

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a Council meeting on Monday, August 11, 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, Nicholas McGaw, Jessica Jordan and newly appointed John Grabusky. Town Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matthew Turowski, Chief of Police Mike Fosse, Director of Public Works Brady Brink, Director of Finance Jack Breech, Director of Governmental Services Charles Fritz, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor, and Fire Chief Scott McBride. Also attending were MJ Mahon, Mark Gardner, David Hill, Kris Barrett, Zane Houser, Jared Fenstermacher (7:10 p.m.), Jared Harris, Melissa Tucci, Eric Newman, Laurie Newman, Karen Tinstman, Mike Tinstman, David McHenry, Jill Carlson, Karen Anselm, Alex Dubil, Rick Bogar, William Stewart and four members of the public. Attending via Zoom were Steve and Barbara Coladonato, Dawn Moore, Jamie Harding, Steve, Brittany, Chris, E. Hill, a public citizen (7:36 p.m.), and Jamie Shrawder.

**Council remarks.**

- Public Works Address is 845 Catherine Street.
- An executive session was held on 7/28/2025 from 7:39 p.m.- 8:31 p.m. regarding Police, Public Works and real estate matters.

**THERE WERE NO CITIZENS TO BE HEARD.**

**NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCIL MEMBER.**

Mayor Hummel opened the floor for introductions of the residents interested in serving out the term on the Council. The below candidates submitted their letter of interest.

1. Kris Barrett
2. John Grabusky
3. Zane Houser- Withdrew at the meeting on 8/11/2025.
4. Bridget Taylor- Withdrew via e-mail on 8/8/2025.
5. Jared Fenstermacher
6. Jared Harris
7. David Hill
8. Melissa Tucci

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council opened the floor to receive nominations to fill the vacant Council position.

N. McGaw made a motion to nominate Kris Barrett

J. Kressler made a motion to nominate John Grabusky

J. Garman made a motion to nominate Jared Harris

J. Hummel made a motion to nominate David Hill

Being no other nominations, the Mayor closed the nominations.

Mayor Hummel called for a vote on the first candidate Kris Barrett, vote was 3-3 (Bonnie Crawford, Nicholas McGaw and Jessica Jordan voting for, Jaclyn Kressler, Justin Hummel and James Garman voting against).

Mayor Hummel called for a vote on the second candidate John Grabusky, vote was 4-2 (Bonnie Crawford, Nicholas McGaw, Jaclyn Kressler and Jessica Jordan voting yes, Justin Hummel and James Garman voting no). Voting was closed since Council reached a majority vote.

Mayor Hummel administered the oath of office to Mr. Grabusky. Mr. Grabusky also signed the residency affidavit. John Grabusky took a place at the front of the table to be able to participate and vote at the meeting.

**RESOLUTION 08.11.2025.01- APPOINTING A LANGUAGE ACCESS COORDINATOR.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution 08.11.2025.01- Appointing Lisa Dooley as the language access coordinator.

**APPROVAL OF THE LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN (LAP) FOR THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FUNDED PROGRAMS.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Language Access Plan (LAP) for the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded programs.

**APPROVAL OF THE CDBG/ HOME PROGRAM PROCUREMENT POLICY.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the CDBG/Home program procurement policy.

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE JULY 28, 2025, MEETING.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the July 28, 2025 meeting minutes with one correction. David Hill was added to the list of attendees.

**AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 15, PART 10 ENTITLED “IMMOBILIZATION OF ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES”.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved amending Chapter 15, Part 10 entitled “Immobilization of Illegally Parked Vehicles”.

**AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 15, PART 3 ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved amending Chapter 15, Part 3 entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”.

**AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 15, PART 2 ESTABLISHING A “SCHOOL ZONE, INCLUDING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR SCHOOL ZONES, SIGNAGE AND PENALTIES”.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to table the above listed item to allow for further legal review.

**AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 13, PART 1 ENTITLED “TRANSIENT RETAIL BUSINESS”.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved amending Chapter 13, Part 1, entitled “Transient Retail Business”.

**APPROVAL OF A CHANGE ORDER WITH ROBERT C. YOUNG FOR THE PICKLEBALL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,429. THIS AMOUNT INCLUDES \$28,929 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PAVED SOCIALIZATION AREA AND \$2,500 FOR THE ADDITION OF PERIMETER FENCING WEIGHTS.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 6 to 1 (Kressler voting no), Council approved a change order with Robert C. Young for the pickleball court project in the amount of \$31,429. This amount includes \$28,929 for the construction of a paved socialization area and \$2,500 for addition of perimeter fencing weights.

**APPROVAL OF A SECURITY CAMERA AT THE PICKLEBALL COURT.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a solar powered security camera in the amount of \$1,200 plus a \$20 monthly data fee for the pickleball courts.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A 12 PADDLE RACK (30"): \$395 FOR COURT 8 FOR PICKLEBALL AND A 24 PADDLE RACK (57"): \$485 FOR COURTS 1-7 FOR PICKLEBALL.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 5 to 2 (Kressler and Jordan voting no), Council approved the purchase of a 12 paddle rack in the amount of \$395 and a 24 paddle rack in the amount of \$485 for the pickleball courts.

**APPROVAL OF NAMING THE PICKLEBALL COURT.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved naming the pickleball courts the "Bloomsburg and Danville Pickleball Courts".

**APPROVAL OF HIRING SKYSTAGE (DRONE SHOW) FOR THE JULY 3, 2026 HOLIDAY EVENT AT THE TOWN PARK WITH MUSIC MIX PROVIDED FOR THE SHOW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.**

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring SkyStage (drone show) for the July 3, 2026 holiday event at the Town Park with music mix provided for the show in the amount of \$10,000.

**APPROVAL OF SELECTING THE FIRST THREE BUSINESSES TO EMAIL INFO@BLOOMSBURGPA.ORG, IN ADDITIONAL TO PAYMENT RECEIVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 EACH, TO HAVE THEIR LOGO INCLUDED AS PART OF THE 2026 DRONE SHOW SPONSORSHIP.**

Motion was made by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on 1 to 6 (John Grabusky voting yes) to approve selecting the first three businesses to email and submit payment to have their business logo included as part of the 2026 drone show sponsorship. Motion was voted down.

**APPROVAL OF SELECTING ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE 2026 DRONE SHOW.**

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire Ostrich Hat at a rate of \$2,000 for a three hour show for the July 3, 2026 event at the Town Park.

**APPROVAL OF HIRING A PUBLIC WORKS OPERATOR LABORER AT THE UNION CONTRACT RATE AND A SIX-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire Phil Unger as a Public Works operator laborer at the union contract rate and a six-month probationary period.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING FOUR SIGNS CREATED AND PLACED:**

- i. BART: EVERYONE IS WELCOME- EVERY BODY, EVERY IDENTITY, EVERY ABILITY.
- ii. PAVILION AREA: WELCOME TO THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG. THIS IS A SAFE, ACCESSIBLE, AND AFFIRMING SPACE FOR ALL IDENTITIES AND ABILITIES.
- iii. DOG PARK: WHERE ALL PAWS AND ALL PEOPLE ARE WELCOME.
- iv. PLAYGROUND: WELCOME ALL- YOU BELONG HERE.

On a motion J. Jordan, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to have the four above listed signs created and placed at the designated areas. Actual placement of the signs will be determined once the signs are available.

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

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$371,016.77, Recycling Fund \$55,640.88, Street Lighting Fund \$2,972.86, Fire Fund \$5,988.22, Pool Fund \$16,909.54, Airport Fund \$19,192.04, Liquid Fuels Fund \$5,619.22, Library Fund \$14,678.51, Commercial Loan Repayment \$11,000.00, CDBG Entitlement \$28,840.00, Home Fund \$26,039.78 and the July Payroll Authorization \$272,294.85.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A REFERRAL POLICY.**

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the referral policy.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE HAVING THE PA CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION TO PERFORM THE ORAL INTERVIEW EXERCISE AT THE RATE OF \$2,000.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved having the PA Chiefs of Police Association perform the oral interview exercise at a rate of \$2,000.

**RECOMMENDATION TO PROVIDE REFUNDS ON THE 2025 SEASON POOL PASS:**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on 6 to 1 (Crawford voting no), Council approved providing pro-rated refunds to season pool pass holders that make the request in writing.

**APPROVAL OF PARKING CARS IN THE WEST END DURING FAIR WEEK.**

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved parking cars in the west end during fair week with the following; payment will be made in cash and solidify a schedule for coverage and possible non-profit involvement with a 50% split.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING 2026 BUDGET MEETING DATES AT 10 A.M.**

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following dates for 2026 budget meetings: October 23<sup>rd</sup>- 02, 03, 31 - October 30<sup>th</sup>- 04, 05, 23, 32, 37- November 6<sup>th</sup>- 24, 41, 45, 35, 01-November 20<sup>th</sup>- 01.

**APPROVAL OF SETTING A PERCENTAGE RATE PLACEHOLDER FOR THE 2026 BUDGET FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES.**

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved setting a 2-3% percentage rate placeholder for the 2026 budget for non-union employees.

**UPDATE ON THE TOWN'S MS4 PROJECT.**

L. Dooley provided an update that the annual report requires public feedback and awareness. This item is on the agenda to make the public aware of the Town participating in the program.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE FLY-IN ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 AT THE AIRPORT.**

Council acknowledged the September 20, 2025 Fly-In at the airport.

**RECOMMENDATION TO SELL THE PROPERTY AT 290 E. 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET PENDING LEGAL REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ZONING PROCESS.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the sale by auction of the property located at 290 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street pending legal review.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM NORTHEAST TREE SERVICE FOR REMOVING THE TREE IN THE TOWN PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,800.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the quote from Northeast Tree Service for removing the tree in the Town Park in the amount of \$2,800.

**APPROVAL OF EXPLORING OPTIONS OF WHAT TIMBER TO TABLE CAN MAKE OUT OF THE TREE FOR 3D.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved exploring options of what Timber to Table can make out of the tree in item 3d.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AN INVOICE FROM MARK CONNER ELECTRIC REGARDING POOL REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,055.90.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an invoice from Mark Conner Electric regarding pool repairs in the amount of \$12,055.90.

**APPROVAL OF A SENTENCE ADDITION TO EXEMPT PARTICIPANTS OF TOWN SANCTIONED EVENTS, SUCH AS FIRST FRIDAY, FROM BEING REQUIRED TO HAVE A PERMIT.**

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved, pending legal review, a sentence addition to exempt participants of Town sanctioned events, such as First Friday, from being required to have a permit.

**APPROVAL OF WAIVING THE COLUMBIA COUNTY ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT FOR REDEDICATING THE MONUMENT AT MAIN AND MARKET STREETS FOR A 2026 EVENT.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved waiving the Columbia County road closure permit for the rededicating of the monument at Main and Market Street for a 2026 event.

**APPROVAL OF ALLOWING THE CAREER LINK TRUCK PARKING AT THE TOWN FOUNTAIN AREA IN THE PARKING SPOT(S).**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved allowing the Career Link Truck to park in the parking spots at the Town fountain area.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned into an executive session to discuss Public Works and finance personnel at 9:58 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Lisa Dooley  
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer