

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, October 28, 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, and Director of Finance Kathy Smith.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

W. Kreisher noted Market Street at 11<sup>th</sup> Street is going to be closed starting Monday, November 4, 2019 for construction of the floodwall. Residential traffic will be permitted.

W. Kreisher announced that Trick – or – Treat night will be Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

W. Kreisher noted that there will be Active Shooter Training for Town employees on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. All employees are invited.

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 there will be an executive session after the Administrative/Finance Committee section of the agenda to discuss personnel.

Citizens to be heard Matt Hess and Rich Kisner requested a letter of support for their affordable senior housing project (Mulberry Mill). This project is an extension of the current Bloom Mills and Silk Mills. The project includes building a 4 story building with the 1<sup>st</sup> floor being used as a community center and the remaining 3 floors to be used for senior housing. There will be approximately 150 apartments. M. Hess & R. Kisner asked Council for a letter of support for the project.

Citizen Oren Helbok requested Council approve meter bagging on Main Street starting on November 29, 2019 and ending on January 2, 2020. The parking lots were also requested to be bagged from Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Helbok noted that Downtown Bloomsburg Inc. (DBI) will be responsible for bagging and un-bagging the meters.

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved meter bagging on Main Street starting on November 29, 2019 and ending on January 2, 2020, and the parking lots from Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Julie Klinger requested Council approve not enforcing parking meters on November 23, 2019 for the Coming Home for Christmas event. J. Huber asked Ms. Klinger to submit a formal request for Council to review.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (J. Garman), Council tabled this item for further review.

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)/State Hazard Mitigation Officer Thomas Hughes presented a CRS plaque to the Town of Bloomsburg for their hard work and determination to achieve the distinction of a class 7 rating on the Community Rating System (CRS).

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-28-19.01 GREEN LIGHT GO RESOLUTION**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 10-28-19.01 Green Light Go Resolution.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 14, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the October 14, 2019 Town Council minutes without any additions or corrections.

**APPROVAL TO SELL THE 2008 SATURN VUE ON MUNICIBID**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to sell the 2008 Saturn Vue on Municibid.

The meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:40 p.m. Council reconvened the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved promoting Wayne Creasy to Crew Chief of the Public Works Department at the contract rate, with a probationary period of 6 months effective November 4, 2019.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved promoting parking enforcement officer Wade Verchimak to full time at a rate of \$11.60 with waiving the current probationary period and having an additional 6 month probationary period effective November 4, 2019.

Council reviewed the Community Rating System (CRS) annual progress report.

**APPROVAL TO UPDATE THE COLUMBIA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN OF 2017**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to update the Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2017.

**DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council denied a Certificate of Appropriateness to Shing Yeung of 238 Iron Street for a roof replacement.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council denied a Certificate of Appropriateness to Dennis Richart of 414 Catherine Street for siding installation.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council denied a Certificate of Appropriateness to Vy Vo of 418 East Street for a roof replacement on garage/solar panels.

**APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness to St. Paul's Episcopal Church of 125 E. Main Street and 143 E. Main Street for roof repairs/replacements.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 4 'yes' votes and 3 'no' votes (J. Huber, F. Trump, and V. DeMelfi), Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness to Joe Gushen of 250 Miller Avenue for replacement of garage door/roof repairs/adding a shed dormer.

#### **APPROVAL OF BALTO REALTY, LLC – SUBDIVISION PLAN**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Huber, and voted unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a 30 day conditional approval pending written acceptance of the following conditional items:

- a) The 'Certificate of Ownership and Acknowledgement of Application' statement will be signed by the owners and notarized. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.2.s and Sec. 22-403.1.A.2.t].
- b) The Town solicitor, shall review the Deed of Incorporation once it is submitted.

#### **APPROVAL OF EAST 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET LUXURY APARTMENTS – LAND DEVELOPMENT**

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a 30 day conditional approval pending written acceptance of the following conditional items:

- a) Financial security shall be provided for all site improvements. A construction cost estimate shall be submitted. [Sec. 22-403.1.A and Sec. 22-404.C]
- b) The 'Certificate of Ownership and Acknowledgement of Application' statement shall be signed by the owners and notarized. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.2.s and Sec. 22-403.1.A.2.t]
- c) A sidewalk shall be proposed along Wood Street. [Sec. 22-504, Sec. 22-604.1, Sec. 22-604.2 and Sec. 22-706] The revised plans indicate 'Future Sidewalk', 'Future' shall be removed from the plan.
- d) The proposed wall-pack building lights shall be shown on sheets 4 and 5. They are noted in the legend but not shown on the plan.
- e) The Deed of Incorporation/Subdivision shall be submitted to the Town solicitor for review and approval.
- f) A call-out should be placed on the plan for the western-most lateral stating "Existing Sanitary Lateral to be Abandoned In Place" and a call-out should be placed on the plan for the eastern-most lateral stating "Existing Sanitary Lateral to be Removed and Proposed Sanitary Sewer Lateral to be Installed at Same Location".

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY – LAND DEVELOPMENT**

On a motion by F. Trump, 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 Chapter 105 permit.

**APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR BIDS FOR THE NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL POOL RENOVATIONS**

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (J. Huber), Council approved advertising for a request for proposals (RFP) for bids for the Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool renovations contingent on the grant requirement. The costs to be paid by the Pool Fundraising Group.

Citizen to be Heard, Cleve Hummel expressed his concerns with the Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) ordinance and the procedure of how applications are approved and denied.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Lisa Dooley  
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer