

Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Wednesday, December 23, 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 (7:32 p.m.), Bonnie Crawford, Justin Hummel, and Vince DeMelfi. Also present: 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, Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman, Dan Knorr, Tom Lawson, Tyler Dombroski, Julye Wemple, Kim and George.

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY- SPECIAL SNOW CONDITION

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by T. Bell and voted on unanimously, (6-0, J. Garman was not in attendance) Council approved the Emergency Declaration for a Special Snow Condition that occurred on December 16, 2020.

UPDATE ON SNOW REMOVAL- JOHN FRITZ

J. Fritz updated Council on the snow removal throughout the Town. Roughly fifteen inches fell in approximately twelve to fourteen-hour time period. There were seven plow trucks out Wednesday evening, two employees handling the parking lots and one employee clearing sidewalks. All available Public Works employees were on duty.

APPROVAL TO END KEN ROBERTS 1-YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD AS DIRECTOR OF CODE ENFORCEMENT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford and voted on unanimously, (6-0, J. Garman was not in attendance) Council approved ending the 1-year probationary period for Ken Roberts in the position of Director of Code Enforcement.

APPROVAL OF THE CHANGE ORDER TO HRI, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$271,959.74 FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES ON THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford and voted on unanimously (7-0), Council approved the change order in the amount of \$271,959.74 to HRI, Inc. for construction services on the floodwall expansion project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HRI, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$998,034.31 FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES ON THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell and voted in unanimously (7-0), Council approved payment to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$998,034.31 for construction services regarding the floodwall expansion project.

APPROVAL TO RELEASE FUNDS TO HRI, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$665,043.90 AND RETAIN \$332,990.41.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell and voted on unanimously (7-0), Council approved the release of payment to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$665,043.90 and to retain \$332,990.41.

DISCUSSION OF COVID-19.

Dan Knorr stated that the majority of classes will be on-line for the duration of the spring semester. Bloomsburg

University (BU) will be holding a webinar to provide information in regards to testing and COVID-19 guidelines going forward. Community leaders along with off campus landlords are encouraged to attend. Mayor Kreisher asked about vaccinations for the student population. D. Knorr stated that BU is ready and that distribution is likely to hit when some of the student population is in session.

FLOOD EMERGENCY

W. Kreisher stated that the National Weather Service has issued a flood warning and that flood closures 2 and 3 will be installed Thursday morning. Chief Van Loan indicated that the police department will monitor the situation and will alert residents of possible evacuation if necessary.

Council adjourned to an executive session at 8:15 p.m. and did not reconvene. The executive session lasted until 8:48 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer