

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

July 13, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Council Vice-President Jill Nickerson called the Blossburg Borough Council regular meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

Attendance: (absent, President Jolene Hall and Pro Temp Tonya McNamara both were on vacation)); Councilmembers Paul Hosszu, Timothy Martin, Jerome Ogden, (absent, James Rakoski); Mayor Shane Nickerson; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Corporal Robert Scott; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette; John Martin STSD Board Member; Harry Lattimer member of the Blossburg Fire Department and Tioga County Fire Police Association; Rebecca Schultz.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 8, 2016 meeting were accepted on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Report accepted subject to audit on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

Bills: Bills to be paid on motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Guests: Resident Rebecca Schultz, 103 Liberty Street was attending meeting to ask questions on property boundaries in regards to neighbors installing a fence. Ms. Schultz was informed her issues should be handled at a Planning Commission Meeting. Ms. Schultz thanked Council and left the Council Meeting.

Southern Tioga School District Board Member John Martin was attending meeting to answer any questions Councilmembers might have on the School District's recent decision to demo the North Penn High School. Mr. Martin explained the cost options to either keep the building open, renovate or demolish. A decision needed to be made and the best conclusion was to demo NPHS.

Reports:

(A) **NPHS Student:** Nothing to report.

(B) **Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are held on fourth Wednesday of the month at 242 Coffee Company at 6:00 P.M.

Jill Nickerson reported V.I.B.E. is working on the Fall Festival and marketing.

V.I.B.E. will be opening their own office at 235 Main Street, next to the Nationwide office building.

(C) **Mayor:** Mayor Nickerson reported Chief McCurdy is interested in creating Secured Parking Areas (Exchange Zones / Face Spot) that would be video monitored in the parking lot behind the Borough Building. These spaces would be designated for conducting private property transactions. A safer alternative for those meeting to sell or purchase items via Craigslist, eBay, and even classified ads. Arranging to meet at the area designated for this purpose will deter those wanting to engage in theft or fraudulent activity. Chief McCurdy to get quotes and plans to apply for grants and solicit funding for this project.

Reports:

(D) **Police:** Everyone has received a copy of the Police Report.

The Police Report was accepted on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

District Magistrate Fines Total: \$697.75.

Two new tasers were purchased with funds donated by the VFW Post 8730 and American Legion Post 572.

AR15 training is scheduled in September 2016. Cost is \$50.00 for each patrolman.

(E) **Police Committee:** Nothing to report.

(F) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

A few trees on Main Street need to be trimmed or replaced. They are growing into wires and one is dead.

(G) **Planning Commission:** No meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board: A meeting was held on June 22, 2016. Two requests: (1) Reviewed and approved Harry Paris variance for garage height. (2) Reviewed and approved Jeremy & Annie Brooks variance for garage height and side yard distance.

(H) **Recreation:**

No meeting. No members attended meeting.

Playground: Design is completed and to be taken to Recreation Board.

Jerome Ogden questioned where the \$30,000.00 Blossburg Borough's labor / equipment funding is to come from. Monies are not in 2016 budget or were never approved. Council Minutes are to be reviewed if Council approved the spending of money.

Trees: Planting of trees at park is on hold until new playground design is completed.

Island Park River Walk: Josh Lisowski removed dead trees on the River Walk.

(I) **Fire:** No Minutes or Financial Reports were received.

Harry Lattimer member of the Blossburg Fire Department and Tioga County Fire Police Association asked Council's permission to do traffic and crowd control at the Wellsboro High School Senior Citizens Expo on August 5, 2016 and the Tioga County Fair. Both events were already presented and approved at the Blossburg Fire & Ambulance Department meetings. Motion to approve Mr. Lattimer's request to participate as Fire Police at the Wellsboro High School Senior Citizens Expo and the Tioga County Fair was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

Reports:

(J) **Library:** The Garden Party that was held at the Hamilton Club on July 10, 2016 was a success.

John Martin asked to have the Gabion baskets, behind the Library, checked for maintenance, because trees are growing in them.

(K) **Street Committee:**

Replacing of sidewalks throughout town is in the beginning stages. A meeting was scheduled for July 27, 2016 at 9:00A.M. George D. Lloyd is to contact Cris Wood. Tentative work to start in August or September.

Road oiling and tar & chipping was completed on July 12, 2016.

(L) **Shade Tree Commission:** Nothing to report.

(M) **Budget:** Nothing to report.

(N) **Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):** Working on PennDOT Permit for 10" DIP water line along Ogdensburg Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Southern Tioga School District (STSD) Plans:** Discussed earlier.

2. **Borough Code of Ordinances – Update Keystate Publishers:** Nothing to report.

3. **Tioga County Association of Boroughs Resolution Proposing a Change to the Assessment of Lands Divided by Boundary Lines:**

Mr. Lloyd is to contact Carl Cox for details.

4. **Borough Website:**

JoAnn Davis contacted website designer Mr. Zehr for a progress report, but the information was not received in time for Council Meeting.

5. **Flood Variance for James Wagner (Jim's Service Station):**

Waiting to get updated building plans from Mr. Wagner.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Open Bid St. Mary's Bridge:

Two (2) bids were received as advertised:

<u>Binghamton Precast:</u>		<u>UNIT</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>EXTENTION</u>
ITEM:	Precast RCB Culvert (3) 6.67' Sections	LF	20	\$1,061.66	\$21,233.20
	TOTAL (figures)			\$21,233.20	
ITEM:	End Treatments (2) 6' Sloped End Sections	Each	2	\$6,737.00	\$13,474.00
	TOTAL (figures)			\$13,474.00	

NO PennDOT Inspections
Delivery by the end of October 2016

<u>Zeiser Wilbert Vault, Inc.:</u>		<u>UNIT</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>EXTENTION</u>
ITEM:	Precast RCB Culvert	LF	20	\$1,130.00	\$22,600.00
	TOTAL (figures)			\$22,600.00	
ITEM:	End Treatments (2) 6' Sloped End Sections	Each	2	\$1,104.00	\$2,208.00
	TOTAL (figures)			\$2,208.00	

See London Boulder Information

Borough Manager suggested referring bids to Borough Engineer William S. Bray for his review. Motion was made by Paul Hosszu to accept bid contingent on Mr. Bray's approval; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TCDC) 23rd ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 25, 2019 AT THE PENN WELLS HOTEL, 62 MAIN STREET, WELLSBORO, PA. SOCIAL RECEPTION 5:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY JULY 15, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice-President Jill Nickerson closed the meeting at 7:49 P.M.

Motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Timothy Martin. All in Favor.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Council Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED BY MAYOR SHANE NICKERSON AT END OF COUNCIL MEETING. NO ACTION TAKEN. PERSONNEL ISSUES DISCUSSED.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary