

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2025**

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jolene Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance: President Jolene Hall, Vice-President Joshua Jones, Pro-Temp Kenneth Johnson, Council Members: Jill Nickerson, James Rakoski, Robert Bowens, Kallie Wickman, Mayor, Timothy Martin (Absent), Borough Solicitor, Patrick Barrett, Police Chief, Josh McCurdy, Borough Manager, George D. Lloyd, Borough Secretary, Cheryl Bubacz and School Representative, Kail Thompson.

Guests: Mark & Jill Mullins, Kristie Bowles – Tioga Publishing.

Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Bills, Police Report & Borough Manager's Report:
Minutes and monthly Reports were accepted as presented by Motion of J. Nickerson, Second K. Johnson. All in favor.

Mayor:
Nothing

Police:
Office Tanner has left to join the Athens Township Police Department. He will be missed

Police Committee:
No Meeting.

Borough Manager:
Nothing.

Junior Council Person:
On September 12, 2025, there will be a powder puff football game to raise money for a local family whose child has cancer. The North Penn Mansfield Student Council sponsored the game and hopes to raise \$5,000.00.

VIBE:
Continued planning for Fall Fest which will be October 12, 2025.

Planning Commission Report:
No Meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board:
No Meeting

Recreation:
The Borough crew is working on the demolition of the pool house. Ted Kelchner and Mike Stoudt were reviewing the plans for the pool house and have suggested that an electrical building be added to the construction. It would be a 12' x 12' room and would house all of the electrical

components for the pool as well as other parts of the Park. This would eventually allow for all of the electrical lines to be underground instead of being overhead. Additionally, we will be able to install a generator to operate the pool and Borough Garage during power outages. The Rec. Board has reviewed this addition and are in agreement with including the electrical room. Motion by J. Rakoski, Second by K. Johnson to add the electrical room to the pool house design. All in Favor.

A discussion was held and Chief McCurdy asked that No Trespassing signs be added to the construction fence so that any violators can be fined.

Fire and Ambulance:

Nothing.

Library:

Liz provided a report of the current happenings. The Library remains very busy.

Street Committee:

Nothing.

Shade Tree Commission:

Nothing.

Budget:

The proposed budget was provided for review. This is a balanced budget with no Borough Tax Increase for 2026. The budget is \$1,211,401. Motion by J. Nickerson, Second by J. Jones to advertise the budget as presented. All in Favor.

Blossburg Municipal Report:

The new generator for Bellman will be installed the week of September 15th and then setup will follow in the following weeks. The pad for the generator was poured on September 9th. Pennsylvania Rural Water was at the Sewer Plant this week and is writing an article about the plant to be published in their magazine.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED Streetlights (April 2021): Still nothing.

Project Goals for 2022: Project Goal Updates:

- a. **Sidewalk, Lighting and Signage for Island Park:** Nothing.
- b. **Plaza Refurbishment:** Nothing.

Concepcion – Maple Hill: Attorney Barrett filed a Motion to Dismiss Mr. Concepcion's appeal. Waiting for Court to review. If the Motion is approved, we can then file contempt charges and damages to obtain a judgment against Mr. Concepcion.

VIBE Signage: The first sign is ready to be picked up. The existing sign needs to be taken down, and some additional work needs to be done at that location before the new sign can be installed. They were hoping to receive donations totaling \$6,200, but have only received \$4,500

so far. There will be some additional fundraising and both the Blossburg Improvement Association and the Borough has offered support for this project.

DCNR Grant for Track: Secretary sent an email today to follow up on status. Nothing at this time.

BOROUGH WEBSITE – ADA Compliance: Nothing at this time.

Garbage Rate Increase: A Resolution was presented for the increase in the garbage rates which will take place when the bills go out in February 2026. Motion by J. Jones, Second K. Johnson, to adopt the Resolution increasing the garbage rates as provided. All in Favor. This item can be removed from the Agenda.

Wreaths Across America: The Secretary explained that we have given to Wreaths Across America for the last several years in memory and honor of Council members who are veterans. Motion by J. Nickerson, Second K. Johnson to donate 4 wreaths. All in Favor. This item can be removed from the Agenda.

Bloss Ambulance Association: The Ambulance Association has requested a donation to help with the cost of purchasing replacement stretchers. After discussion, Motion by K. Johnson, Second R. Bowens to donate \$20,000 from Act 13 to the Ambulance Association for the purchase of the new stretchers. All in Favor. This item can be removed from the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging- A donation request was received from B/S/S/T for their Meals on Wheels program. It was noted that many programs such as Meals on Wheels and PA Central Food Bank have seen drastic budget cuts. After discussion, this donation request was dropped for lack of a Motion.

Matthew 25 Food Pantry – A donation request was received from the Matthew 25 Food Pantry. Similar to B/S/S/T, this program has seen drastic budget cuts and limited funding. After discussion, this donation request was dropped for lack of a Motion.

Tioga County Emergency Operations Plan – We have received the County’s 2025 Emergency Operations Plan for review and adoption. This item will be added to the October Agenda Motion by J. Jones, Second R. Bowens. All in Favor.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

J. Jones asked if the Borough would purchase a sign for the KCC/Community Building that says Community Building.

Secretary discussed new software called Text My Government. The program will allow the Borough to text customers with emergency announcements. The initial cost is approximately \$3,000 followed by an annual fee. This software is similar to the SWIFT software that the County has and which is free to the Borough. This item did not receive a motion for further research.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by K. Johnson, Second by J. Jones to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm. All in Favor.

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary