

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 9, 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; (absent, Pro Temp Tonya McNamara); Councilmembers Paul Hosszu, Timothy Martin, Jerome Ogden, James Rakoski; Mayor Shane Nickerson; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); (absent, Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee); Chief Joshua McCurdy (left at 6:47 P.M.); Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Natalie Kennedy Wellsboro Gazette; Corporal Robert Scott; Joshua Jones.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 12, 2017 meeting were accepted on motion of Timothy Martin; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

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

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

Guests: None present.

Reports:

(A) **Junior Council Person:** Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee was absent tonight. 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 238 Main Street at 6:00 P.M.

Elections of officers for organization were held. V.I.B.E. Officers are: President – Tonya McNamara, Vice-President & Treasurer – Jill Nickerson, Secretary – Josh Jones.

V.I.B.E is looking for ideas as to what their next project should be. If V.I.B.E likes an idea and if your idea is the one that V.I.B.E picks, you could win \$50.

V.I.B.E. upcoming event: October 15, 2017 Fall Festival. The hours are 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

(C) **Mayor:** Mayor Nickerson would like to thank all individuals that helped with the new playground construction and the Community Build that was held on July 29, 2017.

The Skate Park on Island Park is being used a lot. Mayor Nickerson suggested a committee be organized. Councilmembers agreed with the Mayor. Committee to consist of local community parents. Mayor Shane Nickerson to be the Chairperson.

Reports:

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

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

District Magistrate Fines Total: \$693.87.

New firearms are ordered and should be delivered in nine weeks.

Two (2) new computers, monitors, and an APC battery backup were purchased for the department. A \$1,000.00 donation was received from Precision Pipeline, LLC, which was used toward the purchases.

(E) **Police Committee:**

Officer Damon Cole last day with the department was July 25, 2017. Officer Ronald Warren to fill Officer Cole's position. Police Department needs another part-time officer to fill in for vacation, sick, etc. Applicant Kyle Mosso is to meet with Police Committee on August 15, 2017 at 8:30 A.M. Councilmembers agreed if the Police Committee accepts Mr. Mosso the Board can hire him. Motion was made by Jill Nickerson to hire Mr. Mosso if Police Committee approves the new candidate; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

(F) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of James Rakoski; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

2018 Financial Requirements & Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pension Plans (MMO's): Police - \$27,473.00 / Non-Uniform - \$38,549.00. Motion to pay 2018 Pension Plans (MMO's) was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(H) **Recreation:**

Playground: Borough crew prepared the new playground before the Community Build on July 29, 2017. Remaining playground equipment was cemented into footers on August 8, 2017.

Tennis Courts: Tennis courts are done and came out very well.

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

Island Park River Walk: Nothing to report.

(I) **Fire:** The Minutes from June 26, 2017 were received.
A Financial Report from June 27, 2017 through July 24, 2017 was received.

(J) **Library:** No meeting.

Reports:

(K) **Street Committee:** Tar & chipping of streets was completed on August 1, 2017.
The loose stone chips will be cleaned up in the fall.

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

(M) **Budget:** A 2018 Budget Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

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

Well testing at Taylor Run started on August 8, 2017.

Act 537 Study was sent to DEP for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

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

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

3. **Borough Website:** Nothing to report.

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, before the permit can be approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2017 Halloween Trick-or-Treat Date:**

The Blossburg Borough will hold Halloween on Tuesday, October 31, 2016. The parade is from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Halloween hours are 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements.

ADJOURNMENT: President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

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

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2017
at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Council Room.**

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary