

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, October 14, 2019, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor William Kreisher; Council Vice President Toni Bell; Council Members Fred Trump, James Huber, James Garman, Bonnie Crawford, and Vince DeMelfi; Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley; Administrative Assistant Bobbi Erlston; Chief of Police William Gelgot; 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; Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman, Director of Finance Kathy Smith, Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman and Fire Chief Scott McBride.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

W. Kreisher noted that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and encouraged the public to wear pink ribbons.

W. Kreisher announced that the union contract for the Public Works and Recycling Departments will be voted on later in the evening.

W. Kreisher noted that the Bloomsburg High School ball field has been converted into a turf field.

W. Kreisher commended the three high school athletic teams for their first win on the field.

W. Kreisher informed the public that there will be a Walkability/Trail Study public meeting on October 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bloomsburg Fire Hall.

W. Kreisher announced that a Trunk or Treat event will take place at the Bloomsburg YMCA on October 25th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

W. Kreisher noted that tickets for the North Pole Express Holiday Train Ride are on sale now through the Chamber of Commerce for the event dates of November 30th and December 1st.

W. Kreisher informed the public that the radioactive ashes and dump debris have been removed and replaced with clean fill.

Citizen to be heard Matt Zoppetti proposed to Council the enforcement of Ordinance 974 on Wood Street regarding sidewalks. This ordinance requires property owners to build sidewalks as directed by Town Council. M. Zoppetti presented a diagram showing white areas where sidewalks are missing along Wood Street up to Elwell Hall. W. Kreisher noted that Council will continue that discussion during the Planning Commission section of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-14-19.01 FEE RESOLUTION

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 10-14-19.01 Fee Resolution.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-14-19.02 MPO MEMBER APPOINTMENT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 10-14-19.02 MPO Member Appointment.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 & SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the September 9, 2019 Town Council minutes without any additions or corrections. The September 16, 2019 minutes were adjusted to reflect “transfer to” as a note of the motion regarding the Code Department commonwealth court cases.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND SEPTEMBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund, \$841,151.70; Recycling Fund, \$72,444.40; Street Lighting Fund, \$7,002.32; Fire Fund, \$23,845.06; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$251,712.55; CDBG Entitlement Fund, \$4,844.92; CDBG – DR Fund, \$664,444.03, and the September payroll authorization in the amount of \$218,611.84.

APPROVAL TO HAVE L. DOOLEY COORDINATE WITH BARRY LEWIS TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO THE DAYCARE LEASE TO \$3.00 PER SQUARE FOOT, AND ALSO COMMUNICATE WITH V. DEMELFI TO LIST THE DAYCARE BUILDING WITH A REALTOR COMPANY

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to have L. Dooley coordinate with Barry Lewis to make an amendment to the daycare lease to \$3.00 per square foot, and also communicate with V. DeMelfi to list the daycare building with a realtor company.

APPROVAL OF A PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT POLICY

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Planning Commission appointment policy.

APPROVAL OF HOSTING THE JULY 4TH EVENT ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved hosting the July 4th Event on Independence Day.

APPROVAL OF CLOSING TOWN FACILITIES AT 12:45 P.M. ON DECEMBER 20TH FOR A HOLIDAY GATHERING

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved closing Town Facilities at 12:45 p.m. on December 20th for a holiday gathering.

APPROVAL OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND FOR THE 2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on 6 ‘yes’ votes, and 1 abstention (B. Crawford), Council approved appointing Bonnie Crawford to the Community Impact Fund for the 2019/2020 academic year.

APPROVAL OF ALTERING THE BOARDS AND COMMISSION CARDS

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved altering the boards and commission cards.

APPROVAL OF RELEASING A FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR THE BERGER RECREATION VEHICLE CAMP LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing a financial security in the amount of \$27,634.00 for the Berger Recreation Vehicle Camp Land Development.

APPROVAL OF DISPOSITION LIST THAT INCLUDES RIGHT TO KNOW REQUESTS FROM 2012 – 2015

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a disposition list that includes right to know requests from 2012 – 2015.

APPROVAL OF A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a social media policy.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING A REDUCING UNDERAGE DRINKING AND DANGEROUS DRINKING THROUGH ENFORCEMENT (RUDD) GRANT

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a Reducing Underage Drinking and Dangerous Drinking through Enforcement (RUDD) grant in the amount of \$7,200.00.

APPROVAL OF BOBBI ERLSTON SERVING AS A NOTARY FOR THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Bobbi Erlston serving as a notary for the Town of Bloomsburg.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TWO 2019 CHEVROLET TRAX VEHICLES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,770.00 PER EACH VEHICLE.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to purchase two 2019 Chevrolet Trax vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$19,770.00 per each vehicle.

APPROVAL OF BJ TEICHMAN SERVING ON THE AVIATION COUNCIL OF PENNSYLVANIA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved BJ Teichman serving on the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania's Board of Directors.

APPROVAL OF INTERNAL ADVERTISING FOR A FULL TIME PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITION

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved internal advertising for a full time Parking Enforcement Officer position at the rate of \$11.60 per hour.

APPROVAL OF INTERNAL ADVERTISING FOR A CREW CHIEF POSITION IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT THE CONTRACT RATE

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved internal advertising for a Crew Chief Position in the Public Works Department at the contract rate.

APPROVAL OF REMOVING PAYROLL ADVANCES IN THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved removing payroll advances in the employee handbook.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING LAUREN STRAUSSER'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM THE BLOOMSBURG SHADE TREE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE 12/31/19

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept with regret Lauren Strausser's letter of resignation from the Bloomsburg Shade Tree Commission effective 12/31/19.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT 2017-2023 UNITED STEEL, PAPER AND FORESTRY, RUBBER, MANUFACTURING, ENERGY, ALLIED INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION, AFL-CIO-CLC CONTRACT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept 2017-2023 United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC Contract.

APPROVAL OF RELEASING FIRE ESCROW FUNDS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 290 W. 11TH STREET

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing fire escrow funds in the amount of \$26,384.65 for the property located at 290 W. 11th Street.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness to Mark Kreisher of 153 W. 4th Street for garage siding.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness to Lauren Paul of 146 E. 3rd Street for fence installation.

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG FAIRGROUNDS RESTROOM REPLACEMENT – LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 abstention (F. Trump), and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following waiver:

1. Financial security shall be provided for all proposed site improvements. A construction cost estimate shall be submitted. The applicant requests a waiver from this requirement which will incorporate this construction cost estimate into the Fair's Entrance project so that the construction cost estimate will be inspected once the Entrance project has been completed, as the repairs are minimal for this project. [Sec. 22-403.1.A and Sec. 22-404.C]

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 abstention (F. Trump), and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following conditional item:

1. The 'Certificate of Ownership and Acknowledgement of Application' statement provided on sheet no. C001 shall be signed by the owners and notarized. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(s) and Sec. 22-403.1.A(2)(t)]. The 'Waiver Request' heading should be changed to 'Waivers Granted' and the list updated.

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG TOWN PARK – LOT CONSOLIDATION

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following conditional item:

1. The incorporated lot shall be identified by area, bearings and distances and distances of lot lines and referenced primary control points. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(C)]

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG FAIRGROUNDS ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 abstention (F. Trump), and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved following waiver:

1. A tract map shall be provided on the plan showing the overall boundary of the property with bearings and distances and curve data. The applicant has requested a waiver from this requirement, due to the size of the Fairgrounds lot. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(c)]

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 abstention (F. Trump), and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following modification:

1. Existing overhead and underground electric lines shall be shown and labeled on the Plan. The applicant requests a modification from this requirement. The modification shall include: Showing all existing underground electrical lines within the limits of construction identified on the plan.[Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(i)]

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 abstention (F. Trump), and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following modification:

1. The maximum allowable spacing of inlets is 450 feet. The applicant requests a modification from this requirement to allow for a 675-foot pipe run leading from Basin 5. [Sec. 22-802.2.H]

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 abstention (F. Trump), and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following modification:

1. Minimum pipe size for drainage facilities shall be fifteen inches (15") in diameter for on-side collection. The applicant requests a modification from this requirement to allow for smaller (8") in diameter pipe size. [Sec. 22-803.2.A.(4)]

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 abstention (F. Trump), and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a 90 day extension to complete the modifications to the plan.

APPROVAL OF EAST 5TH STREET LUXURY APARTMENTS

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following waiver:

1. An erosion and sedimentation control plan must be provided. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.(1) and Sec. 22-508.1.E]

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following waiver:

1. A sewage planning module shall be approved by the PA DEP and letters of service from utility companies shall be provided. [Sec. 403.1.A.(2)(w), Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(aa) and Sec 22-704]

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following modification:

1. The 'Rebar Set' call-outs at the corners shall be revised to be concrete monuments. The applicant has requested a modification from this requirement. [Sec. 22-702]

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council denied the following waiver:

1. A sidewalk shall be proposed along Wood Street. The applicant has requested a waiver from this requirement. [Sec. 205.1, Sec. 207, Sec. 208, Sec. 22-504, Sec. 22-604, Sec. 22-604.2 and Sec. 706]

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a 90 day extension to complete the modifications to the plan.

APPROVAL OF A POLAR PLUNGE FUNDRAISER AT THE BOAT LAUNCH NEAR THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Polar Plunge Fundraiser at the boat launch near the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport contingent on insurance submission and permission from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

APPROVAL OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENT #1

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Town of Bloomsburg Citizen Participation Plan Amendment #1.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HRI, INC. FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$607,954.86 for general construction for the Floodwall Expansion Project.

APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM NORTHEASTERN AUTOMATED TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR CAMERAS AT THE TOWN PARK

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from NorthEastern Automated Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$3,467.99 for cameras at the town park.

APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH HUNTER GREEN, ROUND, ALUMINUM, DECORATIVE POSTS FOR THE EAST STREET PROJECT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to move forward with hunter green, round, aluminum, decorative posts for the East Street Project.

APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM XW CONSTRUCTION, LLP FOR ROOF REPAIRS AT COLUMBIA AIRCRAFT

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 2 'no' votes (J. Huber and V. DeMelfi), Council approved a quote from XW Construction, LLP in the amount of \$6,841.00 for roof repairs at Columbia Aircraft.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING A GREENWAYS, TRAILS, AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAM (GTRP) GRANT FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE BALL FIELDS

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a Greenways, Trails, and Recreational Program (GTRP) grant for the relocation of the Little League ball fields in the amount of \$247,746.00.

APPROVAL OF APPLYING FOR A FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (FMA) GRANT TO ACQUIRE AND DEMO A PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE FLOODWAY ON BARTON STREET

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved applying for a Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant to acquire and demo a property located in the floodway on Barton Street.

APPROVAL OF SELECTING AN APPRAISAL COMPANY PAID FOR BY THE TOWN UP TO \$800.00 IN REGARDS TO THE ABOVE FMA GRANT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved selecting an appraisal company paid for by the Town up to \$800.00 in regards to the above FMA grant.

APPROVAL OF ALLOWING SEDA-COG TO PROCEED WITH THE FMA GRANT APPLICATION

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved allowing SEDA-Cog to proceed with the FMA grant application.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO THE HOWARD COMPANY FOR THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to the Howard Company in the amount of \$144,567.45 for the Floodwall Expansion Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SIMONE COLLINS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 REGARDING THE WALKABILITY/TRAIL STUDY PROJECT

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by T. Bell, and voted unanimously, Council approved payment to Simone Collins in the amount of \$4,643.01 for professional services from September 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 regarding the Walkability/Trail Study Project.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE BALL FIELDS

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a Land and Water Conservation Fund Program Grant for the relocation of the Little League ball fields in the amount of \$290,000.00.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING A GREEN LIGHT-GO GRANT

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a Green Light-Go Grant in the amount of \$172,624.00.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR AN ENGINEER TO DETERMINE THE CAPABILITY OF A STRUCTURE TO BE ELEVATED AND PREPARE REQUIRED ENGINEER CERTIFIED DRAWINGS FOR TWO PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 221 E. 9TH STREET AND 246 E. 9TH STREET

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council denied advertising request for qualifications (RFQ) for an engineer to determine the capability of a structure to be elevated and prepare required engineer certified drawings for two properties located at 221 E. 9th Street and 246 E. 9th Street.

APPROVAL OF CHANGING THE NAME ON A HANDICAP PARKING SPACE AT 139 W. 4TH STREET

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved changing the name on a handicap parking space at 139 W. 4th Street.

APPROVAL OF A K-9 PROGRAM

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a K-9 program.

APPROVAL OF TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT ON OCTOBER 31, 2019 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 2 'no' votes (V. DeMelfi and J. Huber), Council approved trick or treat night on October 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR SERVICES COMPLETED REGARDING 270 E. 10TH STREET

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Peters Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$1,848.75 for services completed regarding 270 E. 10th Street.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR TWO INVOICES FOR SERVICES COMPLETED REGARDING 270 E. 10TH STREET AND 643 W. MAIN STREET

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Peters Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$3,293.75 for two invoices for services completed regarding 270 E. 10th Street (\$2,413.75) and 643 W. Main Street (\$880.00).

W. Kreisher read a letter of commendation to recognize Sergeant Rogutski, Sergeant Fosse, Officer Edgar, Officer Dombroski, Officer Pfeiffer, Officer Szkodny, Officer Zeidler and Officer Sharrow for their actions during a helicopter crash incident on September 28, 2019 at the Bloomsburg Fair Grounds.

Jarrold Harris asked Council how many unpaid parking tickets a vehicle receives before getting booted and/or towed.

Sylvia Costa asked Council about the minutes reflecting the approval of the Director of Finance.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned into executive session at 9:23 p.m. Council reconvened the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF RETROACTIVE PAYMENT TO PUBLIC WORKS AND RECYCLING EMPLOYEES PER THE UNION CONTRACT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved retroactive payment to Public Works and Recycling employees per the union contract.

APPROVAL OF INCREASING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS SALARY TO \$80,000.00 ANNUALLY EFFECTIVE 10/15/19, ANY FUTURE RAISES WOULD STILL BE VIABLE WITH OTHER NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES. THE FOREMAN POSITION IS HEREBY ELIMINATED.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved increasing the Director of Public Works, John Fritz's salary to \$80,000 annually effective 10/15/19, any future raises would still be viable with other non-bargaining employees. The Foreman position is hereby eliminated.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer