

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 9, 2019

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

Attendance: President Jolene Hall, Vice- President Jill Nickerson, Pro-Temp Tonya McNamara, Council Members Jerome Ogden, Paul Hosszu, Tim Martin (Absent), James Rakoski, Mayor Shane Nickerson, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett (Absent), Chief Josh McCurdy, Borough Manager George D. Lloyd, Borough Secretary Cheryl Bubacz.

Guests included Henry Bartlett, Uni Hicks-Lee, Josh Jones, Bob Metarko, Natalie Kennedy and Corporal Bob Scott.

Minutes The minutes of the April 11, 2019 meeting were accepted as presented, by motion of Paul Hosszu; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report Report accepted subject to audit by motion of Jill Nickerson; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

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

Guests: Henry Bartlett wanted to thank Mayor Nickerson and Chief McCurdy for their work on the Granger Street property. But would still like the property on Morris Street addressed.

Reports:

Junior Council Junior Council Person was absent from the meeting.

Person:

Committee

Business

Development:

Tonya McNamara reported that the Community Yard Sale was a success despite the weather.

The United Fund will be wrapped up the end of May.

Continued work on the 2nd Annual Island Park 150 has been set for November 9th.

Mayor:

1. The Police Department would like to have a page on the new website. They will work on the content.
2. The Mayor and Solicitor would like to attend the PA Municipal Legal Update to be held in Harrisburg in August. Motion made by Paul Hosszu and second by James Rakoski to have the Mayor and Solicitor attend conference. All in favor.

3. Mansfield University is having an SRO Training to be held June 17 through 24, 2019, which the Mayor would like the Chief to Attend. Motion made by Paul Hosszu, second by James Rakoski, All in favor to have the Chief attend the SRO Training in June.
4. The Mayor is part of TCDC, Develop Tioga County, and has been appointed the Chairman for the LERTA Program. He wanted to commend the Borough as it was one of the few municipalities that correctly handled the program over the years.
5. The Mayor and Chief of Police would like to obtain quotes to install security cameras on Island Park. We need to have stronger Wi-Fi on Island Park to accomplish this goal. The Mayor, Chief and Borough Manager will work together to get quotes on upgrading the Wi-Fi and discuss with Josh Jones about what is needed.

Police

1. Everyone has received a copy of the Police Report.

The Police Report was accepted on motion of James Rakoski, second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

2. Chief McCurdy thanked Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette for coming to cover the second training conducted by the Blossburg Police Department's Officer Ron Warren.
3. Obtaining two (2) kits for the Elementary School and one for the Police Department for practice on applying tourniquets.
4. Currently the Police Department has three (3) vehicles, however, we only have one (1) hot spot to allow computer communication, GPS Coordinates, etc., The Chief would like to purchase a second hot spot. Borough Secretary will contact Verizon, current supplier, to get a cost on a second hot spot. Motion by Paul Hosszu, second Tonya McNamara. All in favor to purchase a second hot spot for the police cars.

**Police
Committee:**

No Meeting

Borough Manager:

1. Borough Manager report accepted on Motion from James Rakoski; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.
2. We need to bid out the work for the Veterans' monument repair. Jerome stated that there are shrubs behind the monument with trailers that need to be removed as well as several dead pine trees. Borough Manager stated that the Borough crew would take care of the removal of the trees and shrubs. The remaining work is to have the Monument re-pointed. Motion by Jerome Ogden, second by Jill Nickerson to bid out the repair project. All in favor.

3. The Hometown Hero Banners that came down or loose during the winter have been secured. Some of the Banners are too worn to rehang. Those banners will be returned to the family of the Hero. The banners came with a two (2) year warranty. Currently the contact for the Banners is Janice House. Question was asked if there will be a program for people to reorder and at this time that is not known.
4. The Borough has a 1969 Ford Tractor that is too costly to repair. Borough Manager asked to send the Tractor to Auction. Motion made by Paul Hosszu, second Tonya McNamara. All in favor.
5. The Borough was approached by Repsol with a gas lease for the new Borough Office Building property. The one-time payment is \$600.00. We need to have a few corrections made to the Lease and then it is ready to sign. Motion by Jerome Ogden, second Paul Hosszu for the Borough to sign the Repsol Lease once the corrections are received. All in favor.
6. The Tioga County GIS Department, in conjunction with Mansfield University, will be flying drones along the riverbed for mapping purposes in the next few weeks.
7. Tonya McNamara stated that the tree along the plaza closest to the Dollar General is in need of trimming.

**Planning
Commission
Report:**

No Meeting.

**Zoning Hearing
Board:**

Zoning Hearing Board will meet and hold a Public Meeting on May 9th for the in-home dog-grooming business at 173 St. Mary's Street.

Recreation:

1. The Rec Board has the following programs currently scheduled on the Island Park in the next few months.
 - a. Vacation Bible School
 - b. Lewis & Clark Circus
 - c. Blossburg Fire & Ambulance 150th Celebration
 - d. Southern Tioga School District Mini-Thon
 - e. Skate Park Competition
 - f. 2nd Annual Island Park 150
2. Board would like to further discuss insurance coverage for people who rent the pavilion, use the park, etc. and how to better cover ourselves.
3. Board recommends the hiring of Holly Berguson as the Pool Manager for 2019. In addition, they recommend the hiring of six (6) lifeguards who have currently applied for positions and ideally another four (4) once school lets out. Motion by Jerome Ogden, second by Paul Hosszu to approve the hiring of the recommended individuals.

4. Board would like to contract out the Concession Stand this year. The concession stand would be operated by an independent person who would supply all food, beverages, etc. for sale pursuant to an Agreement between the Rec Board, the Borough and the Contractor. It was recommended to Council that the contract be awarded to Misty Jo Osborn for 2019 pending the execution of the Agreement. Motion made by Jerome Ogden, second by Paul Hosszu to approve the recommended out-sourcing the concession stand pending the signing of the Contract.
5. The Board is continuing to work on its' policies and procedures and job descriptions.
6. Board would like to order mobile storage for storing pool accessories. The Board is currently looking at the cost which may be covered in part by the Williamson Road Foundation Grant or from other money already received.
7. Grants from both the Mase Foundation and the Jones Foundation for the purchase of a GaGa Ball Pit have been received. The Board will be putting together the order in the very near future.
8. The Pool is scheduled to open May 26th.
9. Partners In Progress has been hired to clean the bathhouse and restrooms weekly.
10. Chief asked about the current Noise Ordinance and the time at night the noise level is to be down. This is due to the Band starting after the fireworks during the Coal Festival and the Music Festival in July. Chief was informed that the time is 10:00 p.m. Motion by Paul Hosszu, second by Tonya McNamara that the Noise Ordinance would be extended from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for both of these events. All in favor.

Playground: The playground is completed and need to submit the necessary paperwork to the state for funds.

Tennis Court: The benches are currently inside the fence area of the tennis courts. The Tennis Team will be pouring concrete to place the benches on. Also the Tennis coach has asked to have a net high black line painted on the side of the Borough garage for the tennis team to practice on. Motion made by Paul Hosszu second by Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

Trees: Approximately 140 trees were planted on April 25th along the river walk on Island Park. Motion made by Jerome Ogden, second by Tonya McNamara to remove this item from the Agenda.

Island Park River Walk: Borough Manager reported that the old "waste" buckets that were around along the River Walk have been replaced with the "Doggie Waste Station" stands. There are some repairs needed to the Walk due to the winter wear and tear.

Fire: Minutes received. The Fire Department continues to prepare for the 150th Celebration. The Fire Police have been given a list of dates for their assistance and participation. Motion made by Jill Nickerson, second by Paul Hosszu. All in favor to accept list

Chief asked if the Fire Police would be willing to assist with the Coal Festival Parade. The Chief has cadets from the Mansfield University Police Academy coming to assist, but would like to have a Police Officer or a Fire Police Officer with each cadet. The Coal Festival is one of the items on the list for Fire Police assistance and participation. Chief was given contact information.

Library: No Meeting.

Street Committee: A list of the street signs that need to be replaced was sent to the Street Committee. The Borough Manager has secured a quote from the PA Corrections Department for the replacement of the street signs. He will be obtaining a second quote from another supplier.

Shade Tree Commission: Nothing to Report

Budget: Nothing.

Blossburg Municipal Report: June 22, 2019 has been set as the date the Municipal Authority's Engineer has to submit documents to DEP for the new sewer plant.

Currently working on the culvert permit to cross East Creek.

OLD BUSINESS:

Borough Website: Borough working with PSAB on the new website. Have received a few preliminary mock ups. Need to gather content, etc.

Communication Team will be meeting to put together content for the website and other communication ideas.

Street Signs: See Street Committee.

Consent Agenda: Nothing

Codification: Borough Secretary will be receiving the quote for the Codification from American Legal in the next day or so. Quote will be available for the June 12th Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The TCAB Meeting for May to be held in Liberty on May 16, 2019 at the Liberty Borough Building. Guest Speaker will be Oliver Hoad, Energy Consultant with APPI

ADJOURNMENT: President Jolene Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm by Motion of Paul Hosszu and second by Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

Cheryl L. Bubacz

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