

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 12, 2017

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Council President Jolene Hall 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: Vice-President Jill Nickerson; Pro Temp Tonya McNamara; Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, Paul Hosszu, James Rakoski, Timothy Martin; Mayor Shane Nickerson; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee; Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Corporal Robert Scott; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette; Unisatvti Hicks-Lee; Amber Wetzel; Joshua and Wendy Jones.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting were accepted on motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

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

Bills: Bills to be paid on motion of James Rakoski; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

Guests: Unisatvti Hicks-Lee was attending for observation.

Amber Wetzel from the Tioga County Animal Response Team would like to do a Pet Memorial (monument with names), as a fund raiser. Burials of animals will not be done. Mrs. Wetzel has already presented her request to the Recreation Board and still is working on details.

Joshua and Wendy Jones stated the current playground equipment at Island Park is unsafe for children. The metal playground slide has a two foot drop to the dirt. The wooden playground equipment has loose or missing bolts and screws. Borough Manager George D. Lloyd will see the metal playground slide area is filled in so there is no drop off. The wooden playground is to be removed by April 15, 2017 and to be replaced with new playground equipment in July 2017.

Joshua Jones gave a brief summary on the blossom.org website. The website has been in existence for the past 20 years. Kinds of information that can be found on the website (i.e. Council Minutes, Water Quality Reports, Calendar of Upcoming Events, etc.). Plus Blossburg Facebook has over 1,000 hits per month.

Mr. Jones reported he will be upgrading the Wi-Fi at the Borough Building and the big pavilion at Island Park.

Reports:

(A) Junior Council Person: Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee asked, for Principal David, as to how long he is to fill position of Junior Council Person. Councilmembers would be pleased if Eion stayed on for the remaining years he has left in school. Eion is currently in the 9th grade.

Reports:

(B) Committee Business Development:

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are held on fourth Wednesday of the month at 238 Main Street at 6:00 P.M.

V.I.B.E. will meet on April 26, 2017.

V.I.B.E. topics to be discussed: (1) Bylaws. (2) Blossburg Community Yard Sale will be held on April 29, 2017 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

(C) Mayor: Mayor Nickerson reported he submitted a letter of support to Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), in reference to Endless Mountains Legacy: Multifunctional Riparian Forest Buffers.

April 28, 2017 is on Arbor Day. Blossburg Elementary students will be planting trees on Island Park. The trees are being donated from the Pennsylvania Forestry Department. Sharon McNett to also help.

An old fire hydrant is to be the trophy for the winner of the fire company's water battles during the Coal Festival. Ed McNett has painted the hydrant and Mr. Stager is making a wooden base for it.

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

The Police Report was accepted on motion of James Rakoski; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

District Magistrate Fines Total: \$1,020.28.

The new Glock 17 firearms that were to be ordered are on hold due to adding an optic to the hand guns and also waiting on holster that will hold the weapon with both an optic and flashlight mount.

(E) Police Committee: Nothing to report.

(F) Borough Manager:

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

Tioga GIS came to town to get coordinates of various structures (Water Plant, Sewer Plant, Garages, Fire Department, Borough Building, etc.) for Hazmit Plan.

To cut costs, North Central Sewer Agency employees will be working from their homes. Monthly meetings will be held at Richmond and Farmington Township Buildings.

Received notice from PennDOT about chip / sealing South Williamson Road.

Chad Roupp passed his water certification test. This will give the Borough, four (4) employees who are qualified to operate the Blossburg Municipal Authority's Water and Sewer Plants per DEP regulations.

Reports:

(G) Planning Commission: No applications were submitted. No meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(H) Recreation:

Pool will be open May 27, 28, 29 2017 from 12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Reopen on June 3, 2017.

Playground / Tennis Court:

Additional paperwork needs to be completed before construction begins on new Playground.

Tennis Court Bid Proposal was advertised.

Only one bid was received as advertised.

Miller Flooring Company, 827 Lincoln Avenue – Suite 15, West Chester, PA 19380:

SITE IMPROVEMENT:

1. Mobilization/Demobilization:	\$ 1,500.00
2. Bond and Insurance:	\$ 1,600.00
3. Layout:	\$ 500.00
4. Demolition & Court Preparation:	\$ 2,325.00
5. Bituminous Court Crack Repair:	\$42,125.00
6. Acrylic Patch Compound:	\$ 2,250.00
7. Color Court Surfacing System:	\$25,051.00
8. Tennis Court Striping:	\$ 1,900.00
TOTAL BASE BID:	\$77,251.00

TENNIS COURT POST AND NET SYSTEM:

\$4,240.00 @ four (4) courts total replacement cost(s) equal to \$16,960.00

TOTAL BID: \$94,211.00

Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to accept bids, contingent on both Playground Consultant and Borough Solicitor approvals; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

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

Island Park River Walk: Nothing to report.

(I) Fire: The minutes from February 27, 2017 were received. No Financial Report was received.

Motion to accept the Fire & Ambulance 2017 additional services / activities they participate in was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

(J) Library: No meeting.

(K) Street Committee: Nothing to report.

(L) Shade Tree Commission: Nothing to report.

Reports:

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

(N) **Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):**

BMA approved Act 537 Update Study. Sewer part of planning for new Sewer Treatment Plant. Council needs to approve. Motion to approve the Act 537 Update Study / Plan Checklist was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Plan to sell the administration building on Main Street and move office to Blossburg school building.

Nothing new to report.

2. **Borough Code of Ordinances – Update Keystate Publishers:**

Nothing to report. Borough Manager is trying to get bids to finish work.

3. **Borough Website:** Brad Zehr, designer of current website, is to call Mr. Lloyd to set up a meeting.

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

Updated building plans need to be submitted to Borough. Plans approved by Building Code Official. Mr. Lloyd has reviewed application with Borough Engineer and Tioga County Conservation District Manager. More information is needed from James Wagner.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority (NTSWA):**

Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority (NTSWA) is suspending electronic recycling program until further notice. Effective March 31, 2017. Residents should hold on to their electronic devices until a new program can be implemented.

2. **NIMS Training:**

Course for the IS-300 & IS-400 classes are starting on April 21, 2017. ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents is scheduled April 21, 22, 23; May 5, 2017. ICS 400: Advanced ICS is scheduled for May 6, 7, 2017.

3. **Mansfield University (MU):**

State of Pennsylvania is considering the closing of Mansfield University. If MU closed it would affect the whole county. A letter of support by Council was suggested. Motion to compose and send a letter of support from Council to Governor Tom Wolf, Senator Joseph Scarnati, State Representative Matthew Baker, etc. was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017 AT THE ELKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 120 NORTH BUFFALO STREET, ELKLAND, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017.

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH SPRING CLEANUP WEEK OF MAY 1 - MAY 5, 2017.

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH ISLAND PARK SPRING CLEANUP ON MAY 6, 2017.
RAIN DATE: MAY 13, 2017 – STARTING TIME: 8:00 A.M.**

ADJOURNMENT: President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 7:27 P.M.

Motion of Tonya McNamara; second, Paul Hosszu. All in Favor.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Building Council Room.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary