The Bloomsburg Town Council held their regular meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2nd 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>.

Mayor Justin Hummel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., present were Council Members Toni Bell, Bonnie Crawford, James Garman, Jaclyn Kressler, Nick McGaw and Jessica Jordan (Zoom). Town Manager / Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matt Turowski, Chief of Police Scott Price, Public Works Director John Fritz, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor, Director of Governmental Services/ Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman, Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman, Director of Finance Kim Pogash (Zoom), Administrative Assistant Christine Meeker (Zoom), LEAA Elise Hughes, and Parking Enforcement Officer Wade Verchimak . Also present were MJ Mahon, David Hill, Rob Staib, Cindy Shultz, B. Coladonato, Stacy Wagner, David Jones, Nichole Harmon, Marianne Kreisher, Brian Trombly, Jacqueline Trombly (7:37 p.m.), Vince DeMelfi (7:13 p.m.), William Stewart, Dennis and Daniel (7:02 p.m.).

**COUNCIL REMARKS.**

An executive session was held on February 7, 2024 from 12:22 p.m.- 12:45 p.m. regarding a police personnel matter.

Marianne Kreisher addressed Council regarding the zoning overhaul and the recent changes to the zoning map to include the AGAPE property in the B-C district. When AGAPE bought the property on Railroad Street, they were aware that homeless shelters were not a permitted use in the I-P district. Ms. Kreisher outlined the availability of three zoning districts (B-C, C-R and C-W) that allow homeless shelters each with a capacity of 48 to 60 beds prior to beginning of the zoning overhaul. In the Fall of 2023 AGAPE came before the Community & Economic Development Committee requesting the zoning map be changed to include the AGAPE property in the B-C district. Ms. Kreisher stated that after reviewing the RTK requests of agendas and minutes, no motion or vote was ever taken for this change. However, the current draft of the zoning map shows that the district delineation line was moved to include the AGAPE property in the B-C district.

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 22, 2024 MEETING**.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the January 22, 2024 meeting with one correction.

**APPROVAL TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG TO ADD THE SECTION OF STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved amending Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg to add the section of Statutory Authorization.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE LIST OF JANUARY BILLS.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund $208,987.54, Recycling Fund $75,506.07, Street Lighting Fund $5,482.70, Fire Fund $10,006.79, Pool Fund $128.00, Liquid Fuels Fund $5,922.75, Airport Fund $4,819.48, CDBG Entitlement $152,481.95, CDBG-DR/FMA $12,385.70, Home Fund $47,731.00, and the January Payroll Authorization $310,088.79.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF PHILIP PETRUS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE 2/8/2024.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the resignation of Philip Petrus from the Police Department effective 2/8/2024.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO APPOINT NICHOLE HARMON TO THE COMMISSION WITH THE TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2025.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and vote on unanimously, Council approved to appoint Nichole Harmon to the Human Relations Commission with a term expiring 12/31/2025.

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR SEASONAL LIFEGUARDS FOR THE 2024 POOL SEASON AT THE FOLLOWING RATES. LIFEGUARD I- $11 & LIFEGUARD II- $12.**

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise for seasonal lifeguards for the 2024 pool season at the rates of: Lifeguard I - $11 per hour and Lifeguard II - $12 per hour.

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR TWO SEASONAL POOL ATTENDANT POSITIONS FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF 35 HOURS TO COVER THE FRONT DESK AT THE POOL FROM 12 P.M.- 5 P.M. AT THE RATE OF $10 PER HOUR.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise two seasonal pool attendant positions for a combined total of 35 hours to cover the front desk at the pool from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the rate of $10 per hour.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A SEDA-COG INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,014.00 FOR FFY 2022 HUD ENTITLEMENT.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a SEDA-COG invoice in the amount of $10,014.00 for FFY 2022 HUD entitlement.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A SEDA-COG INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,800.00 FOR FFY 2020 HUD ENTITLEMENT.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a SEDA-COG invoice in the amount of $5,800.00 for FFY 2020 HUD entitlement.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A SEDA-COG INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,850.00 FOR FFY 2019-CV HUD ENTITLEMENT.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a SEDA-COG invoice in the amount of $3,850.00 for FFY 2019-CV HUD entitlement.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE EXTENDING THE HOME PROGRAM FROM MAY 19, 2024, TO MAY 19, 2025.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved extending the HOME Program from May 19, 2024 to May 19, 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO PSAB FOR THE 2024 MEMBERSHIP INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,243.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously to approve, Council approved payment to PSAB for the 2024 membership invoice in the amount of $1,243.

**APPROVAL OF THE SITE DESIGN PROJECT TASK ORDER WITH DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS. NOTE: THIS EXPENSE IS FULLY GRANT COVERED ALSO IS NOT REPAYABLE BACK TO THE STATE.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved moving forward with the site design project task order with Delta Airport Consultants.

**APPROVAL OF THE QUOTE FROM THE MRB GROUP FOR COMPLETION OF AN INDEPENDENT FEE EVALUATION FOR THE SITE DESIGN PROJECT WITH DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the quote from the MRB Group for the completion of an independent fee evaluation for the site design project task order with Delta Airport Consultants.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CHANGING THE PARKING ENFORCEMENT HOURS TO 9 A.M.- 5 P.M. INSTEAD OF 10 A.M.- 5 P.M. NOTE: AFTER COMMITTEE, PARKING REVIEWED DANVILLE (9 A.M.- 6 P.M.) AND LEWISBURG (9 A.M.- 5 P.M.) TIMES.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on 0-7, Council rejects the recommendation to change the parking enforcement hours. Parking enforcement hours will remain 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM SPIKE GILLESPIE IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,085 (21 NEEDED AT THE RATE OF $385).**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Spike Gillespie in the amount of $8,085 for new parking signs.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM POM IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,646.80 FOR PARKING METERS. ALSO, APPROVE A QUOTE FROM POM IN THE AMOUNT OF $610 FOR THE HANDHELD PROGRAMMER.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from POM in the amount of $5,646.80 for parking meters and a quote from POM in the amount of $610 for a hand-held programmer.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE HIRING JANE HYDE AS THE SECONDARY COMPOST SITE ATTENDANT AT THE RATE OF $15 PER HOUR.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 0-7, Council rejects the recommendation to hire Jane Hyde as the secondary compost site attendant at the rate of $15 per hour. Ms. Hyde notified the Town she is no longer interested in the position.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE REMOVING 65 E. 4TH STREET AREA FOR PARKING AND TURN THIS AREA BACK INTO RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING FOR RESIDENTS OF E. 4TH STREET WITH #4 PERMITS.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved removing the 65 E. 4th Street area for parking and turn this area back into residential permit parking for residents of E. 4th Street with #4 permits.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING THE VENDOR ORDINANCE.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise the vendor ordinance.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned into an executive session regarding a code legal matter at 8:52 p.m. and did not reconvene.

Lisa Dooley

Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer