

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, November 11, 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 Garman, Bonnie Crawford, and Vince DeMelfi; Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley; Administrative Assistant Bobbi Erlston; Chief of Police William Gelgot; Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz; Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts; Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill, and Director of Finance Kathy Smith. Absent was Council Member James Huber and Director of Public Works John Fritz.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

W. Kreisher acknowledged the Bloomsburg residents for the support for the election and that he pledges to do his best for the Town of Bloomsburg.

W. Kreisher noted that the Town is accepting letters of interest regarding the vacant Council seat beginning in 2020. The deadline to submit letters is January 13, 2020.

W. Kreisher announced that there will be a bingo for Cats in Bloom on Saturday November 16, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bloomsburg Fire Department. Tickets are \$20 for 20 games or \$100 for all games.

W. Kreisher noted that Pretty Petals & Gifts from Susan will be holding a business after hours event on November 20, 2019 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. W. Kreisher also acknowledged the two year anniversary.

W. Kreisher informed the public that Downtown Bloomsburg Inc. (DBI) is running the North Pole Express train ride on November 30th and December 1st. Tickets can be purchased from DBI, Exclusively You, and the Exchange.

Citizens to be heard Julie Klinger requested Council approve parking forgiveness for the 2 hour time limit on Market Street from Main Street to 5th Street during the Coming Home for Christmas event.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved parking forgiveness for the 2 hour time limit on Market Street from Main Street to 5th Street during the Coming Home for Christmas event on November 23, 2019.

Beth Laubach expressed her concerns with Council regarding the Shade Tree Ordinance giving the Shade Tree Commission authority to plant shade trees anywhere in the Town's right of way within Town limits. Ms. Laubach questioned why E. 3rd Street was selected to receive shade trees when parking is a concern for property owners. W. Kreisher informed Ms. Laubach that the Shade Tree Commission is a separate entity from Town Council, and per Ordinance, Council can't interfere with the Commission's plans to plant trees on E. 3rd Street. W. Kreisher also informed Ms. Laubach that there will be a public Shade Tree Commission meeting on November 15th at 3 p.m. at Townhall to discuss any questions and concerns the public may have regarding the upcoming tree planting.

W. Kreisher informed the public that there was an executive session held on November 11, 2019 from 6:35 p.m. to 6:56 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-11-19.01 APPOINTING A COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR SECTION 504 RESOLUTION

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 11-11-19.01 Appointing a Compliance Officer for Section 504 Resolution.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 28, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the October 28, 2019 Town Council minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND OCTOBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund, \$400,667.70; Recycling Fund, \$16,520.18; Street Lighting Fund, \$6,216.65; Fire Fund, \$9,628.45; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$108,503.27, and the October payroll authorization in the amount of \$226,561.84.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A CUSTOM MADE COUNCIL TABLE

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to purchase a custom made council table in the amount of \$2,400.00 from Stanley Martin Cabinetry Company. If installation is needed the additional cost is in the amount of \$400.00.

APPROVAL OF A RAIN DATE FOR THE JULY 4TH EVENT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a rain date for the July 4th event for 2020 on July 5, 2020.

APPROVAL OF BJ TEICHMAN SERVING ON THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR 2020

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved BJ Teichman serving on the Local Emergency Planning Committee for 2020.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 2020 ANNUAL DUES

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment in the amount of \$4,753.60 for the Pennsylvania Municipal League 2020 annual dues.

APPROVAL OF OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS AT FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved opening a bank account for the Code Enforcement credit card payments at First Columbia Bank & Trust.

APPROVAL OF UPDATING THE CIVIL SERVICE LIST

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved updating the civil service list.

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

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing a financial security in the amount of \$51,814.05 for the Berger Recreation Vehicle Camp Land Development.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO NORTHEASTERN AUTOMATED TECHNOLOGIES FOR A LTE/INTERNET COMMERCIAL FIRE ALARM FOR THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to NorthEastern Automated Technologies in the amount of \$723.73 for a LTE/Internet Commercial Fire Alarm for the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

APPROVAL OF WADE VERCHIMAK CARRYING OVER HIS REMAINING 2019 PERSONAL HOURS TO USE IN 2020

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Wade Verchimak carrying over his remaining 2019 personal hours to use in 2020.

APPROVAL OF MOVING DEER DAY FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved moving Deer Day for the Police Department to Monday, December 2, 2019.

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 Shing Yeung of 238 Iron Street for a roof replacement.

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

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

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness to Rachel Bitler of 143 E. Main Street for exterior renovations.

APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM HAILSTONE ECONOMICS LLC, REGARDING THE ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

On a motion by B Crawford, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved the request for proposal from Hailstone Economic LLC, regarding the analysis of impediments to fair housing choice in the amount of \$17,575.00.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO GREENMAN-PEDERSEN INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM AUGUST 1, 2019 TO AUGUST 31, 2019 REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Greenman-Pedersen Inc. in the Amount of \$45,888.00 for Professional Services from August 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019 Regarding the Floodwall Expansion Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO GREENMAN-PEDERSEN INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Greenman-Pedersen Inc. in the Amount of \$25,736.00 for Professional Services from September 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 Regarding the Floodwall Expansion Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HRI INC. FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 REGARDING THE ASH/DEBRIS REMOVAL FOR THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to HRI Inc. in the amount of \$645,895.00 for change order no. 5 regarding the ash/debris removal for the Floodwall Expansion Project.

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

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to HRI. Inc. in the amount of \$1,238,240.47 for general construction of the Floodwall Expansion Project.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A LEAF VAC FROM SCOTT TOWNSHIP OUT OF THE RECYCLING FUND

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved purchasing a leaf vac from Scott Township in the amount of \$6,000.00 out of the recycling fund.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING THE 2020 DANVILLE RECYCLING AGREEMENT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (V. DeMelfi), Council approved accepting the 2020 Danville Recycling Agreement.

APPROVAL OF AUTO RENEWING THE 2020 SCOTT TOWNSHIP RECYCLING COORDINATOR AGREEMENT

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved auto renewing the 2020 Scott Township Recycling Coordinator Agreement.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) REGARDING THE LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising request for proposals for engineering of the Little League Fields.

APPROVAL OF A LETTER TO PENNDOT ENGINEERING DISTRICT 3 REGARDING THE MILLER AVENUE PROJECT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a letter to PennDOT Engineering District 3 regarding the Miller Avenue Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SIMONE COLLINS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO OCTOBER 31, 2019 REGARDING THE WALKABILITY/TRAIL STUDY PROJECT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Simone Collins in the amount of \$11,052.19 for professional services from October 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019 regarding the Walkability/Trail Study Project.

APPROVAL OF SENDING A LETTER OF SUPPORT REGARDING THE LITTLE LEAGUE GROW THE GAME GRANT

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved sending a letter of support regarding the Little League Grow the Game grant.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 REGARDING THE MILLER AVENUE PROJECT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$6,080.18 for professional services through September 21, 2019 regarding the Miller Avenue Project.

APPROVAL TO ALLOW LARSON DESIGN GROUP TO APPLY FOR A HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved allowing Larson Design Group to apply for a highway occupancy permit.

APPROVAL OF REMOVING CANDICE MCGAW AND DIANE LEVAN FROM THE PARKING SUB-COMMITTEE

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved removing Candice McGaw and Diane Levan from the Parking Sub-Committee.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTING CHIEF WILLIAM GELGOT TO THE PARKING SUB-COMMITTEE AND APPROVE BOBBI ERLSTON TO RECORD MINUTES FOR THE PARKING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved appointing Chief William Gelgot to the Parking Sub-Committee and approved Bobbi Erlston to record minutes for the Parking Sub-Committee meetings.

APPROVAL OF APPLYING FOR THE DRIVING PA FORWARD GRANT FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved applying for the Driving PA Forward grant for electric vehicle charging stations.

APPROVAL OF KEN ROBERTS SERVING AS THE TOWN'S BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL (BCO)

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Ken Roberts serving as the Town's Building Code Official.

APPROVAL OF KEN ROBERTS BECOMING THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWN

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Ken Roberts becoming the Floodplain Administrator for the Town.

APPROVAL OF BUILDING A WAITLIST FOR A POTENTIAL PROGRAM YEAR 2020 EXISTING OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING (EOOH) HOME PROGRAM TO ASSIST APPROXIMATELY NINE HOUSEHOLDS

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved building a waitlist for a potential program year 2020 Existing Owner-Occupied Housing (EOOH) HOME Program in the amount of \$500,000.00 to assist approximately nine households.

APPROVAL OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT ENFORCING THE NEIGHBORHOOD BLIGHT RECLAMATION & REVITALIZATION ACT STARTING JANUARY 1, 2020

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council tabled the Code Enforcement Department enforcing the neighborhood blight reclamation & revitalization act starting January 1, 2020.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR SERVICES COMPLETED THROUGH OCTOBER 20, 2019 REGARDING THE 270 E. 10TH STREET HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT

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 \$1,522.70 for services completed through October 20, 2019 regarding the 270 E. 10th Street Housing Rehabilitation Project.

APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM F & N HOMES, INC. FOR THE HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION ABOVE BASE FLOOD ELEVATION AT 643 W. MAIN STREET. THIS IS CONTINGENT UPON FINAL APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED) AND SEDA-COG

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to table the request for proposal from F & N Homes, Inc. in the amount of \$197,500.00 for the housing reconstruction above base flood elevation at 643 W. Main Street, with an add alternative #1 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for asbestos abatement, and add alternative #2 to install a passive radon system in the amount of \$2,000.00.

APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM D.B CONSTRUCTION FOR THE ELEVATION OF ABOVE THE REGULATORY FLOODPLAIN OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 270 E. 10TH STREET. THIS IS CONTINGENT UPON FINAL APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED) AND SEDA-COG

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to table the request for proposal from D.B Construction in the amount of \$237,310.00 for the elevation of above the regulatory floodplain of the property located at 270 E. 10th Street, with an add alternative #1 in the amount of \$2,500.00 to install a passive radon system.

APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM AQUATIC FACILITY DESIGN FOR THE NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL POOL

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the request for proposal from Aquatic Facility Design for the Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool in the amount of \$59,850.00 contingent upon approval from SEDA-COG.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Town Council Minutes
November 11, 2019

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer