

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2026

The Reorganizational Meeting of the Borough Council was called to order at 6:25 pm by Mayor T. Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Mayor accepted nominations for Council President, Jolene Hall was nominated by J. Jones and Second by K. Johnson to appoint Jolene Hall President of the Borough Council for 2026 and 2027. All in Favor. J. Hall was not in attendance at the meeting but had previously expressed her desire to continue as the Council President.

The Mayor accepted nominations for Council Vice-President: Nominee Joshua Jones. Motion by K. Johnson and Second by R. Bowens. All in Favor.

Council Vice-President J. Jones presided over the remaining nominations:

Council President Pro-Temp: Nominee J. Nickerson. Motion by K. Wickman, Second by F. Higgins. All in Favor.

Borough Solicitor: Nominee Patrick J. Barrett, III, Esq. Motion by R. Bowens, Second by K. Wickman. All in Favor.

Borough Engineer: Nominee W. Scott Bray. Motion by R. Bowens, Second by K. Johnson. All in Favor.

Borough Secretary/Treasurer: Nominee Cheryl Bubacz. Motion by K. Johnson, Second by K. Wickman. All in Favor.

Local Services Tax Collector: Nominee Keystone Collections. Motion by K. Wickman, Second by K. Johnson. All in Favor.

Borough Depository: FCCB (First Citizens Community Bank). Motion by Joshua Jones, Second by Jill Nickerson. All in Favor.

Vehicle, Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier: Nominee Gannon Insurance. Motion by K. Johnson, Second by R. Bowens. All in Favor.

Auditor: Nominee Guthrie & Co. Motion by R. Bowens, Second by K. Johnson. All in Favor.

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Vice-President J. Jones.

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

Guests: 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 R. Bowens, Second K. Johnson. All in favor.

Mayor:

The Mayor stated that as of the School Board Meeting in December, the Board has voted to keep the Elementary School in Blossburg.

Police:

Nothing

Police Committee:

No Meeting.

Borough Manager:

Borough Manager brought up the reappointments of various board members. They are as follows: Robin Stangle, Planning Commission; Daniel Harman, Zoning Hearing Board; Joe Bubacz and Patrick Baumann, Municipal Authority; Jeff Everett, Shade Tree and Jolene Hall to the Recreation Board. Motion by R. Bowens, Second F. Higgins to reappoint the named individuals to another term on their respective Boards. All in Favor.

Junior Council Person:

Nothing.

VIBE:

Nothing

Planning Commission Report:

No Meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board:

No Meeting

Recreation:

The construction on the Pool House has come a stand still due to winter coming a bit earlier than planned. The electric room that will be in the Pool House will be a 600 amp, 3 phase 120 volt supply and will supply the pool, garages, pavilion, streetlights, coal museum, the fire department’s fry trailer and coal festival electric panel. The plan is to also purchase a generator so that there is uninterrupted power during a power outage. Electric equipment will be ordered as some of the equipment has a 2 month delivery period,

Fire and Ambulance:

Nothing

Library:

Nothing.

Street Committee:

Nothing.

Shade Tree Commission:

Nothing.

Budget:

Nothing

Blossburg Municipal Report:

HRG is working on the Bellman feasibility study.

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.

VIBE Signage: In 2026, they will be working on funding for the second sign.

DCNR Grant for Track: Nothing at this time. They said notifications would be made after the Holidays.

BOROUGH WEBSITE – ADA Compliance: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Data Center Ordinance signed by the County was provided for our review and consideration for adoption at our next meeting.
2. The County's Solar Energy Ordinance, which the Borough previously adopted, has been amended by the County. It is provided for our review and consideration for adoption at our next meeting.

Motion by R. Bowens, Second by K. Johnson that both Ordinances be added to the Agenda in February. All in Favor.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Borough purchased a new bucket truck. It was from Tri County and is a 2017 model. Borough Manager asked for permission to list our old bucket truck, a 1989, for sale on Muncibid. Motion by R. Bowens, Second by K. Johnson to list the 1989 Bucket Truck on Muncibid. All in Favor.

The Solicitor called for a short Executive Session where no action will be taken following the adjournment of the Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by K. Johnson, Second by R. Bowens to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm. All in Favor.

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary