bell to not subscribe to the CodeRed Emergency Services for 2022, motion was seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously to not renew the CodeRed service for 2022.

RECOMMENDATION TO DISCUSS WAIVING THE FEE FOR THE RENAISSANCE EVENTS. THIS EVENT OCCURS ANNUALLY. THE 2022 EVENT IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30TH WITH A CHANGE OF LOCATION VENUE ALONG FT. MCCLURE BLVD.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved waiving the fee for the Renaissance event for the 2022 year only.

Council adjourned into an executive session at 8:18 p.m. and it lasted until 9:40 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer