

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a Council meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025 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>.

Council met in executive session from 7:00 p.m. until 8:13 p.m. regarding the Community Service personnel role.

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, Jessica Jordan and Maria Valentin. 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, Fire Chief Scott McBride, Director of Finance Jack Breech, Director of Governmental Services Charles Fritz, Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman. Also attending were Andrew Barton, MJ Mahon, Mark Gardner, Rob Staib & wife (Zoom), Greg Davis, Thomas Shaffer & parents, Diane & Tom Bowen, Brian & Jane Bercher, WNEP, Diane Sones, Karen Tinstman, Mike Tinstman, Mike Komar, Jill Komar, Eric Newman, Laurie Newman, Brian Trombly, and 8 other people. Attending via Zoom were Administrative Assistant Christine Meeker, David Hill, Steve and Barb Coladonato, and Dennis.

Mark Gardner addressed Council regarding the lack of support shown to the Airport Coordinator and the development of the Community Service Coordinator position without any clear direction as what this position will entail.

Andrew Barton from LIVIC Civil gave a presentation for an online Shade Tree permit application and tree inventory program. This application will speed up the process and enable the Town to add or remove trees to the inventory with just a few clicks.

Mr. Barton also gave an update on the tennis and basketball courts project. On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from LIVIC Civil in the amount not to exceed \$77,000 for the tennis/basketball court project.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 27, 2025 MEETING.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the January 27, 2025 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY LIST OF BILLS.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$536,396.82, Recycling Fund \$45,604.91, Street Lighting Fund \$4,764.27, Fire Fund \$17,774.54, Liquid Fuels Fund \$9,162.03, Home \$66,096.00, Commercial Loan Repayment \$11,000.00, CDBG Entitlement \$40,402.68 and the January Payroll Authorization \$277,191.27.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO BMI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$446. NOTE: COUNCIL APPROVED \$435 ON 1/27/2025.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to BMI in the amount of \$446.

RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE THE CATAWISSA MILITARY BAND FOR THE JULY 4, 2025 CELEBRATION. A MOTION IS NEEDED ON WHAT PRICING WILL BE SELECTED. NOTE- E-MAIL FROM JESSICA MARTZ IS INCLUDED.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire Catawissa Military Band for July 4th celebration for the \$300 rate per Jessica Martz e-mail.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AN INVOICE FROM SEDA-COG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000 FOR THE 2023 HUD COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by M. Valentin, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an invoice from SEDA-COG in the amount of \$4,000 for the 2023 HUD Community Block Grant program.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT GREG ASH AS THE ZONING OFFICER FOR HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MATTERS ONLY.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Greg Ash as the Zoning Officer for all Historical Architectural review board matters only.

APPROVAL TO END THE 6-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR JACK BREECH EFFECTIVE 1/16/2025.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to end the 6-month probationary period for Jack Breech effective 1/16/2025.

APPROVAL OF THE RESIGNATION OF RACHEL HAGER FROM THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE/ FINANCE RECEPTIONIST EFFECTIVE AS OF FEBRUARY 21, 2025.

On a motion by B. Crawford with regret, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the resignation of Rachel Hager from the position of Administrative/Finance receptionist effective as of February 21, 2025.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR A FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE/ FINANCE RECEPTIONIST POSITION AT THE RATE OF \$17.50 PER HOUR- \$19.50 PER HOUR.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise for a full-time Administrative/Finance Receptionist position at the rate of \$17.50 to \$19.50 per hour.

APPROVAL TO APPOINT ELIZABETH WITTING TO THE CODES APPEAL BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2027.

On a motion by J. Jordan, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to appoint Elizabeth Witting to the codes appeal board with a term expiring 12/31/2027.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SUSQUEHANNA MUNICIPAL TRUST FROM THE 2024 AUDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,158.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Susquehanna Municipal Trust from the 2024 audit in the amount of \$3,158.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$450 FOR 6 PORTABLE RESTROOMS FOR THE JULY 4, 2025 EVENT.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Beaver Valley Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$450 for 6 portable restrooms for the July 4th event.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BARRY ISETT & ASSOCIATES INC.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a professional services agreement with Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM ZIMMERMAN WILDLIFE SOLUTIONS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,734 FOR WORK AT THE COLUMBIA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER. NOTE: THIS WOULD BE PAID FROM THE TOWN'S ACCOUNT SPECIFIED FOR COLUMBIA CHILD DEVELOPMENT MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Zimmerman Wildlife Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$8,734 for work at the Columbia Child Development Center.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF BJ TEICHMAN FROM THE POSITION OF AIRPORT COORDINATOR EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 21, 2025.

On a motion by N. McGaw with regret, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept the resignation of BJ Teichman from the position of airport coordinator effective February 21, 2025.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE A REPLACEMENT FOR THE VACANCY OF THE AIRPORT COORDINATOR. APPROVAL TO HIRE A PART-TIME HOURLY EMPLOYEE AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AT A RATE TO BE INDICATED AS PART OF THE MOTION. THE MOTION SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE ANY SPECIFIC HOUR RANGE THIS ROLE SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise for a part-time hourly employee at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport at a rate of \$15.00 per hour for a maximum of 20 hours per week.

APPROVAL OF COLUMBIA MONTOUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOST A DRONE SEMINAR FACILITATED BY JOHN SIBOLE FROM 9 A.M.- 2 P.M. ON SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. THE AUDIENCE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 40-50 MEMBERS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by M. Valentin, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce to host a drone seminar facilitated by John Sibole on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport. This event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with an audience of approximately 40-50 local school students.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned into an executive session at 8:04 p.m. regarding the Community Service Coordinator role. Council reconvened at 9:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF A CLEANING CONTRACT WITH THE MAGIC TOUCH CLEANING SERVICES.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the cleaning agreement with The Magic Touch Cleaning Services.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer