

The Bloomsburg Town Council held their regular meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024 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>.

Council member Toni Bell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., present were Council members James Garman, Bonnie Crawford, 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 Governmental Services Charles Fritz, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor (Zoom), Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman, Finance Clerk/Receptionist Rachel Hagger, and Administrative Assistant Christine Meeker (Zoom). Also present were MJ Mahon, Dave Keller, Dean Hartzell, William Stewart, Matt Zoppetti, Andrew Barton, Alex Dubil, Marc (Zoom), Lonnie (Zoom), David's iPad (Zoom), Tim Lockland (Zoom), Steve Coladonato (Zoom), Rebecca White (Zoom), Dennis (Zoom), Jason Huff (Zoom), Stacy Wagner (Zoom), Tim (Zoom), and Delores (Zoom). Absent was Justin Hummel.

**Citizens to be heard.**

Dean Hartzell was present to request more police enforcement on Millville Road to slow down traffic. Mr. Hartzell stated that police vehicles are exceeding the speed limit and do not have lights or sirens activated. He said that police vehicles only sit 15- 20 minutes at a time.

**BTE PROCLAMATION.**

Toni Bell read a proclamation recognizing Elizabeth Dowds retirement following a 46-year career with the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble. Elizabeth dedicated her time and talent in multiple ways to foster theatre and arts within our community. Town Council wishes Elizabeth well in this new chapter in her life.

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE May 13, 2024 MEETING.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the May 13, 2024 meeting with no corrections or additions.

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE MAY 28, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the May 28, 2024 meeting with no corrections or additions.

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE June 3, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the June 3, 2024 meeting with no corrections or additions.

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

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$335,616.78, Recycling Fund \$57,454.63, Street Lighting Fund \$2,036.43, Fire Fund \$5,418.12, Pool Fund \$10,589.08, Liquid Fuels Fund \$6,505.03, Debt Service Fund \$20,052.13 and the May Payroll Authorization \$400,891.02.

**APPROVAL OF SENDING A RECOMMENDATION LETTER IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 451. NOTE: OREN HELBOK BROUGHT THIS TO L. DOOLEY'S ATTENTION.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved sending a letter in support of House Bill 451.

**APPROVAL OF NICHOLAS MADEY AUTHORIZED AS A LIFEGUARDING/ CPR/ AED CERTIFIED TRAINER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Nicholas Madey to be authorized as a lifeguard/CPR/AED certified trainer in the amount of \$200.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASING CPR/ AED SUPPLIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,215.33 WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. NOTE: BOTH C & D WOULD BE COVERED BY TRAINING AT LEAST 8 NEW LIFEGUARDS INTERNALLY (COST OF \$300 EACH).**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved purchasing CPR/AED supplies in the amount of \$2,215.33 with the American Red Cross.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ADAM JOHNSON AS AN ALTERNATE ON THE ZONING HEARING BOARD.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved, with regret, the resignation of Adam Johnson as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board.

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG TO CHANGE THE SPELLING OF "GLENN AVENUE" TO GLEN AVENUE".**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 2 to 4 (Bell and Jordan voting yes and McGaw, Crawford, Garman and Kressler voting no), Council denied approval to advertise an ordinance amending the spelling of "Glenn Avenue to Glen Avenue".

**APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL \$6,460 WITH ZERBE MFG. FOR TWO ADDITIONAL MESH CONTAINERS FOR THE BLOOMSBURG RECYCLING CENTER.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an additional \$6,460 with Zerbe Mfg. for two additional mesh containers for the Bloomsburg Recycling Center.

**APPROVAL OF THE RECYCLING COLLECTIONS SERVICES INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF DANVILLE.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the recycling collection services intergovernmental agreement with the Borough of Danville without a rate increase.

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH RETTEW REGARDING A SOLAR ARRAY CARPORT AT THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,000.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved additional engineering services with Rettew regarding a solar array carport at the Public Works facility in the amount of \$27,000.

**APPROVAL TO AWARD BID TO M & J EXCAVATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$244,416.75. THIS WOULD EXCLUDE THE ALTERNATE TO REBUILD LOCKARD AVENUE.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to award a bid the M & J Excavation in the amount of \$244,416.75 for the 2024 street paving project. This approval excludes the alternate to rebuild Lockard Avenue.

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING PENNDOT’S RECOMMENDATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF RAILROAD AND MAIN STREETS FOR RIGHT TURNS ONLY.**

Motion was by B. Crawford to accept PennDOT’s recommendation at the intersection of Railroad and Main Streets for right turns only, motion was seconded by J. Kressler. T. Bell called for discussion, Chief Price stated there were 7 reportable accidents at this intersection in 17 months, but he is not sure this recommendation will solve all the issues and may create more accidents. J. Garman agrees that a problem exists, however restricting left hand turns will push more traffic out into the residential areas and result in vehicles pulling on to Main Street from the alleys. J. Jordan stated the same, plus this recommendation does not address the pedestrian traffic issue. B. Crawford stated since she has been on Council this intersection has been a source to multiple complaints and it’s time to do something. J. Kressler lives in the area and agrees there is a problem but would not like to see additional traffic pushed into the residential areas. Town solicitor, Matt Turowski cautioned Council regarding the increased liability to the Town if action on PennDOT’s recommendation is not taken. Tim Lockland from Autoneum stated that when they received a copy of the recommendation the company came up with a plan to route the approximately 50 trucks per day east on 5<sup>th</sup> Street to Market, north on Market to the square and make the left-hand turn onto Main Street. His one request was a left turn arrow at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> and Market be implemented. Council members requested additional data on the number of accidents and the percentage of cars versus truck involvement. S. McBride stated he would research the fire department records for the past five years and supply council with what data he can find. S. Price will do the same in the police department. L. Dooley asked what the additional information will assist with since there are no industry standards to compare the data to assist with the decision. T. Bell called for a vote on the motion; the motion failed 0 to 6. This item will be placed on a future agenda for more discussion and possible action.

**APPROVAL OF THREE QUOTES FROM NORTHEASTERN AUTOMATED TECHNOLOGIES, INC. IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,050.54 FOR CAMERA/ MONITOR WORK AT THE BLOOMSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved three quotes from Northeastern Automated Technologies, Inc. in the total amount of \$2,050.54 for camera/monitor work at the Bloomsburg Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG, ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise an ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg, entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”.

**PASSPORT WILL START JULY 1, 2024.**

Council announced that the Passport Parking system will start as of July 1, 2024.

Motion to adjourn was made by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Lisa Dooley  
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer