

A Bloomsburg Town Council meeting was held Monday, October 12, 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 Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz; Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts; Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill; Director of Finance Kathy Smith; Fire Chief Scott McBride, and Municipal Authority representative from Eckert Seamans Laura Kurtz. Public citizens present were Asa Kelley, Eric Ness, Dennis, Jared Harris, Steve Coladonato, Gretchen Osterman, two phone numbers, Shelly Rider, one tablet, John Grabusky, Susan Schwartz, Matt Zoppetti, Eric Bower, Rand Whipple, Elizabeth Dowd, Ammon Young, Barbara Coladonato, Mark Usry, Damen Marken, and Christina Francis.

REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

W. Kreisher noted that an executive session was held on October 7, 2020 from 11:42 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. to discuss police contract matters.

W. Kreisher noted recent street paving was completed on Park Street from Rt. 11 to 5th Street, 5th Street from East Street to Catherine Street, Catherine Street from 5th Street to 7th Street, 7th Street from Catherine Street to Market Street, Whiteman Avenue (a portion from 7th Street to 8th Street), and Railroad Street from 5th Street to 11th Street. W. Kreisher also thanked Director of Public Works, J. Fritz for collecting monies from street excavations.

PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27, ZONING, PART 8 RELATING TO OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS

W. Kreisher asked for public comments on the proposed zoning amendment relating to off-street parking and loading requirements starting at 7:05 p.m. and lasting until 7:22 p.m. R. Magill explained that the proposed amendment was accidentally left out when Council last adopted chapter 27, zoning, part 8 in 2018. Council and public citizens expressed comments with concerns to downtown growth.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 27, ZONING, PART 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council denied approving a zoning ordinance amending chapter 27, zoning, part 8 relating to off-street parking and loading requirements. Council noted the amendment needs to be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE INCURRING DEBT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,210,000.00 REGARDING THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG (SERIES A OF 2020)

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an ordinance incurring debt in the amount not to exceed \$8,210,000.00 regarding the Municipal Authority of the Town of Bloomsburg (series A of 2020).

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-12-2020.01 FEE RESOLUTION

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 10-12-2020.01 fee resolution.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-12-2020.02 POLICE REGIONALIZATION STUDY RESOLUTION

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 10-12-2020.02 police regionalization study resolution.

NATIONAL CODE COMPLIANCE MONTH PROCLAMATION

W. Kreisher proclaimed the month of October as National Code Compliance Month. W. Kreisher thanked the Code Enforcement Officers for their leadership and hard work.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the September 14, 2020 Town Council minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND SEPTEMBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

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 of the following monthly bills: General Fund, \$748,820.56; Recycling Fund, \$20,628.18; Street Lighting Fund, \$4,256.21; Fire Fund, \$7,517.18; Commercial Loan Repayment Fund, \$8,814.30; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$13,472.43; Airport Fund, \$696,398.96; CDBG-Annual Entitlement Fund, \$1,550.00; CDBG-DR Fund, \$1,201,628.47; HOME Grant Fund, \$6,415.60; and September Payroll Authorization, \$229,195.21.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING A 2021 SAFETY GRANT FOR SAFETY GLASSES, GLOVES AND VESTS

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a 2021 Safety Grant in the amount of \$500.00 (50% local share needed of \$250.00) for safety glasses, gloves and vests.

APPROVAL OF AN EQUIPMENT SUB LEASE WITH THE COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY FOR POLICE RADIOS

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an equipment sub lease with the Commissioners of Columbia County for police radios in the amount of \$173,365.86, County contribution in the amount of \$84,921.18, DUI contribution in the amount of \$4,187.86, and Town share in the amount of \$84,256.82.

APPROVAL OF THREE LOAN MODIFICATIONS WITH FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO. DROPPING TO 2.15%.

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved three loan modifications with First Columbia Bank & Trust Co. dropping to 2.15%.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTING DAVID FORD TO THE AIRPORT TASK FORCE.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council approved appointing David Ford to the Airport Task Force.

APPROVAL OF THE 2021 RECYCLING ANNUAL FEE OF \$60.00 WITH A \$12 INCREASE AT EACH DEADLINE

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 2 'no' votes (J. Huber and V. DeMelfi), Council approved the 2021 recycling annual fee of \$60.00 with a \$12 increase at each deadline.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO AN INSURANCE CARRIER IN ORDER TO OBTAIN DIFFERENT PRICING

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a letter to an insurance carrier in order to obtain different pricing.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING AMENDMENTS TO THE STREET EXCAVATION ORDINANCE

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising amendments to the street excavation ordinance.

APPROVAL OF A PAYMENT TO GREENMAN-PEDERSEN INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM AUGUST 1, 2020 TO AUGUST 31, 2020 REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Greenman-Pedersen Inc. in the amount of \$17,766.00 for professional services from August 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 regarding the floodwall expansion project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SEDA-COG FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to table payment to SEDA-COG in the amount of \$34,221.07 for professional services regarding the floodwall expansion project.

Council reviewed the Community Resilience Memorandum.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING AN ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an anti-discrimination ordinance.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER WITH HRI, INC. FOR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT FOR KIDSBURG THROUGH PLAY BY DESIGN REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a change order with HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$74,205.97 for replacement equipment for Kidsburg through Play By Design regarding the construction of the floodwall expansion project.

DISCUSSION OF HALLOWEEN

Council discussed the Town allowing trick or treat night due to COVID-19 concerns. J. Hummel, V. DeMelfi, and B. Crawford all voiced that they would like to allow trick or treating. B. Crawford

suggested to have trick or treat night on October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It was noted that it would be at everyone's discretion if they want to participate.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved trick or treat night on October 31, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

W. Kreisher asked Chief Van Loan about the siren testing that took place. R. Van Loan noted that report has yet to be received.

Ammon Young thanked the citizens and the Coalition for Social Equity for their support in the anti-discrimination ordinance.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, and with no further business, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:31 p.m. and lasted until 9:08 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer