

Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021, 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://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 Public Works John Fritz, Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz, Director of Finance Kathy Smith, Fire Chief Scott McBride, Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman, Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman, Public citizens present were Dan Knorr, Julie Wemple, Eric Ness, Jared Harris, Matt Zoppetti, Jamie Shrawder and Clay Corbin.

MAYORS REMARKS

Mayor Kreisher commended the police department, public works, fire department and all volunteers for their work during the December 24th & 25th flood event. Mayor Kreisher added that thankfully this did not turn into a major flood event, but it was a great opportunity to test the flood gates and pump systems.

The Mayor reported an executive session was held on December 23, 2020 to discuss personnel matters from 8:15 p.m. lasting until 8:48 p.m.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Matt Zoppetti was present to discuss the issue of the parking spots on E. 2nd Street by Husky Corners. Mr. Zoppetti had approached Council previously with a plan to remove the green space and install angled parking in this area and sell permits to park. This proposal was denied at the September 2020 Council meeting. Mr. Zoppetti is now requesting the area to be permit parking and he would like to purchase the parking permits for his business tenants located in the Husky building. Council directed Chief Van Loan, John Fritz and Lisa Dooley to meet with Mr. Zoppetti on this matter and report back to the Community and Economic Development Committee. J. Hummel suggested that Andrew Barton should also attend this meeting.

Clay Corbin was present to discuss re-zoning the area at 61 1st Street. R. Van Loan mentioned that the ordinance has been passed to allow this change for Mr. Corbin to apply for a zone permit.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Motion was made by B. Crawford to nominate Toni Bell as Vice president, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF COUNCIL

Motion was made by J. Garman to nominate Justin Hummel, President Pro Tem, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MANAGER/SECRETARY/TREASURER

Motion was made by J. Huber to appoint Lisa Dooley to the position of Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY THE MAYOR- TOWN MANAGER/SECRETARY/TREASURER

W. Kreisher administered the oath of office to Lisa Dooley.

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY- DECEMBER 24 and 25 2020 FLOODING EVENT

Motion was made by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the declaration of disaster for December 24 and 25, 2020 for a flooding event.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-04-2021.01 POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTION

Motion was made by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the adoption of

resolution no. 01-04-2021.01 police pension contribution.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-04-2021.02 POLICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Motion was made by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the adoption of resolution no. 01-04-2021.02 police education and training.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-04-2021.03 DRUG TASK FORCE AGREEMENT

Motion was made by J. Garman, seconded by V. DeMelfi and voted in unanimously, Council approved the adoption of resolution no. 01-04-2021.03 drug task force agreement.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-04-2021.04 SETTING OF VARIOUS FEES

Motion was made by T. Bell seconded by J. Garman and voted on 6 'yes votes' to 1 'no vote' (J. Hummel voting no), Council approved adoption of resolution no. 01-04-2021.04 setting of various fees.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-04-2021.05 APPOINTING A SOLICITOR

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 abstention (J. Hummel), Council appointed Barry Lewis with Hummel, Lewis, & Smith, LLP as the Town's solicitor.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-04-2021.06 DESIGNATION OF AGENT FOR COVID-19, DR4506 APPLICATION

Motion was made by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Lisa Dooley as the designated agent for the Covid-19, DR4506 application process.

MAYOR'S ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES:

PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

On the recommendation of J. Huber, Justin Hummel is now the Chairperson of the Public Works Committee.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council re-appointed Sylvia Costa to the Code Appeal Board.

CODE APPEAL BOARD

Sylvia Costa	Term Exp.	12/31/25
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On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council re-appointed Bob Barton to the Civil Service Commission.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Bob Barton	Term Exp.	12/31/23
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On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council re-appointed Kimberly Morris to the Historic Architectural Review Board.

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Kimberly Morris	Term Exp.	12/31/24
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On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council re-appointed Richard Bogar and Michael Mertz to the Planning Commission.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Richard Bogar	Term Exp.	12/31/24
Michael Mertz	Term Exp.	12/31/24

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Betsy Hancock to the Shade Tree Commission.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Betsy Hancock	Term Exp.	12/31/25
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On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council re-appointed BJ Teichman to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

BJ Teichman	Term Exp.	12/31/21
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On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council re-appointed Ken Roberts to the position of Building Code Official.

BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL

Ken Roberts	Term Exp.	12/31/21
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On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council re-appointed Ralph Magill and Ken Roberts as Zoning Officers.

ZONING OFFICERS

Ralph Magill	Term Exp.	01/29/2021
Ken Roberts	Term Exp.	12/31/2021

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council re-appointed Ken Roberts as Floodplain Administrator.

FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

Ken Roberts	Term Exp.	12/31/21
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On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council re-appointed Scott McBride as Fire Chief.

TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

Elected Fire Chief – Scott McBride	12/31/21
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On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council re-appointed Toni Bell to the Columbia Child Development Program.

COLUMBIA CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Toni Bell	Term Exp.	12/31/21
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On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council re-appointed Joe Wondoloski as the Emergency Management Assistance contact person.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE CONTACT

Joe Wondoloski	Term Exp.	12/31/21
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On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council appointed John Grabusky, Joan Mosier, Betts Cassady, Tara Moore and Tom Hughes to the Bloomsburg Human Relations Commission.

BLOOMSBURG HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

John Grabusky	Term Exp.	12/31/23
Joan Mosier	Term Exp.	12/31/23
Betts Cassady	Term Exp.	12/31/22
Tara Moore	Term Exp.	12/31/22
Tom Hughes	Term Exp.	12/31/21

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council re-appointed Vince DeMelfi and appointed Justin Hummel (Alternate) to the Columbia County Tax Collection Committee.

COLUMBIA COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE

Vince DeMelfi	Term Exp.	12/31/21
Justin Hummel (Alternate)	Term Exp.	12/31/21

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council re-appointed William Kreisher and appointed Toni Bell (Alternate) to the Downtown Bloomsburg Inc. Board.

DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG, INC. BOARD

William Kreisher	Term Exp.	12/31/21
Toni Bell (Alternate)	Term Exp.	12/31/21

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER– Columbia County Sanitary Inspection Office- (Jim McDeavitt and staff).

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council re-appointed Jim McDeavitt and staff as the Sewage Enforcement Officer.

GENERAL FUND DEPOSITORY – First Columbia Bank & Trust Co.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council appointed First Columbia Bank and Trust Company as the General Fund depository.

EXTERNAL AUDITORS- Boyer & Ritter LLC (Contract through 12/31/2021).

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Boyer & Ritter, CPA as the Town's auditors.

AUTHORIZED CHECK SIGNORS – William Kreisher, Toni Bell, Vince DeMelfi and Lisa Dooley

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved William Kreisher, Toni Bell, Vince DeMelfi and Lisa Dooley as authorized check signors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from 12/14/2020 with one correction with changing "Truskawsky" to "Truskowsky".

APPROVAL OF CDBG-CV SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following CDBG-CV amendment; 2021 Code Red program \$ 2,622.00, Resident Subsistence Program \$23,158.00; Resident COVID-19 Testing \$ 51,414.50 and SEDA-COG Administration \$ 8,500.00.

AIRPORT FUEL SYSTEM REPORTING

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Betty Teichman to have access to the PA Tier II System for airport fuel reporting requirements.

JOHN THOMAS RESIGNATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the resignation of John Thomas from the Planning Commission effective February 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT CARBON ENGINEERING

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Carbon Engineering as the review engineer for all Subdivision-Land Development plans.

HARB PRE-APPROVAL PROCESS

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted in unanimously, Council approved the pre-approval of all HARB applications that are approved by the HARB board through December 31, 2021.

CSG LETTER DISCUSSION

Council discussed the letter of support for the CSG project at the top of Franklin Street. This item will be placed on the January 5, 2021 Public Works agenda for discussion.

A motion to adjourn was made by J. Garman, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer