

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a Council meeting on Monday, October 28, 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 8685 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 James Garman, Bonnie Crawford, Jaclyn Kressler, Nick McGaw (Zoom), Jessica Jordan and Maria Valentin. Town Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, BJ Teichman (Zoom) at 7:06 p.m., Chief of Police Scott Price, Public Works Director John Fritz, Fire Chief Scott McBride, Director of Finance Jack Breech, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor and Administrative Secretary Christine Meeker. Also present were MJ Mahon, Andrew Barton, David Hill (Zoom), Tim Wagner, McGarry Family (Zoom), Kat Holden (Zoom), Dansby Keenan, Karla Alexander, and Oren Helbok (Zoom) at 7:06 p.m.

CODE BLUE RESOLUTION 10.28.2024.01.

On a motion by J. Jordan , seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Code Blue resolution 10.28.2024.01.

MULTIMODAL RESOLUTION 10.28.2024.03.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Multimodal resolution 10.28.2024.03.

HEARING ON CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL.

Mayor Hummel opened the public hearing for the cable franchise renewal at 7:05 p.m., hearing no public comments the hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 14, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the October 14, 2024 Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO THE ASSOCIATION OF MAYORS OF THE BOROUGHES OF PA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80 FOR 2025.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on 0 to 7, Council did not approve payment to the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of PA in the amount of \$80 for 2025.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO THE PA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES OF PA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,243.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to the PA State Association of Boroughs of PA in the amount of \$1,243.

APPROVAL OF A 2025 FIREWORK VENDOR.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Skyshooter Displays in the amount of \$8,200 for the 2025 Fourth of July celebration to be held on July 4, 2024 with a rain date of July 5, 2025.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO BBIER MANUFACTURING CO., LTD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,569.79 FOR NEW LED LIGHTS FOR THE TOWN PARK.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to BBIER Manufacturing Co. LTD, in the amount of \$3,569.79 for new cages for LED lights at the Town Park.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SCHICHEL'S NURSERY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,669. PLEASE NOTE, THIS WILL BE 100% PAID FOR BY THE 2024 HEALING THE PLANET GRANT.

On a motion by J. Jordan, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Schichtel's Nursery, Inc. in the amount of \$1,669 with the understanding that two Ginkgo Biloba trees will be replaced with two Ginkgo Centurian, if available or another species of tree.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO ERDMAN'S TREE NURSERY & CO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,775. PLEASE NOTE, \$444 WILL BE EXPENSED TO THE SHADE TREE LINE ITEM FOR TREE PLANTING THAT WAS BUDGETED FOR \$2,300. THE REMAINING WILL BE 100% PAID BY THE 2024 HEALING THE PLANET GRANT.

On a motion by J. Jordan, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Erdman's Tree Nursery & Co. in the amount of \$2,775.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER 1 WITH DB CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,400 FOR THE 334 EAST 9TH STREET ELEVATION PROJECT. THE CHANGE ORDER INCREASE WILL BE 100% COVERED WITH THE GRANT.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved change order # 1 with DB Construction in the amount of \$16,400 for the 334 East 9th Street elevation project. The change order increase will be 100% covered with the grant.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER 2 WITH DB CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,800 FOR THE 334 EAST 9TH STREET ELEVATION PROJECT. THE CHANGE ORDER INCREASE WILL BE 100% COVERED WITH THE GRANT.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved change order #2 with DB Construction in the amount of \$4,800 for the 334 East 9th Street elevation project. The change order increase will be 100% covered with the grant.

APPROVAL OF HOLIDAY BAGGING.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following schedule for holiday-free parking. The meters on Main Street from East Street to Jefferson Street will be bagged starting November 29, 2024 and run through January 5, 2025. Free parking in the municipal parking lots and metered side streets will start on December 14, 2024 and run through January 5, 2024. Meters on E. 2nd Street are excluded.

APPROVAL OF A SUPPORT LETTER FOR THE BLOOMSBURG YMCA FOR THE STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT FUNDING GRANT.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 5 to 2 (Kressler and Crawford voting no), Council approved a support letter for the Bloomsburg YMCA for the statewide local share account (LSA) grant.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION 10.28.2024.02 FOR THE BLOOMSBURG YMCA FOR THE STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT FUNDING GRANT.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 1 (Kressler voting no), Council approved resolution 10.28.2024.02 for the Bloomsburg YMCA for the statewide local share account (LSA) funding grant.

APPROVAL OF THE SECOND EXTENSION OF THE HOME CONTRACT TO HAVE IT FROM MAY 19, 2025 TO MAY 19, 2026. NOTE: SEDA-COG WILL BE PRESENT ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024 TO PROVIDE A PROJECT UPDATE.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the second extension of the HOME contract from May 19, 2025, to May 19, 2026.

APPROVAL OF SENDING A SUPPORT LETTER FOR LOCAL MATCH FOR A MULTIMODAL APPLICATION FOR MARKET STREET.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved sending a support letter for the local match for a multimodal application for Market Street.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned into an executive at 7:58 p.m.

Note: Press-Enterprise reporter, MJ Mahon stated for the record, that her objection to the executive session citing the Sunshine Act still stands.

The executive session concerned the Public Works and Recycling Departments. Council ended the executive session at 9:24 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer