

Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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, Director of Public Works John Fritz, Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman and Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts. Also present were David's I-pad (7:12 p.m.), Eric Ness, Dan Knorr, Nick McGaw, Corey Kreischer, Steve Coladonato, Barbara Coladonato, Fred Gaffney, Joan Hendricks and a citizen. Note: James Huber was absent.

#### **COUNCIL REMARKS.**

Executive sessions- William Kreisher.

October 26, 2021 from 4:12 p.m.- 4:41 p.m. regarding potential litigation matters.

October 29, 2021 from 2:11 p.m.- 4:31 p.m. regarding the chief of police search.

November 3, 2021 from 3:57 p.m.- 4:38 p.m. regarding the chief of police search.

November 10, 2021 from 11:10 a.m. -11:41 a.m. regarding police personnel, pool personnel, and EMA/ Fire Chief pay.

November 11, 2021 from 10:00 a.m.-10:47 a.m. regarding potential litigation matters.

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD.**

Joan Hendricks came before Council to request no parking signs in front of her residence on Arbutus Park Road. She is experiencing issues with the neighbors parking in front of her house on her property. Council directed this issue to staff to carry out.

#### **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 11.15.2021 FEE RESOLUTION.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the adoption of Fee Resolution 11.15.2021 with the addition of Oak Street.

#### **AMERICAN RECOVERY FUNDS.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the use of American Recovery Funds to match the County proposal of \$61,500 for the Bloomsburg Public Library HVAC system upgrade.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 10/25/2021 MEETING.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from October 25, 2021 with no corrections or additions.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE BAGGING THE MAIN STREET METERS ONLY FROM 11/26/2021- 1/3/2022. ALSO, ALL OTHER METERED AREAS EXCEPT E. 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET FROM 12/13/2021- 1/3/2022. DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG INC. (DBI) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BAGGING THE METERS AND REMOVAL.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved bagging the Main Street meters & N. Market Street meters from 11/26/2021- 1/3/2022. Also, all other metered areas except East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from 12/13/2021- 1/3/2022. DBI is responsible for bagging the meters and removal.

**RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE THE MEDICAL CARD FOR THOSE NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES TAKING THE MEDICAL WAIVER. THE AMOUNT OF THE WAIVER IN 2022 WILL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400 PER MONTH.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council approved eliminating the medical card for those non-bargaining employees taking the medical waiver. The amount of the waiver in 2022 will be in the amount of \$400 per month.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO POM INCORPORATED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,016 FOR 24 METERS TO BE PLACED ALONG EAST STREET.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on 5 to 1 (Kreisher voting no), Council approve the payment to POM Incorporated in the amount of \$11,016 for 24 meters to be placed along East Street which would include eight spaces on each block.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,761.69 REGARDING FLOODWALL INVOICES.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority in the amount of \$5,761.69 regarding floodwall invoices.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A 2022 FIREWORK QUOTE FROM BIXLER PYROTECHNICS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500. THE VENDOR CANNOT PERFORM ON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>. THEREFORE, IF THIS VENDOR IS SELECTED THE FIREWORKS WILL BE HELD JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> WITH A RAIN DATE OF JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council denied payment of the quote from Bixler Pyrotechnics in the amount \$7,500 for the July 4, 2022 fireworks display.

**APPROVAL OF A 2022 FIREWORK QUOTE FROM SKYSHOOTER DISPLAYS INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500. THE VENDOR CAN PERFORM ON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> WITH A RAIN DATE OF JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the quote from Skyshooters Displays Inc. in the amount of \$7,500 for the July 4, 2022 fireworks display with a rain date of July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM SUNBURY MOTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,500 FOR A DUMP TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO BE PAID THROUGH WITH THE USDA GRANT/ BOND.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Sunbury Motors in the amount of \$44,500 for a dump truck for the Public Works department to be paid through with the USDA grant/ bond.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM BRADCO SUPPLY COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,620.78 FOR A DUMP TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO BE PAID THROUGH WITH THE USDA GRANT/ BOND.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Bradco Supply in the amount of \$34,620.78 for a dump truck for the Public Works Department to be paid through the USDA grant/bond.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM CLEVELAND BROTHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,100 FOR A SKID STEER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO BE PAID THROUGH WITH THE USDA GRANT /BOND.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Cleveland Brothers in the amount of \$50,100 for a skid steer for the Public Works Department to be paid through the USDA grant/bond.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM BRADCO SUPPLY COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,756 FOR A BOOM MOWER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO BE PAID THROUGH WITH THE USDA GRANT/ BOND.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Bradco Supply in the amount of \$28,756 for a boom mower for the Public Works Department to be paid through the USDA grant/bond.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM CLEVELAND BROTHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,860 FOR A BACKHOE HAMMER ATTACHMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO BE PAID THROUGH WITH THE USDA GRANT/ BOND.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Cleveland Brothers in the amount of \$11,860 for a backhoe hammer attachment for the Public Works Department to be paid through the USDA grant/bond.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM BONNER CHEVROLET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,115 FOR A CHEVROLET TRAX VEHICLE FOR THE CODES DEPARTMENT TO BE PAID THROUGH WITH THE USDA GRANT/ BOND.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Bonner Chevrolet in the amount of \$21,115 for a Chevrolet Trax vehicle for the Codes Department to be paid through the USDA grant/bond.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM KOVATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$233,275.53 FOR FIVE FORD EXPLORER VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BE PAID THROUGH WITH THE USDA GRANT/ BOND.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Kovatch in the amount of \$233,275.53 for five Ford Explorer vehicles for the Police Department to be paid through with the USDA grant/ bond.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM CRYSTAL DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS,**

**INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,576 FOR IN CAR POLICE COMPUTERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BE PAID THROUGH WITH THE USDA GRANT/ BOND.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Crystal Digital Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$40,576 for in car police computers for the Police Department to be paid through with the USDA grant/ bond.

**APPROVAL TO HIRE A POOL COORDINATOR AT A RATE OF \$15 PER HOUR. HOURS TO NOT EXCEED 10 HOURS A WEEK LEADING UP TO MEMORIAL DAY. THE HOURS FROM MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY WILL BE 40 HOURS.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the hiring of Janelle Surkin as the Pool Coordinator at a rate of \$15 per hour. Hours to not exceed 10 hours a week leading up to Memorial Day. The hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day will be 40 hours.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO L & L BOILER MAINTENANCE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,314.34 FOR LABOR FURNISHED ON THE BOILER SYSTEM FOR THE AIRPORT TENANT.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to L & L Boiler Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$2,314.34 for labor furnished on the boiler system for the airport tenant.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE LISTING THE RECYCLING CENTER FUEL TANKS ON MUNICIBID.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved listing the Recycling Center fuel tanks on Municibid with a minimum bid of \$150 each.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A SOLID WASTE AND REFUSE PICKUP AGREEMENT WITH SWISHER DISPOSAL INC. FOR 2022.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved entering into a solid waste and refuse pickup agreement with Swisher Disposal Inc. for 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO LIVIC CIVIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$802.50 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES THAT EXCEEDED THE INITIAL CONTRACT (IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000) FOR THE 2021 ROAD PAVING AND CURB RAMP PROJECT.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to LIVIC Civil in the amount of \$802.50 for engineering services that exceeded the initial contract (in the amount of \$12,000) for the 2021 road paving and curb ramp project.

**REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE MEMORANDUM.**

Council reviewed the Community Resilience Memorandum. This item is a Community Rating System (CRS) requirement.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE 2022-2024 RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DANVILLE BOROUGH AND THE TOWN OF**

**BLOOMSBURG (BEGINNING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,186.50 ANNUALLY).**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the 2022-2024 recycling collection services intergovernmental agreement between Danville Borough and the Town of Bloomsburg (beginning in the amount of \$46,186.50 annually).

**APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM DONALD E. KOCHER, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,250 TO INSTALL A STORAGE UNIT AT THE NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL POOL.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Donald E. Kocher, Inc. in the amount of \$3,250 to install a storage unit at the Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool.

**APPROVAL TO SPEND UP TO \$500 TO INSTALL A NON-INSULATED WHITE GARAGE DOOR FOR THE STORAGE UNIT AT THE NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL POOL.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved spending up to \$500 to install a non-insulated white garage door for the storage unit at the Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool. The Public Works Department will install the door.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO GLENN O. HAWBAKER, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$272,075.31 FOR THE 2021 PAVING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. in the amount of \$272,075.31 for the 2021 paving construction services.

**APPROVAL TO REQUEST QUOTATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER/ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE HONEYSUCKLE LANE STORMWATER MITIGATION PROJECT. PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL DECEMBER 14, 2021.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved requesting quotations of professional engineer/architectural services for the Honeysuckle Lane stormwater mitigation project. Proposals will be accepted until December 14, 2021.

**APPROVAL TO AWARD THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (FMA) 2019 – ELEVATION PROJECT’S PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES TO PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,720.00. MOTION IS CONTINGENT UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE TOWN SOLICITOR’S LEGAL OPINION AND THE FUNDING AGENCY’S (PEMA/FEMA) ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOWN’S LEGAL OPINION.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved awarding the flood mitigation assistance (FMA) 2019 – elevation project’s professional engineering/architectural services to Peter’s Consultants, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$23,720.00. Motion is contingent upon the approval of the Town solicitor’s legal opinion and the funding agency’s (PEMA/FEMA) acceptance of the Town’s legal opinion.

**APPROVAL TO PLACE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 445 W. 1ST STREET ON A WAIT LIST FOR AN ACQUISITION/ DEMOLITION APPLICATION IN 2022.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the property located at 445 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street on a wait list of an acquisition/demolition application in 2022.

**APPROVAL TO PLACE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 415 W. 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET ON A WAIT LIST FOR AN ACQUISITION/ DEMOLITION APPLICATION IN 2022.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the property located at 415 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street on a wait list of an acquisition/demolition application in 2022.

**APPROVAL FOR ANY BLOOMSBURG CITIZEN ASKING FOR AN ACQUISITION/ DEMOLITION TO BE PLACED ON A LIST FOR THE 2022 APPLICATION.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the request of any Bloomsburg citizen to be placed on a wait list of an acquisition/demolition application in 2022.

**CITIZEN TO BE HEARD.**

Scott McBride voiced his disappointment to the fact that the stipend for fire chief was not passed to be increased. Mr. McBride stated that Council should take into consideration the number of hours spent on fire calls and monthly reports to Council.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned into an executive session at 8:26 p.m. regarding police personnel. The executive session lasted until 9:02 p.m. Council reconvened the public meeting at 9:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF CHIEF ROGER VAN LOAN RETIREMENT AGREEMENT AND SERVICE RATE.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Chief Roger Van Loan retirement agreement and service rate. In that agreement, Council approved employee and spouse health care coverage after retirement with one month payment requirement annually. In addition, the hourly consultant rate of \$70.57 was approved.

Council approved ending the Council meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Lisa Dooley  
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer