

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 12, 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 (Absent), James Rakoski, Robert Bowens, Kallie Wickman, Mayor, Timothy Martin, Borough Solicitor, Patrick Barrett, Police Chief, Josh McCurdy, Borough Manager, George D. Lloyd, Borough Secretary, Cheryl Bubacz and School Representative, Kail Thompson.

**Guests:** Renee Carey – North Central Conservancy, Kris & Jack Reilly, Sam Rotella – STSD and Kristie Bowles - Wellsboro Gazette.

Kris and Jack Reilly attended the meeting on behalf of the Tioga County Concerned Citizens to provide an update on the 3 panel display for the Park. They received \$7,500 from Seneca Resources toward the purchase of the sign. The 3-panel display would have information on each of the panels, one by Tioga County Concerned Citizens, one by the Rec. Board and the third by the North Central Conservancy. They are in need of additional funding.

Renee Carey: Renee spoke with Erica at the Tioga County Conservation District regarding the application that will be filed. Erica stated that they had not received any information as of yet. As soon as the permit application is received by the Conservation District, Erica will contact Renee.

**Minutes, Treasurer’s Report, Bills, Police Report & Borough Manager’s Report:**

Minutes and monthly Reports were accepted as presented by Motion of J. Jones, Second K. Johnson. All in favor.

**Mayor:**

The Mayor stated he had had a conversation with Lorne the new owners of Ward. He had introduced Lorne to companies that are looking for warehousing space. The Mayor also thanked the Chief for attending the most recent School Board meeting. A motion was made during that meeting to put the centralized high school back on their agenda.

**Police:**

Officer Custred’s last day was November 10<sup>th</sup>. He is going to work for Athens Borough. The Chief met with him to discuss the contract and the items that he will be reimbursing the Borough for. The Chief also stated that he went to the Academy at MU to handout applications. J. Jones asked if there were any specific places that we should be advertising for officers. The Chief said that as it is a nationwide shortage, not really.

**Police Committee:**

No Meeting.

**Borough Manager:**

The County has announced that we are under a drought watch which is voluntary conservation. The Manager asked if Council would authorize the purchase of gift cards for employees for Thanksgiving. Motion by J. Rakoski, Second by J. Jones. All in Favor of purchasing gift cards from the Holiday Market for employees.

**Junior Council Person:**

Nothing.

**VIBE:**

Fall Fest had a good turnout, and the weather was good. The Island Park 150 was held November 9<sup>th</sup> and had a total of 84 runners, both in person and virtual.

**Planning Commission Report:**

No Meeting.

**Zoning Hearing Board:**

No Meeting

**Recreation:**

The Borough has been asked if the 2026 Tioga/Bradford Equipment show could be held on Island Park. The date would be in August 2026. Rec Board approved the use of the Park for this show. Motion by J. Jones, Second by R. Bowens to allow the use of the Park. All in Favor

**Fire and Ambulance:**

The Ambulance Association sent a Thank You note for the donation toward the purchase of the new stretchers.

**Library:**

Liz provided a report of the current happenings. It's November so the annual Basket Raffel is happening. They have approximately 40 baskets. They are holding a Small Town Christmas on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Street Committee:**

Nothing.

**Shade Tree Commission:**

Nothing.

**Budget:**

The Budget was adopted during the October Meeting. The Resolution setting forth the mills needs to be approved. The mills for the Borough remains the same as 2025 which is 4.3872 mills, Fire will be 0.428 mills and Library will be 0.275 mills for a total of 5.0902 mills. Motion by J. Rakoski, Second K. Wickman to approve the Resolution. All in Favor.

**Blossburg Municipal Report:**

The WWTP is running well. The Board voted to increase the sewer rate for 2026 by 3% from \$160.00 per quarter to \$165.00. The Board decided to keep the increase low instead of raising the rates 12% as previously suggested by RUS.

They are currently working with HRG, Inc on the rehabilitation of Bellman Run filter plant. HRG is working on a feasibility study. After DEP approves the study, then work can begin

**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:** Waiting for Court to review the Motion to Dismiss.

**VIBE Signage:** The first signed has been installed. Working on funding for the second sign.

**DCNR Grant for Track:** Nothing at this time.

**BOROUGH WEBSITE – ADA Compliance:** Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**STSD PARK LEASE:** The 99-year lease between the Borough and the School District was reviewed. After discussion, Motion by K. Johnson, Second by J. Rakoski to sign the lease as presented. All in Favor.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

The Solicitor called for an executive session following adjournment of the Meeting to discuss legal matters. No action will be taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by K. Johnson, Second by R. Bowens to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. All in Favor.

Executive session adjourned at 7:18 pm.

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Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary