

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a Council meeting on Monday, July 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 (7:02 p.m.) and Jessica Jordan. Town Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matthew Turowski, Chief of Police Mike Fosse (Zoom- 7:24pm). Also attending were Brian Smith (Press Enterprise), Mark Gardner, David Hill (Zoom), Steve and Barbara Coladonato (Zoom), Dawn Moore (Zoom), William Stewart, Cindy Schultz, Ryan Young (7:05 p.m.), John Fritz, Karen Anslem (Zoom), Kris Barrett (Zoom), a citizen on Zoom logged in as a public number, and Jared Harris (Zoom). Absent was Council member Maria Valentin.

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2025. NOTE: THE UPDATED PLAN WAS SENT ON 6/9/2025 AT 12:56 P.M.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the annual action plan for the Community Development Block Grant application federal fiscal year 2025.

PROCLAMATION- JULY 19, 2025: PRIDE IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG.

Mayor Hummel presented a proclamation proclaiming July 19, 2025, Pride in the Town of Bloomsburg day.

PROCLAMATION- AUGUST 5, 2025: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT.

Mayor Hummel presented a proclamation proclaiming August 5, 2025, National Night Out. This event will be held at the Bloomsburg Fair grounds.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE JULY 3, 2025, SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the July 3, 2025 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 23, 2025, MEETING.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the June 23, 2025 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS- JOHN FRITZ, WITH HIS LAST WORKING DAY BEING JULY 11, 2025.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept the retirement of John Fritz, Director the Public Works with his last working day being July 11, 2025. Council thanked Mr. Fritz for his many years of service to the Town.

APPROVAL OF A \$10,000 RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE FOR THE 2025 POLICE OFFICER HIRING.

A motion was made by J. Hummel, to approve a \$10,000 recruitment incentive which would be split evenly over three-year period with pay out at the end of each year, motion was seconded by J. Kressler

and voted on 3 to 3, (Hummel, Kressler and Crawford voting yes, Garman, McGaw and Jordan voting no). The motion did not pass.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE JUNE LIST OF BILLS.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$264,875.46, Recycling Fund \$9,558.52, Street Lighting Fund \$2,248.33, Fire Fund \$8,117.59, Pool Fund \$7,684.61, Airport Fund \$30,289.68, Liquid Fuels Fund \$2,193.54, CDBG-DR/FMA \$10,765.25 and the June Payroll Authorization \$249,538.94.

APPROVAL OF SECURING A 2026 FIREWORK/ DRONE VENDOR.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved securing a drone display for the 2026 Independence Day event. Due to the vendor's prior commitment, the drone show will take place on July 3rd, 2026 with a rain date of July 5th.

APPROVAL OF AWARDING A BID FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK REGARDING THE PICKLEBALL COURT PROJECT AT STREATER FIELD.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved awarding the bid for the pickleball courts project to Robert C. Young- base bid of \$242,474.20 and alternate perimeter fencing for \$37,350. Total= \$279,824.20.

APPROVAL OF AWARDING A BID FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REGARDING THE MARKET STREET PAVING FOR 5TH STREET TO FT. MCCLURE BLVD.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved awarding the bid for engineering services for the Market Street paving project to LIVIC Civil in the amount of \$48,000.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION ACCESS ROAD PROJECT. NOTE: THIS WOULD BE A NEW ROAD PROJECT TO RELOCATE FT. MCCLURE BLVD. AT ROUTE 11 AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A TEMPORARY RED LIGHT PLACEMENT.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting an application to the Appalachian Regional Commission for the construction of an access road and temporary light placement project.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM NORTHEAST TREE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200 FOR TREE REMOVAL OFF OF LAURA AVENUE.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Northeast Tree Service in the amount of \$1,200 for tree removal off of Laura Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM SUNNY SIDE METAL ROOFING LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,260 FOR WORK ON THE TOWN LEASED BUILDING- COLUMBIA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Sunny Side Metal Roofing, LLC in the amount of \$7,260 for work on the town leased building- Columbia Child Development Center.

RECOMMENDATION TO IMPLEMENT THE SCHOOL ZONE BY THE BLOOMSBURG MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PER THE LTAP STUDY.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to implement the school zone by the Bloomsburg Memorial Elementary school per the LTAP study.

APPROVAL OF THE TOWN MANAGER AND/OR TOWN DIRECTOR OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN, TO BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 52 WASHINGTON AVE., BLOOMSBURG, PA 17815 AT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY JUDICIAL TAX SALE OCCURRING ON JULY 28, 2025, SUCH TOWN BID TO BEGIN AT THE OPENING BID AMOUNT, AND IF THERE ARE OTHER COMPETITIVE BIDDERS, INCREASE SUCH TOWN BID AS NECESSARY TO OUTBID THE PREVIOUS COMPETITIVE BID, UP TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Town Manager and/or the Director of Code Enforcement, on behalf of the Town, to bid for the purchase of real property located at 52 Washington Avenue.

APPROVAL OF A STREET CLOSURE OF CENTER STREET FROM PINE AVENUE TO MAIN STREET ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 TO HOLD A GALA TO CELEBRATE THE 48TH SEASON OPENING OF THE BLOOMSBURG THEATRE ENSEMBLE (BTE). THE CLOSURE WOULD RUN FROM 3 P.M.- 8 P.M. NOTE: CHIEF FOSSE VOICED SOME RESERVATIONS ON THIS CLOSURE DUE TO THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC THAT WILL BE IN TOWN BECAUSE OF THE FAIR.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the street closing of Center Street from Pine Avenue to Main Street on Saturday, September 27, 2025 to allow BTE to hold a gala to celebrate the opening of the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble 48th season. This closure would run from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR CHAPTER 15 FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC RELATED TO PAID PARKING ON SECOND STREET/MAIN STREET BETWEEN WEST AND JEFFERSON STREETS.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an ordinance amendment for Chapter 15 for Motor Vehicles and Traffic related to paid parking on Second Street/Main Street between West Street and Jefferson Streets.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned the meeting into an executive session at 8:27 p.m. that lasted until 9:02 p.m. regarding police and code personnel. The Council reconvened and announced there were no items to vote on.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer