

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

September 12, 2018

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 new Borough Building, 241 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

Attendance: Vice-President Jill Nickerson; Pro Temp Tonya McNamara; Councilmembers (absent, Jerome Ogden (wife ill)), Timothy Martin, James Rakoski, Paul Hosszu; Mayor Shane Nickerson; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee; (absent, Chief Joshua McCurdy (on vacation)); Corporal Robert Scott; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Officer Ronald Warren; Joshua Jones; Unisatvti Hicks-Lee.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 8, 2018 meeting were accepted on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

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

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

Guests: Unisatvti Hicks-Lee requested a handicap parking space or two on Main Street and additional handicap space in downtown parking lot. Borough Manager is to check with engineer on handicap sizes. Street Committee is to also review.

Reports:

(A) **Junior Council Person:** Eion Hicks-Lee reported Mansfield Borough is to start having a Junior Council Person attending their Council meetings.

(B) Committee Business Development:

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are held on fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. Meeting location is at the Blossburg Memorial Library.

V.I.B.E. proposed upcoming events: October 14, 2018 – Fall Festival
November 24, 2018 – Small Town Christmas
December 8, 2018 – 1.50 Mile Run at Island Park
Joseph Bubacz is organizing the event.

(C) **Mayor:** Mayor Nickerson spoke about the following topics: (1) Requested to purchase new Pedestrians signs for crosswalks on Main Street. Street Committee is to review. (2) Purchase a speed limit digital sign. Possibly work with Wellsboro and Mansfield to purchase jointly. (3) Parking space lines on Main Street need to be repainted. (4) Community Service People to paint fire hydrants and weed Main Street areas. (5) Requested park benches as Senior Projects on Island Park and Community Garden.

Reports:

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

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

District Magistrate Fines Total: \$610.95.

(E) **Police Committee:** Police Committee meeting to be held on September 25, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

(F) **Borough Manager:**

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

Blossburg Borough Fall Clean-up is only on regularly scheduled garbage day, of October 9 and October 10.

Tioga County Housing Authority / HUD has moved from 4 Riverside Plaza, Blossburg to new location at 112 Dorsett Heights, Mansfield. Hours of operation are 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Blossburg office is still open.

Plans are to move the Borough Offices from 245 Main Street to 241 Main Street by October 1, 2018.

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

Debra Everett submitted her resignation on July 23, 2018, effective immediately. An ad was published in the Penny-Saver requesting any Borough resident wishing to fill this vacancy should submit a letter of interest. Two people applied: Robin A. Stangel and Henry M. Bartlett.

Appointment to Planning Commission: Motion to appoint Henry M. Bartlett to Planning Commission was made by Timothy Martin; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(H) **Recreation:**

Pool closed on September 3, 2018. Draining of pool started on September 12, 2018.

Contractor to repair pool concrete this fall. Bloss Pool Association to pay for repairs.

Partners in Progress were hired to clean the Island Park restrooms.

Southern Tioga School District (STSD) Island Park "New" Lease: Motion to extend the current Island Park Lease, for one year, was made by James Rakoski; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor. Recreation Board and Council are to evaluate yearly expenditures that Borough spends to operate Island Park, then take back to STSD to discuss.

Barbeque pit repair materials were ordered and work has begun.

Playground & Tennis Courts: Inspection by Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) was done on August 21, 2018. Project passed the inspection.

Reports:

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

Island Park River Walk: Nothing to report.

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

Department is working on the 150 year anniversary. Festivities are scheduled for July 13, 2019.

(J) **Library:** Nothing to report.

(K) **Street / Building Committee:** Nothing to report. A meeting is to be scheduled.

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

(M) **Budget:** A 2019 Budget Meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2018 at 4:00 P.M.

Borough Secretary Mary Signor to advertise "Budget Workshop Meeting" in the Wellsboro Gazette.

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

Bond Consul & FCCB are working on \$600,000.00 Line of Credit to cover engineering / legal fees until Interim Financing Loan is done in Spring 2019.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED BY BOROUGH SOLICITOR PATRICK BARRETT AT 7:17 P.M.
RECONVENED AT 8:05 P.M. LEGAL ISSUE DISCUSSED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

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

2. **QuickBooks and Diversified Technology Utility Billing Programs:** Nothing to report.

3. **Set Date for Halloween:** Tabled until October Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **STSD Homecoming:**

North Penn-Mansfield, is requesting to hold a Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 28, 2018 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Paul Hosszu to approve all Homecoming festivities; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. 2019 Coal Festival Activities:

Coal Festival Dates: Thursday, May 23, 2019 to Saturday, May 25, 2019

Senior Day: Wednesday, May 22, 2019

5K Run – Saturday, May 25, 2019 morning, before the parade

Parade – Saturday, May 25, 2019 – 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Wine and Beer tasting

Motion to approve all Coal Festival requests was made by Tonya McNamara; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor. Main Street is a state road; a Parade Permit Application will be submitted to PennDOT by Borough Secretary Mary Signor.

3. Council Meeting Items to be e-mailed:

Starting January 2019 all Council Meeting items will be e-mailed prior to the regular scheduled monthly meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 AT THE KNOXVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER (FORMER GERTRUDE CASE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL), 301 EAST MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M.

FALL FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 14, 2018 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 8:26 P.M.

Motion of Tonya McNamara; second, Timothy Martin. All in Favor.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the new Blossburg Borough Building Council Room, 241 Main Street.