

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a Council meeting on Monday, June 9, 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 (7:02 p.m.) and Jessica Jordan. Town Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matthew Turowski, Chief of Police Mike Fosse, Public Works Director John Fritz, Director of Code/Zoning Mike Reffeor, and Director of Governmental Affairs Charles Fritz. Also attending were MJ Mahon (Zoom), Mark Gardner, Greg Wirth, Andrew Barton, David Hill (Zoom), Steve and Barbara Coladonato (Zoom), Dawn Moore (Zoom), Scott McBride, Greg Woodruff, Jamey Harding (Zoom), Vince DeMelfi (Zoom), Dennis (Zoom), Bill (Zoom), and Tess Fosse (8:46 p.m.). Absent was Maria Valentin.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 13, 2025, MEETING.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the March 13, 2025 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE MAY 12, 2025, MEETING.

On a motion by J. Garman seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the May 12, 2025 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions.

APPROVAL OF A FEE RESOLUTION 06.09.2025.01.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on 5 to 1 (Garman voting no), Council approved resolution 06.09.2025.01 to raise the daily admission fee at the pool from \$6 to \$7.

RESOLUTION 06.09.2025.02- STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROGRAM. SELECTION OF THE GRANT TIER IS REQUIRED.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved resolution 06.09.2025.02 the Strategic Management Planning program at the tier level of \$400,000 total project with DCED contribution of \$200,000 and the Town local share of \$200,000.

RESOLUTION 06.09.2025.03- SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLEVISION, INC.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved resolution 06.09.2025.03 the Service Electric Cablevision, Inc. agreement.

RESOLUTION 06.09.2025.04- ESTABLISHING ATTORNEY FEES.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved resolution 06.09.2025.04 establishing attorney fees.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING TWO ENGLISH GARDEN BENCHES FROM ANDES NURSERY THAT WERE PLACED AT THE NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL POOL.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting two English Garden Benches from Andes Nursery that were placed at the Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING ONE BUCKET OF CHLORINE TABLETS FROM STRONG POOL & SPA.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting one bucket of chlorine tablets from Strong Pool and Spa.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING JACLYN KRESSLER'S \$100 DONATION FOR THE JULY 4, 2025 EVENT.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a \$100 donation from Jacklyn Kressler for the 4th of July event.

APPROVAL OF A TNR PROGRAM FOR THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG. NOTE: DIRECTION IS NEEDED ON HOW MANY VOUCHERS, IF THERE WILL BE A PRICE FOR THE CITIZEN FOR THE VOUCHER AND WHAT DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved \$750 for the purchase of vouchers for the TNR program with the understanding that the Friends and Feral organization will administer all aspects of the program.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE MAY 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 \$227,771.00, Recycling Fund \$25,071.22, Street Lighting Fund \$3,356.09, Fire Fund \$13,954.82, Pool Fund \$10,142.38, Airport Fund \$270.00, Daycare Fund \$350.00 Liquid Fuels Fund \$19,583.84 and the May Payroll Authorization \$421,935.30.

APPROVAL FOR THE TOWN TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF 290 E. 9TH STREET. NOTE: COUNCIL DISCUSSION WILL BE REQUIRED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE LOT WILL BE UTILIZED AS A TRAILHEAD OR OFFERED FOR PUBLIC AUCTION.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved taking ownership of 290 E. 9th Street. This item will be placed on the Administrative Finance Committee agenda for further discussion.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM DONALD E. KOCHER, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,250 TO FIX THE CONCRETE STEPS AT THE AIRPORT

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Donald E. Kocher, Inc. in the amount of \$8,250 to fix the concrete steps at the airport terminal building.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM REYNOLDS IRON WORKS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,525 TO FIX THE AIRPORT CONCRETE STEPS.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Reynolds Iron Works, Inc. in the amount of \$12,525 to fix the concrete steps at the airport terminal building.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE TO PERFORM A NEW SERGEANT TESTING.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the recommendation from the Civil Service Commission to perform a new round of sergeant testing.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the recommendations from the Civil Service Commission for changes to the Civil Service Regulations.

RECOMMENDATION TO EXPLORE RESTRUCTURING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL CREATION OF A LIEUTENANT POSITION. NOTE: SHOULD AN INTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

BE ISSUED, A SALARY MUST BE ESTABLISHED. FOR REFERENCE, THE 2025 BASE SALARIES ARE AS FOLLOWS: SERGEANT – \$87,720.67 (DOES NOT INCLUDE OVERTIME); CHIEF – \$105,000.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the recommendation to explore restructuring the police department, including the creation of a lieutenant position.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE TO ADVERTISE AND HIRE TWO NEW POLICE OFFICERS FOR JANUARY 2026 OR SOONER.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise for and hire two new police officers for January 2026 or sooner.

APPROVAL OF SETTING UP A THREE-YEAR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH A \$10,000 RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE FOR THE 2024- 2025 CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS. CHIEF FOSSE PROVIDED TO L. DOOLEY ON 6/6 FOR THE AGENDA DUE TO SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS SEEKING CANDIDATES.

Motion was made by B. Crawford to approve creating a 3-year contract with a \$10,000 recruitment incentive for new hires in the police department, with bonuses to be paid at \$3,000 at the end of the first year, \$3,000 at the end of the second year and \$4,000 at the end of the 3rd year. Motion was seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on 3 to 3, (Jordan, McGaw and Kressler voting no) motion died.

Motion was made by J. Kressler to approve creating a 5-year contract with a \$10,000 recruitment incentive for new hires in the police department, with bonuses of \$2,000 being paid at the end of each year. Motion was seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 3 to 3, (Garman, McGaw and Jordan voting no) motion died.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ATTORNEY RATES:

ROBERT DAVIDSON- \$195 PER HOUR AND \$250 PER HOUR FOR LITIGATION RELATED SERVICES.

PAT O'CONNELL- \$175 PER HOUR AND \$250 AN HOUR STARTING 7/1/2025.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the attorney rates as presented.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A FALL POLICE INTERN: ABIGAIL WALTER.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Abigail Walter as an intern in the police department during the university fall semester.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE MIB APPRAISER QUOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,580.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved MIB Appraiser's quote in the amount of \$3,580 to appraise the town buildings.

APPROVAL OF THE CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG AND SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLEVISION, INC.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the cable franchise agreement between the Town and Service Electric Cablevision, Inc.

APPROVAL OF AN ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM FROM NORTHEASTERN AUTOMATED TECHNOLOGIES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,937.89 FOR THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

On a motion by J. Jordan, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from \$2,937.89 for an access control system from Northeastern Automated Technologies, Inc. for the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

DISCUSSION THAT THE 2025 AAP IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the 2025 Annual Action Plan to be available for public review.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A PPL SOLAR INTERCONNECTIVITY FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,300 FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS LOCATION REGARDING THE SOLAR PROJECT.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the PPL solar interconnectivity fee in the amount of \$5,300 for the Public Works location for the solar project.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SEDA-COG INVOICES:

2020 HUD ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM- \$6,233, 2021 HUD ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM- \$3,397, 2023 HUD ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM- \$6,960 and 2024 HUD ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM- \$12,250.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the listed SEDA-COG invoices for the HUD entitlement program.

DISCUSSION OF THE ROAD DIET BID. DIRECTION WAS REQUESTED DURING THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON WHETHER TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THE ROAD DIET PROJECT THROUGH COMPETITIVE BIDDING OR TO ASSIGN THE PROJECT DIRECTLY TO THE TOWN'S APPOINTED ENGINEER, LIVIC CIVIL.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on 2 to 4 (Kressler, Garman, Jordan and McGaw voting no) Council voted not to proceed with the road diet study.

APPROVAL OF QUOTE FROM MARK CONNER ELECTRIC LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,310 FOR REPLACING THE MAIN BREAKER PANEL AT THE NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL POOL.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Mark Conner Electric, LLC. in the amount of \$3,310 for replacing the main breaker panel at the Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool.

APPROVAL OF PARKING ON THE WEST END FOR FAIR WEEK. COUNCIL COULD ALLOW TOWN PUBLIC WORKS STAFF TO BE IN CHARGE AND CHANGE THEIR HOURS FOR SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL PAY.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved parking vehicles on the vacant lots in the 900 block of W. Main Street during fair week. It was discussed to send this to the Administrative Finance Committee for further discussion.

DISCUSSION OF THE ROOF AT COLUMBIA AIRCRAFT.

- 1. APPROVAL OF AN ENGINEERING PACKAGE FROM LIVIC CIVIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,000 (11/11/2024 MEETING)**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AN ENGINEERING PACKAGE FROM PROVIDENCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,000 (11/11/2024 MEETING).**

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on 5 to 1 (McGaw voting no), Council approved sending this to RFP but with no specific engineer.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED FUTURE AIRPORT PROJECTS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE 2025 BUREAU OF AVIATION (BOA) BUDGET PRIORITY LISTING.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the proposed future airport projects to be included on the 2025 Bureau of Aviation (BOA) budget priority listing.

UPDATE ON THE VANDALISM AT THE TOWN PARK.

Chief Fosse mentioned that there are juveniles that they found connected to the vandalism that the police department is further exploring.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE A 90-DAY EXTENSION FOR THE BLOOM HEIGHTS LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a 90-day extension for the Bloom Heights Land Development project.

UPCOMING DATES FOR ZONING WILL BE JUNE 10TH AND JUNE 24TH AT 6 P.M.

Staff reminded Council of the upcoming zoning meetings to review the ordinance changes.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM RTI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$875 TO DISPOSE OF OLD DEVICES.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from RTI in the amount of \$875 to dispose of old devices with the funds coming from American Rescue interest.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM RTI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,255 FOR NAS TOWN HALL BACKUP.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from RTI in the amount of \$1,255 for NAS town hall backup with the funds coming from American Rescue interest.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM RTI FOR A N1C 10-YEAR LIFE WARRANTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,232 FOR AN UPS SERVICE AT TOWN HALL.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from RTI in the amount of \$5,232 for an UPS service at Town Hall.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM RTI FOR A N1C-10-YEAR-LIFE WARRANTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,227 FOR AN UPS SERVICE AT THE POLICE STATION.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from RTI in the amount of \$7,227 for a N1C-10-year life warranty for UPS service at the police station.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM MARK CONNER ELECTRIC LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,350 FOR ELECTRICAL WORK.

On a motion by J. Jordan, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Mark Connor Electric LLC in the amount of \$1,350 for electrical work.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned into an executive session at 9:45 a.m. regarding a codes personnel matter that lasted until 10:37 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer