

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a Council meeting on Monday, July 28, 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 (7:02 p.m.), Jaclyn Kressler, Nick McGaw and Jessica Jordan. Town Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Chief of Police Mike Fosse, Director of Code Enforcement Michael Reffeor and Director of Public Works Brady Brink. Also attending were MJ Mahon, Mark Gardner, Jared Fenstermacher, Steve and Barbara Coladonato (Zoom), Dawn Moore (Zoom), William Stewart, Cindy Schultz, Dawn Moore (Zoom), Michael Williams (Zoom), Karen Anslem (Zoom), William Stewart, Maricar (7:12 p.m.), David Hill, and Eric Smith (7:37 p.m.).

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE JULY 14, 2025 MEETING.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the July 14, 2025 meeting with no corrections or additions.

RESOLUTION 07.28.2025.01- MULTIMODAL- FT. MCCLURE.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution 07.28.2025.01 for the Multimodal project to realign Ft. McClure Blvd at the intersection with Rte. 11 in the amount of \$1,046,994.30.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING COUNCIL MEMBER MARIA VALENTIN'S RESIGNATION WITH A TERM ENDING 12/31/2025.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved to accept the resignation of Council member Maria Valentin.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A NEW COUNCIL MEMBER/ APPOINTMENT PROCESS.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted unanimously, Council approved to advertise for letters of interest to fill the vacant council position, with a deadline to submit letters by 1 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2025 and nomination and appointment on Monday, August 11, 2025.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING MARIA VALENTIN'S RESIGNATION FROM THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION WITH A TERM ENDING 12/31/2027.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved to accept the resignation of Maria Valentin from the Human Relations Commission.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING NANCY DOMBROSKY'S RESIGNATION FROM THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION WITH A TERM ENDING 12/31/2027.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved to accept the resignation of Nancy Dombrosky from the Shade Tree Commission.

APPROVAL TO HIRE AN HOURLY CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF \$45,000, SUBJECT TO SIX-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD, WITH AN EFFECTIVE START DATE OF JULY 29, 2025.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council to hire Ian Abernethy as a code enforcement officer at the annual rate of \$45,000, subject to a six-month probationary period, with an effective start date of July 29, 2025.

APPROVAL TO HIRE TREVOR BARRETT (START DATE OF 7/24/2025) AND DOMINIC STARR (START DATE OF 8/4/2025) AS SEASONAL GRASS MOWERS AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$15 IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved to hire Trevor Barrett (start date of July 24, 2025) and Dominic Starr (start date of August 4, 2025) as seasonal grass mowers at an hourly rate of \$15.

APPROVAL OF HIRING A SEASONAL GRASS MOWER UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$15 AN HOUR.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved the hiring of a seasonal grass mower until mid-September 2025 at the hourly rate of \$15.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING A \$100 DONATION FROM NICHOLE HARMAN FOR THE TOWN PARK.

On a motion by N. McGaw, with gratitude, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council approved acceptance of a \$100 donation from Nichole Harman for the Town Park.

APPROVAL OF UNAPPOINTING GREG ASH AS A HARB VOTING MEMBER WITH A TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2027. THE APPOINTMENT WILL REMAIN AS THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND NOT NAME SPECIFIC.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted unanimously, Council approved to unappoint Greg Ash as a voting member of the HARB with term expiring 12/31/2027. The appointment/position will remain as the code enforcement officer and not name specific.

APPROVAL OF PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE SUSQUEHANNA MUNICIPAL TRUST (SMT) FOR CONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL NOTICE PENDING A 2026 RATE REVIEW OF BOTH SMT AND KEYSTONE MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST (KMIT). NOTE: KMIT'S BOARD IS REVIEWING THE TOWN AS A MEMBER AT THEIR AUGUST 14TH MEETING. E-MAIL WAS SENT ON 7/23/2025 AT 4:06 P.M. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council approved providing a notice of conditional withdrawal to Susquehanna Municipal Trust (SMT) pending review of Keystone Municipal Insurance Trust (KMIT). This item pertains to workers' compensation insurance.

APPROVAL OF REAFFIRMING THE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES FOR BOTH THE TOWN EMPLOYEE PENSION AND POLICE PENSION FUND.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved to reaffirm the investment objectives for both the Town employee pension and the police pension funds.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SEVEN MOUNTAINS MEDIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900 FOR WEBSITE HOSTING AND MAINTENANCE IN 2025. NOTE: THE 2024 RATE WAS \$600.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on 5 to 1 (Hummel, Crawford, McGaw Garman and Kressler voting no and Jordan voting yes) Council voted not to approve payment to Seven Mountains Media in the amount of \$900 for website hosting and maintenance in 2025.

APPROVAL OF KYLE HOFFMAN'S LAST DAY WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON JULY 22, 2025.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council approved Kyle Hoffman's last day of work for the Public Works department as July 22, 2025.

UPDATE ON THE POOL REPAIRS. NOTE: A QUOTE WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING FOR UNDERGROUND CONDUIT REPLACEMENT.

Public Works Director Brady Brink provided Council an update on the electrical repairs at the pool. An invoice is still pending.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING THE MATCHING FUND LETTER FOR THE MULTIMODAL APPLICATION REGARDING FT. MCCLURE BLVD.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved submitting a matching fund letter for the multimodal application regarding Ft. McClure Blvd.

APPROVAL OF RANDI FETTERMAN TO GAIN NOTARY CERTIFICATION.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted unanimously, Council approved Randi Fetterman obtaining a notary certification.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved adjourning into an executive session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss a police, public works and real estate matter.

Council reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council approved a quote in the amount of \$15,000 for police equipment.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted unanimously, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer