

A Bloomsburg Town Council meeting was held Monday, November 9, 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://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, and Fire Chief Scott McBride. Public citizens present were Tyler Dombroski, Danielle King, Teri Provost, Jamie Shrawder, Tim Wagner, Dan Knorr, Carol Wagner Giger, Karen, Dennis, Jared Harris, Cindy James, Mark, Julye Wemple, Paul Eyerly, John Green, Barbara Coladonato, Steve Coladonato, Erin Sitler and Chris Marcera.

#### **REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR**

W. Kreisher announced that the Bloomsburg Area School District girls field hockey and soccer teams won the District 4 championships and both teams will be playing in the state tournament this week. B. Crawford also noted there was a cross country runner who qualified for states.

W. Kreisher noted that there was an executive session on November 4, 2020 starting at 11:11 a.m. and ending at 11:21 a.m. to discuss personnel matters.

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

Dan Knorr provided an update on the Spring semester planning. D. Knorr noted that bi-weekly meetings are being held with the County, Town officials (L. Dooley and R. Van Loan), and Fred Gaffney. The Spring semester will be a mix of both on-campus and virtual learning. The semester starts February 1, 2021. D. Knorr noted the University will be working with medical staff to ensure that the expiration dates on the test kits will last through the end of the semester. T. Bell asked since the winter semester is longer if students plan to remain on campus. D. Knorr said he will give an update at the December meeting. W. Kreisher asked about the vaccine roll out. D. Knorr noted that discussions are at an early stage and will need to be discussed further.

Tim Wagner, on behalf of Downtown Bloomsburg Inc., is requesting free holiday parking from November 27<sup>th</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup> in the parking lots and on Main Street. The holiday bags will be removed no later than 6:00 p.m. on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – HOME PROGRAM**

W. Kreisher began the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. T. Provost explained the main purpose of the HOME program is to focus on home rehabilitation. SEDA-COG would like the Town to apply for a \$500,000 HOME program grant that is funded through HUD. It was noted that only residents of the Town of Bloomsburg would be eligible for funding. T. Provost noted that there are currently 24 applicants on the waitlist for the HOME program funding. Based off the modest income limits set by HUD, six applicants are not eligible for the program. Nine homes could be rehabilitated if the Town were to apply for and receive the \$500,000 grant. T. Provost noted that it will take an estimated 3 years to complete all the work. The grant has a 3 year expend limit. Public hearing concluded at 7:22 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-09-2020.01 FEE RESOLUTION**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (J. Hummel), Council approved resolution no. 11-09-2020.01 Fee Resolution.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-09-2020.02 ZONE PERMITS**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved resolution no. 11-09-2020.02 Zone Permits.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the October 26, 2020 Town Council minutes with no additions or corrections.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND OCTOBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (J. Huber), Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund, \$198,729.96; Recycling Fund, \$14,419.79; Street Lighting Fund, \$5,457.23; Fire Fund, \$19,596.26; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$8,712.21; Airport Fund, \$24,470.61; CDBG-Annual Entitlement Fund, \$84,711.50; CDBG-DR Fund, \$62,399.50; and October Payroll Authorization, \$234,222.51.

**APPROVAL OF A MONTHLY RATE FOR THE 2021 AIRPORT HANGAR LEASES**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 2 'no' votes (J. Huber and V. DeMelfi), Council approved setting the monthly rate for the 2021 airport hangar leases at \$165.00.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT FOR THE 2021 PA SOLVENCY FEE**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment in the amount of \$5,045.36 for the 2021 PA solvency fee.

**APPROVAL OF THE NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL POOL DESIGN AND BATHHOUSE BIDS**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (J. Huber), Council approved Premier Pool Renovations Inc. in the amount of \$896,460.00 for the pool renovations for the base bid, alternate 1, 2C, 3, 5 & 7 and Hepco Constructions Inc. in the amount of \$282,922.00 for the bathhouse renovations for the base bid and alternate 1.

**APPROVAL OF INCREASING THE CROSSING GUARD RATE TO \$9.50 PER HOUR**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved increasing the crossing guard rate to \$9.50 per hour effective immediately.

**APPROVAL OF TOWN STAFF WORKING WITH PFM FINANCIAL ADVISORS LLC, THE TOWN'S SOLICITOR, AND ECKERT SEAMANS TO HAVE ALL DEBT PLACED OUT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Town staff working with PFM Financial Advisors LLC, the Town's solicitor, and Eckert Seamans to have all debt placed out for request for proposals.

**APPROVAL OF A GENERAL CERTIFICATE AND GUARANTY AGREEMENT REGARDING THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a general certificate and guaranty agreement regarding the Municipal Authority.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO GREENMAN-PEDERSEN INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Greenman-Pedersen Inc. in the amount of \$17,198.00 for professional services from September 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 regarding the floodwall expansion project.

**APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #3E FOR HAYDEN POWER GROUP FOR A REVISED CONTROL PANEL FOR PUMP STATION 5**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved change order #3E for Hayden Power Group in the increased amount of \$968.54 for a revised control panel for pump station 5.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HAYDEN POWER GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hayden Power Group in the amount of \$37,373.40 for professional services 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 payment to SEDA-COG in the amount \$34,221.07 for professional services regarding the floodwall expansion project.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HRI, INC. FOR SERVICES FROM AUGUST 22, 2020 THROUGH OCTOBER 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 HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$908,903.71 for services from August 22, 2020 through October 31, 2020 regarding the floodwall expansion project.

**APPROVAL OF A COMPOST SITE AGREEMENT WITH SCOTT TOWNSHIP FOR 2021**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (J. Huber), Council approved a compost site agreement with Scott Township for 2021.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DON E. BOWER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING THE 2020 ROAD PAVING AND CURB RAMP PROJECT**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment

to Don E. Bower in the amount of \$309,615.42 for professional services regarding the 2020 road paving and curb ramp project.

**APPROVAL OF THE OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program guidelines.

**APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE MARKET AND 5<sup>TH</sup> STREETS ARLE PROJECT**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising request for proposals for the Market and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets ARLE project.

**APPROVAL OF AN EXTENSION REQUEST CONSIDERATION LETTER REGARDING FLOOD MITIGATION**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an extension request consideration letter regarding flood mitigation.

It was announced that Kidsburg will not be open until the work on the floodwall project is completed.

Steve Coladonato inquired about the Windsor site. Mayor Kreisher said that Council will regroup with legal later this week and that there would be an update at the next meeting.

Justin Hummel as a Bloomsburg citizen thanked council for supporting the pool.

Chief Van Loan mentioned that the seasonal parking request will be discussed at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, and with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Lisa Dooley  
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer