

The Bloomsburg Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, August 24, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Town Hall, and via teleconference. The public joined by dialing +1 646 558 8656 in the U.S. and entering 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 6:00 p.m.; present were Council Members James Garman, Jessica Jordan, Jaclyn Kressler, Kris Barrett, and Norman Mael. Town Manager / Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Chief of Police Michael Fosse, Fire Chief Scott McBride, Director of Public Works Brady Brink, and Administrative Assistant Christine Meeker (Zoom). Also present were MJ Mahon, Liz Clamur, Thomas Barna, Beth Laubach, Dean Laubach, William Stewart, Micah Snyder, Mike Beyer, Kim Kus, and Sophie Kus. Attending via Zoom were David Hill, Steve Coladonato, Bill, Mark Gardner, and an iPhone. Karen Anslem was absent.

Council remarks.

The Operator/Laborer position in the Public Works Department is currently accepting applications. An applicant is not required to have a Class B certification at the time of applying.

The Police Department is accepting applications through September 4, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Applicants do not need an Act 120 certification to apply for the sponsored category.

For those interested in becoming a Rabbit Transit driver, an informational pamphlet is included in the agenda.

Thomas Barna, a resident of Hemlock Township, was present to discuss a parking ticket he received on Market Street below the library. Mr. Barna stated he needed to drop off a package at the post office, but there were no spaces available, so he parked below Pine Avenue where there are no meters, thinking that it was free parking. When he returned to his vehicle, a parking ticket had been placed on the right-hand side of his vehicle. He noticed a patrol enforcement officer was down the street, so he stopped and questioned why he received a ticket. Mr. Barna was informed that he parked in a paid parking area via the Passport application. He stated there is no signage indicating that, and he was not aware of any application. His suggestion is to install more meters around the post office or to allow free parking in the area for post office customers. Council explained students will park their cars wherever they find free parking. Mr. Barna also had concerns about no-turn-on-red at several intersections in town and about the Market Street bike lane.

Beth Laubach, a resident of E. 3rd Street, suggested to Council that it allow a three-day grace period before enforcing the parking permit regulations when the university students return in the fall. Her neighbor/student received a \$40 ticket at 7:30 a.m. Monday morning, the first day of classes, because she did not have a parking permit. Ms. Laubach stated the student stopped at the parking office on Friday, but the office was already closed; she also stopped on Sunday, when there are no office hours. Chief Fosse stated that notices are posted on the police Facebook page, alerting students and residents to the dates and times when parking permits go on sale.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM AUGUST 10, 2026.

On a motion by K. Barrett, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the August 10, 2026 meeting.

APPROVAL OF REMOVING MICHAEL CAMPBELL, ARCHITECT, FROM THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD WITH THE TERM ENDING 12/31/2029.

On a motion by K. Barrett, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the removal of Michael Campbell, architect for the HARB, with a term ending 12/31/2029.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTING JUERGEN DIETRICHSON, ARCHITECT TO THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD WITH THE TERM ENDING 12/31/2029.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Juergen Dietrichson to the position of architect for the HARB with a term ending 12/31/2029.

APPROVAL TO HIRE A PART-TIME RECYCLING EMPLOYEE AT THE RATE OF \$18 PER HOUR, WITH A START DATE CONTINGENT UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE REQUIRED BACKGROUND CHECK.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by K. Barrett, and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring a part-time recycling employee at \$18 per hour, with the start date contingent upon successful completion of the required background check.

APPROVAL IS REQUESTED FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT AND THE CLOSURE OF W. SIXTH STREET FROM W. STREET TO THE CORNER OF THEIR BUILDING FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2026, FOR THE LODGE STRENGTH AND TRAINING, LOCATED AT 338 WEST SIXTH STREET. THE CLOSURE IS REQUESTED TO ACCOMMODATE A FITNESS COMPETITION BEING HELD TO RAISE FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF BREAST CANCER INITIATIVES.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the request for a special permit and the closure of W. Sixth Street from W. Street to the corner of their building from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on September 12, 2026, for The Lodge Strength and Training, located at 338 West Sixth Street. The closure is requested to accommodate a fitness competition being held to raise funds for breast cancer initiatives.

APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE FOUNTAIN LIGHTS TO MAROON AND GOLD AND/OR RED AND WHITE, AT THE REQUEST OF DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG, INC.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the request from Downtown Bloomsburg, Inc. to change the fountain lights to maroon and gold and/or red and white.

APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE EVENT PERMIT FEE AND ALL INSURANCE DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CAR SHOW EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 5TH FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. THE EVENT IS BEING HELD TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG SKATE PARK. THIS APPROVAL WOULD ALSO WAIVE THE APPLICABLE EVENT REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD TRUCKS PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by K. Barrett, and voted on unanimously, Council approved waiving the event permit fee and all insurance documentation requirements for

the car show event to be held at the municipal airport on September 5th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The event is to raise funds for the Bloomsburg Skate Park. Dan Broadt will coordinate with public works on fencing off the area to be used.

APPROVAL OF SENDING A SUPPORT LETTER FOR HOUSE BILL 1233 REGARDING LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved sending a letter of support for House Bill 1233 regarding Lithium-ion batteries.

APPROVAL OF THE QUOTE FROM RAYNOR, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,387.30 FOR PARTS AND LABOR TO REPAIR THE DOCK PLATE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE BUILDING.

On a motion by K. Barrett, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Raynor, Inc. in the amount of \$4,387.30 for parts and labor to repair the dock plate at the recycling center on the east side of the building.

APPROVAL OF THE COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH VEOLIA WATER PENNSYLVANIA, INC. REGARDING THE WORK ON MARKET STREET.

Council approved, by majority vote, the cost-sharing agreement with Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc regarding the work on Market Street.

APPROVAL OF THE ARK CONTRACTING LLC INVOICE PAY APPLICATION 6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,450.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved invoice pay application 6 in the amount of \$59,450 to ARK Contracting, LLC.

APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE TOWN HALL ADA GRANT PROJECT, WITH THE COUNTY FUNDING 64% OF THE ESTIMATED PROJECT COST OF \$198,248.70 (\$126,879.17) AND THE REMAINING \$71,369.53 TO BE FUNDED BY THE TOWN'S GENERAL FUND, AND AUTHORIZATION TO NOTIFY THE COUNTY OF COUNCIL'S DECISION.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved moving forward with the Town Hall ADA grant project, with the county funding 64% of the estimated project cost of \$198,248.70 (\$126,879.17) and the remaining \$71,369.53 to be funded by the town's general fund, and authorization to notify the county of Council's decision.

APPROVAL OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH T & S REALTY, LLC.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the stormwater management agreement with T & S Realty, LLC.

APPROVAL OF THE DEVELOPER AGREEMENT WITH COOPER VILLAGE, LLC.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the developer's agreement with Cooper Village, LLC

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LIVIC CIVIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,440.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 5 to 1 (Jordan voting no), Council approved payment to LIVIC Civil in the amount of \$1,440.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Council approved by majority vote the following recommendations from the Planning Commission:

1. MIDLAND POINTE (T & S REALTY, LLC) – LAND DEVELOPMENT - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO GRANT CONDITIONAL APPROVAL BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS BEING MET:

- a. THE 'SURVEY CERTIFICATE' STATEMENT PROVIDED ON SHEET C001 SHALL ALL BE SIGNED, SEALED, AND DATED. ALL PLANS SHALL ALSO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.
- b. THE 'CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PLAN (CORPORATE) STATEMENT PROVIDED ON SHEET C001 SHALL BE SIGNED BY THE OWNER AND NOTARIZED.
- c. FINANCIAL SECURITY SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL PROPOSED SITE IMPROVEMENTS.
- d. THE REQUIRED SURETY AND MAINTENANCE AMOUNT FOR THE PROPOSED DRAINAGE SYSTEM WITHIN THE EAST NINTH STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE DEDICATED SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE TOWN.

2. THE HART PROJECT – LAND DEVELOPMENT - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO GRANT A 90-DAY EXTENSION. ALSO, GRANT THE FOLLOWING WAIVER REQUESTS:

- a. AN ACCESSIBILITY PARKING SPACE SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE SITE DESIGN (SALDO – SECTION 22-501.7 AND SECTION 22-607.4)
- b. CURBS AND SIDEWALKS MAY BE REQUIRED ALONG WEST RIDGE AVENUE AND OYER AVENUE. (SECTION 22-503, SECTION 22-504, SECTION 22-705, AND SECTION 22-706.)

3. KNP REAL ESTATE – LAND DEVELOPMENT - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO GRANT A 90-DAY EXTENSION.

A motion to adjourn was made by K. Barrett, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer

Town hall Meeting

tom barna <tbar111@gmail.com>

Sun, Aug 23 at 11:57 PM

To: tom barna <tbar111@gmail.com>

I was going to the post office to drop off a package, all the slots in front of the post office were filled. So I drove past, and stopped at the first parking spot with no meter on it. There was a car in front of me. It was about 11:07 AM, took my package to the post office. Received my receipt stamped 11:13 AM. Got to my car found a ticket with a stamp of 11:11 AM. Within five minutes of parking, I received a \$20 ticket. It was as if she was waiting for me to park there to slap a ticket on my car.

I actually didn't see the ticket on my windshield until I started driving and turned my windshield wipers on. Why can't she simply put these parking ticket on the driver side window so that a driver will see it right away. If it wasn't raining, I don't know if I would've seen that ticket on the right side of my windshield.

I saw the enforcement vehicle, and parked my car next to it. Of course it was raining, and I got out and went to her window and asked why would I get a ticket when I was there for five minutes. Can't you do anything about it I showed her a picture of my car and she zoomed it in to say there was a sign that said no parking. I said I saw poles with no meters. I did not see a sign, as there was a car parked in front of me. Later I measured it, The sign was about 30 yards down the street. I said why can't you simply put a sign on the first pole saying no parking On the street. I never saw the sign, it was 30 yards away. I couldn't see it anyway as my vision is not that great. I would like to know if I can put up a sign on the 1st ^{pole} to help other post office customers from getting a ticket like I did.

I asked about why the other cars parked in front of the post office all had red meters and she didn't give them a ticket. She said oh they all have the app. My question on the app is when you use it, does it automatically register time on the meter. If not, how does she know that these individuals paid meter parking on the app. Does she have access to real time activity?

I said, why can't you put meters on the poles? She said oh the meters are \$450 apiece and they're not worth it. So we are left with a row of parking spaces that people can't park in seems ridiculous to me. I also asked why the

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town can't remove the meters in front of the post office as a courtesy to post office customers who stop in and drop off a box and leave in five minutes? She said that is not up to her to decide. That is one reason why I'm here today.

She also said she would not Cancel the ticket, and I would have to go to the town hall to talk to them about getting the ticket resolved. So that is what I did. I drove up to the town hall, parked in front, and noticed there were no parking meters or poles where I parked. I did not see a sign, but I was half expecting when I would leave the building that I would get another ticket for parking illegally. I went in to see the woman and before I could say anything, she said she had already received a call from the enforcement officer saying I was rude and that she would do nothing to hear my situation or cancel the ticket.

So, because I was allegedly rude to the enforcement officer I never got a chance to explain the situation to the woman she would not hear me at all. Nice way to run the town hall, and she was actually rude to me. I said who else could I talk to, she gave me the phone number to the town hall and said there was a meeting on Monday. I did contact Lisa, who was very nice and listened to my issues. Unlike the person at the parking ticket counter.

I am here at the Townhall meeting to discuss possible options to Making it easier for customers of the post office to drop off packages. I doubt anyone in the right mind would park in front of the post office and leave their car there for an extended period of time. Simply put up a sign saying for post office customers only, others will be ticketed. this isn't rocket science. I doubt Bloomberg needs the money that badly that they can't take care of people in their community that simply want to drop off a package at the post office.

Since I am here, I would like to ask about right turn on red signs. On the corner of market and fifth Street, you do not allow right turn on red. Coming from fifth Street market Street is simply not that busy, and the red light is extended, takes one minute and 10 seconds for it to change. removing the no turn on Red sign would alleviate traffic in that area. And since you do have a right turn lane right on fifth Street, I think drivers are mature enough to understand what a right turn on red means, and will check for traffic before attempting the right turn. *Also the Light is only green for 13 seconds*

Same situation on the corner of iron St and Main Street. But yet you allow right turns coming on Route 11 into third Street, which is actually much busier than the other streets I mentioned. 30 feet away, The light from fifth Street and third Street has a no turn on red sign. What makes that treat any different than the ~~the~~ ^{Route} 11 street that you allow right turns on red? Time to reconsider right turn on red at traffic lights to improve the flow of traffic.

Last topic - what about that bike lane on market Street. I have never seen a bike riding on that road, and it seems illogical to have parked cars sitting on the road, and I would bet you will have more accidents in that situation than you would have had with a bike getting hit by a vehicle.

Finally, Who could I talk to about resolving this ticket and improving the process by putting a sign on the first pole and removing the meters in front of the post office, and removing the right turn on red signs that go against Pennsylvania traffic laws, which allow right turn on red lights.