

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a Council meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025 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 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, Jessica Jordan and Maria Valentin. Town Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matthew 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, and Director of Governmental Services Charles Fritz. Also attending were Andrew Barton, MJ Mahon, Mark Gardner, Timothy Everett and wife, Dan Knorr, Rob Thomas, Mary Wagner and her daughter, David Hill, Dennis, Rob Staib, Thomas Shaffer and family, Robert Meffert, Stacy Wagner and three public citizens.

**APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 17, 2025 MEETING.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the February 17, 2025 meeting minutes.

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 24, 2025, MEETING.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the February 24, 2025 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions.

LIVIC Civil presented a traffic study for the connection of Ft. McClure Blvd. to Route 11. This new roadway construction is estimated to be one million dollars. It would allow for two turning lanes out of the Bloomsburg Fair and two turning lanes into the Bloomsburg Fair during the high peak attended events. The Council was in support of the project, but it was highly stressed that grant funds are needed to complete this project. If funding is aligned prior to the PennDOT resurfacing project we could ask PennDOT assistance with widening the PennDOT road during the project after 2030.

**A MOTION TO HIRE A POOL COORDINATOR AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$18 FOR THE 2025 POOL SEASON.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire Brandee Faust-Long at a rate of \$18 per hour as the Pool Coordinator for the 2025 season.

**A MOTION TO HIRE JANELLE SURKIN AS A POOL CONSULTANT AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$20 FOR THE 2025 POOL SEASON.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire as a pool consultant at an hourly rate of \$20 per hour for the 2025 pool season.

**A MOTION TO HIRE RON PRATT AS A POOL CONSULTANT AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$20 FOR THE 2025 POOL SEASON.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire Ron Pratt as a pool consultant at an hourly rate of \$20 for the 2025 pool season.

**A MOTION TO HIRE AN HOURLY PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE AT THE UNION CONTRACT RATE OF \$48,344.58 ANNUALLY FOR 2025 WITH A 6-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire Brian Hess as a Public Works employee at the union contract rate of \$43,344.58 annually, with a 6-month probationary period.

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On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire Brady Brink as a Public Works employee at the union contract rate of \$43,344.58 annually, with a 6-month probationary period.

**RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE PART-TIME FLEXIBLE AIRPORT COORDINATOR POSITION TO A PART-TIME-FLEXIBLE AIRPORT MANAGER.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to change the part-time flexible Airport Coordinator position to a part-time flexible Airport Manager.

**A MOTION TO HIRE A PART-TIME-FLEXIBLE AIRPORT MANAGER AT A RATE OF \$15 PER HOUR.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire Dan Broadt as the part-time flexible airport manager at a rate of \$15 per hour.

**A MOTION TO HIRE WILLIAM STEWART AS A SEASONAL COMPOST SITE ATTENDANT AT \$15 AN HOUR.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire William Stewart as a seasonal compost site attendant at \$15 per hour.

**A MOTION TO HIRE JEFFREY PARCELL AS A SEASONAL GRASS MOWER AT \$15 AN HOUR.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire Jeffery Parcell as a seasonal grass mower at the rate of \$15 per hour.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS POSITION. NOTE: CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION WAS SENT VIA E-MAIL ON 3/7/2025. ALSO, A SALARY RANGE HAS YET TO BE PROVIDED.**

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by J. Jordan, and vote on 5 to 2 (Hummel and McGaw voting no), Council approved to advertise the Director of Public Works position with a salary range of \$65,000-\$75,000 annually. Council also wanted to see three changes to the job description with adding a CDL requirement, adding to seek funding and also changing the degree as a preferred category.

**RECOMMENDATION NOT TO ADVERTISE FOR A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITION PER THE 2025 BUDGET.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted unanimously, Council approved not to advertise for a code enforcement officer position per the 2025 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION TO ADVERTISE FOR A CODE ENFORCEMENT INTERNSHIP PAID POSITION AT \$15 AN HOUR.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved to advertise for a Code Enforcement Internship paid position at a rate of \$15 per hour.

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

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$175,391.14, Recycling Fund \$25,427.73, Street Lighting Fund \$4,191.27, Fire Fund \$12,057.44, Liquid Fuels Fund \$8,898.87, Airport Fund \$82,145.66, Pool Fund \$239.10 and the February Payroll Authorization \$250,275.04.

**RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 OF MULTI-MODAL FUNDS FOR THE MARKET STREET PATHWAY PROJECT.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 1 (Garman voting no), Council approved to accept the Multi-Modal funds grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the Market Street paving and pathway project.

**RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS FOR THE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FESTIVAL (LISTED BY LAST NAME IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER).**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the following donations for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival: Anonymous donor- \$100, Toni Bell & Family- \$300, Bonnie Crawford & Family- \$300, Justin Hummel & Family- \$100 and Maria Valentin & Family- \$100.

**APPROVAL OF LISTING A CHAINSAW FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON MUNICIBID.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to list a chainsaw from the Public Works department on Municibid.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A CUSTOM WEIR FROM THE PADDOCK POOL EQUIPMENT COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$999 FOR THE NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL POOL.**

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a custom weir from the Paddock Pool Equipment Company in the amount of \$999 for the Norris E. Rock Memorial pool.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A GATE FROM SUBURBAN FENCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,160 FOR THE NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL POOL.**

On a motion by J. Jordan, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council approved to purchase a gate from Suburban Fence in the amount of \$1,160 for the Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool.

**DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON NON-PROFIT / PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS STORING ITEMS AT THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING. PICTURES WERE SENT TO COUNCIL ON 3/7/2025.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted unanimously, Council approved to have Dan Broadt work with the groups and clean up the area.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE LETTERS REGARDING TIERS FOR THE PICKLEBALL PROJECT. NOTE: DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE SENT TO THE BLOOMSBURG TOWN PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council approved the letters regarding the tiers for the pickleball project. Donations received will be sent to the Bloomsburg Town Park Association.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE APPLYING TO THE COLUMBIA COUNTY HOTEL TAX FUND REGARDING THE PICKLEBALL PROJECT.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council approved applying for Columbia County Hotel tax funds for the pickleball project.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PLACING A PORTABLE BATHROOM AT THE PICKLEBALL LOCATION ONCE THE PICKLEBALL COURTS ARE READY FOR USE. NOTE: THE BLOOMSBURG TOWN PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION WILL BE CONTRIBUTING HALF OF THE MONTHLY COST OF \$85.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council approved placing a portable bathroom at the pickleball court location once the courts are ready for use. Note: the Bloomsburg Town Park Improvement Association will be contributing half the monthly cost of \$85.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A RESIGNATION LETTER FROM MICHAEL SPAGNUOLO WITH REGRET WITH A DATE OF 3/14/2025 BEING HIS LAST WORKING DAY AT PUBLIC WORKS.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the resignation of Michael Spagnuolo from the Public Works department with a date of 3/14/2025 being the last working day.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE C. FRITZ ATTENDING THE PROFESSIONAL RECYCLERS OF PENNSYLVANIA (PROP) RECYCLING CONFERENCE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,225.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Charles Fritz to attend the Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP) Recycling conference for an amount not to exceed \$1,225.

**APPROVAL FOR A CAR SHOW TO BE HELD AT A CARNIVAL ON 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET NEXT TO THE FIRE STATION ON MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup>. NOTE: THIS NEEDS COUNCIL'S APPROVAL AS IT IS AN EXCEPTION TO THE EVENT PERMIT.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by M. Valentin, and voted unanimously, Council approved a car show to be held at the carnival on 9<sup>th</sup> Street next to the fire station on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**APPROVAL FOR A FOOD CUPBOARD 5K TO BE HELD ON FT. MCCLURE BLVD. ON JUNE 11, 2025. NOTE: THIS NEEDS COUNCIL'S APPROVAL AS IT IS AN EXCEPTION TO THE EVENT PERMIT. ALSO, FIRE POLICE APPROVAL IS PENDING ON THIS REQUEST.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Food Cupboard 5K to be held on Ft. McClure Blvd on June 11, 2025.

**APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATING WITH THE RADON DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR FREE RADON TEST KITS.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted unanimously, Council approved participating with the Radon Division of the DEP for free radon test kits.

**APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG AMENDING CHAPTER 15, PROHIBITION AND REGULATION OF PARKING.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved to advertise an ordinance of the Town of Bloomsburg amending Chapter 15, prohibition and regulation of parking.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD SCIENCE BUILDING AND WALLER BUILDING ON THE COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. PLANS ALSO REFLECT A NEW UTILITY BUILDING AND PARKING LOT AT THE WALLER BUILDING SITE AFTER DEMOLITION.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council granted approval to Commonwealth University Bloomsburg for the demolition of the Old Science building and Waller administration building and the construction of a utility building and parking lot with the following waiver and condition:

1. Waiver for SALDO Section 22-404(B)(1)(a) and Section 22-404(D)(1)(a) to present the plans on sheet sizes 24" x 36".
2. Conditional approval of the application with one condition that a lighting plan be submitted by the applicant.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned into an executive session at 9:18 pm. and did not reconvene regarding a finance personnel matter.

Lisa Dooley  
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer