

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a Council meeting on Monday, April 14, 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>.

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 (Zoom). Town Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matthew Turowski, Chief of Police Scott Price, Public Works Director John Fritz, Director of Code/Zoning Mike Reffeor, Director of Governmental Affairs (Zoom), Airport Manager Dan Broadt, and Fire Chief Scott McBride. Also attending were MJ Mahon, Elizabeth Hazzard, William Stewart, Mark Gardner, David Hill (Zoom), Rich Kisner, and Brandan Ball (7:07 p.m.).

Mark Gardner congratulated Council on receiving funds for the Market Street project. Mr. Gardner stated that people have concerns about safety around the area of the flood gates when walking on Market Street, but recommended that the Town make a regional recreational hub for the area.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 24, 2025, MEETING.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the March 24, 2025 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions.

THE WOMEN'S CENTER, INC. PROCLAMATION FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH (APRIL).

Mayor Hummel read a proclamation for the Women's Center proclaiming the month the April as Sexual Assault Awareness month. Elizabeth Hazzard from the Women's Center was present to explain the "red sand project".

There was no action on Resolution 04.14.2025.01 PA Small Waters grant.

APPROVAL OF A FEE RESOLUTION 04.14.2025.02.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved resolution 04.14.2025.02 the Fee Resolution.

APPROVAL OF THE AMERICA 250 RESOLUTION 04.14.2025.03.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted unanimously, Council approved resolution 04.14.2025.03 the America 250 Resolution.

APPROVAL OF THE ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION. – FINAL SUBMISSION WILL REFLECT "TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG".

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by J. Garman, and voted unanimously, Council approved the Arbor Day Proclamation with the final submission reflecting "Town of Bloomsburg".

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE MARCH LIST OF 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 \$ 440,866.99, Recycling Fund \$30,036.21, Street Lighting Fund \$3,651.69, Fire Fund \$14,570.80, Columbia Child Development \$2,625, Liquid Fuels Fund \$3,480.82, Pool Fund \$486.17, CDBG Entitlement \$4,000.00, CDBG-DR/FMA \$ 40,599.25, HOME Fund \$29,132.00 and the March Payroll Authorization \$274,394.33.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE SETTLING WITH WEIS MARKETS, INC. REGARDING THE TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council approved settling with Weis Markets, Inc regarding the tax assessment appeal.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE COLUMBIA MONTOUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$460.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$460.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE JULY 4TH EVENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,250 FOR SANTINO TRAPANE.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council approved a sound system for the July 4th event in the amount of \$1,250 for Santino Trapane.

RECOMMENDATION TO SET THE ZONING WORKSHOP FOR MAY 19, 2025 AT 6 P.M.

On a motion by, N. McGaw, seconded by, J. Kressler, and voted unanimously. Council approved setting the zoning workshop for May 19, 2025 at 6 p.m.

APPROVAL TO REMOVE ANDREW KING FROM THE CODES APPEAL BOARD WITH A TERM ENDING 12/31/2025 DUE TO AN ADDRESS CHANGE.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted unanimously, Council approved to remove Andrew King from the Codes Appeal board with a term ending 12/31/2025 due to an address change.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT BRANDON BALL FOR THE CODES APPEAL BOARD WITH A TERM ENDING 12/31/2025.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Brandon Ball to the Code Appeals board with a term ending 12/31/2025.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ACCEPTING \$74,949.50 FROM SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLEVISION, INC.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted unanimously, Council approved accepting \$74,949.50 from Service Electric Cablevision, Inc.

APPROVAL ON AN INTERNAL HIRE OR AN EXTERNAL CANDIDATE SEARCH FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS POSITION.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved an external candidate search for the Public Works position.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO TRA ELECTRIC, INC. FOR INSTALLING A METER BASE AT MAIN AND CENTER STREETS.

NOTE: THE TOWN WILL ALSO PROVIDE FULL AND FINAL RELEASE TO USIC, LLC. FOR THE SAME AMOUNT.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council approved payment to Tra Electric, Inc. for the installation of a meter base at Main and Center Streets.

DECISION ON A MARKET STREET WORKSHOP DATE.

The Market Street workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 6 p.m. Note, this is at the Mullberry Mills area pending the room availability and engineer attendance.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING THE PARKING SCHEDULE.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved to advertise the parking schedule.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hold the parking scheduled until the scheduled workshop date of 5/19/2025 at 6 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOW THE EAA TO USE THE OFFICE AREA IN THE HOCK HANGAR AT ZERO COST AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved to allow the EAA to use the office area in the Hock hanger at zero cost at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE SELLING AIRPORT FUEL FROM THE OLD FUEL TANK TO COLUMBIA AIRCRAFT SERVICES AT \$0.50 DISCOUNT.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved selling airport fuel from the old fuel tank to Columbia Aircraft Services at a \$0.50 discount.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PURCHASING A ROLLER FROM CLEVELAND BROTHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,500 AND LISTING THE OLD ROLLER ON MUNICIBID FOR AT LEAST \$4,000. NOTE: THIS IS ON THE AGENDA DUE TO THE AMOUNT CHANGING FROM THE 3/24/2025 AGENDA THAT WAS APPROVED FOR \$47,040.

On a motion N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 5 to 2 (Hummel and Kressler voting no), Council approved the purchase of a roller from Cleveland Brothers in the amount of \$48,500 and listing the old roller in Municibid for at least \$4,000.

REVIEW OF THE PICKLEBALL QUOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$361,007.

Council reviewed the latest quote for the pickleball court project. The estimated cost is \$361,007 for eight courts.

APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO LIVIC CIVIL FOR THE PICKLEBALL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,500.

No vote was taken on this agenda item.

UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS)- CHARLES FRITZ.

Charles Fritz updated Council in the Community Rating System (CRS).

APPROVAL TO ALLOW UP TO TWO FIRE APPARATUSES TO ATTEND FRACKVILLE FOR THE SCHUYLKILL COUNTY FIREMAN'S CONVENTION ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to allow up to two fire apparatuses to attend the Schuylkill County Fireman's Convention to be held on Saturday, August 13, 2025 in Frackville, PA.

APPROVAL TO ALLOW TWO BOOT ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISERS ON MARKET STREET AT THE FIRE STATION. THIS WOULD BE THREE IN TOTAL FOR THE YEAR. THERE IS A STANDING APPROVAL FOR THE 5TH STREET BOOT DRIVE DURING THE BLOOMSBURG FAIR WEEK.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved an additional two boot drive fundraisers on Market Street at the fire station.

APPROVAL OF RELEASING THE FULL FINANCIAL SECURITY ON THE GILLESPIE PARK LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$157,051.87.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved releasing the full financial security on the Gillespie Park land development plan in the amount of \$157,051.87.

APPROVAL FOR THERESA HUFF AND HER FAMILY TO UTILIZE THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TOWN LOT, LOCATED BY THE TENNIS COURTS NEAR RAILROAD AND 12 ½ STREETS, FOR A GRADUATION GATHERING ON JUNE 29, 2025.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved for Theresa Huff and her family to utilize the northwest corner lot located by the tennis courts near Railroad and 12 ½ Streets for a graduation gathering on June 29, 2025.

APPROVAL TO REQUIRE FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR THE BLOOM HEIGHTS PROJECT. NOTE: THE VOTE AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION WAS 3-3. GREG HAAS'S (THE ENGINEER) RECOMMENDATION IS TO REQUIRE FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR ALL PROJECTS.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on 0 to 7, Council voted to not require financial security for the Bloom Heights project contingent upon proof of all required bonds.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE A WAIVER FROM THE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE SECTION 22-803.2.A.4 ALLOWING AN 8" DIAMETER STORM SEWER PIPE WITHIN THE SMALL FRONT YARD AREAS FOR THE BLOOM HEIGHT PROJECT.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved granting a waiver from the SALDO ordinance section 22-803.2.A.4 allowing an 8-inch diameter storm sewer pipe within the small front yard area for the Bloom Heights Project.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE A WAIVER FROM THE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE SECTION 22-803.B.2 TO ALLOW A NYLOPLAST DRAIN BASIN TO BE INSTALLED FOR THE BLOOM HEIGHT PROJECT.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted unanimously, Council approved granting a waiver from the SALDO ordinance section 22-803.B.2 allowing a nyloplast drain basin to be installed for the Bloom Heights Project.

DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL ON ANY ACTION ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE TOWN PARK PAVILIONS/ TOWN PARK FOR THE LAST WEEKEND IN APRIL 2025. EXAMPLE: POP UP TENTS BEING PLACED.

No action was taken on this item.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PURCHASING BACKPACKS AND DRAWSTRING BAGS FOR AUGUST 5, 2025 FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT UP TO \$450.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council approved purchasing backpacks and drawstring bags for the August 5, 2025 National Night Out at cost not to exceed \$450.

APPROVAL OF A COMMUNITY GARAGE/YARD SALE TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 9, 2025.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved a community garage/yard sale to be held on August 9, 2025.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer