

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
August 14, 2019

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

President Jolene Hall called the Blossburg Borough Council 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 (Absent), Paul Hosszu, Tim Martin (Absent), James Rakoski, Mayor, Shane Nickerson, Borough Solicitor, Patrick Barrett, Police Chief, Josh McCurdy, Borough Manager, George D. Lloyd and Borough Secretary, Cheryl Bubacz.

Guests: Henry Bartlett and Kevin Lindquist.

Minutes The Minutes of the July 17, 2019 meeting were accepted as presented, by Motion of Paul Hosszu; Second Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

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

Bills: Bills to be paid by Motion of Paul Hosszu; Second James Rakoski. All in favor.

Guests: Henry Bartlett: Thank you to the Council for having the property on the corner of Lynd and Morris Streets cleaned up of the weeds and the fence adjusted.

Kevin Lindquist: New Rescue Truck is in service and the remodel of the Fire Hall has been completed.

REPORTS:

**Junior Council
Person:** Nothing, Eion not present.

**Committee
Business
Development:** VIBE chicken barbeque was held on August 10, 2019.
The Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 13th.

Next Meeting is August 28, 2019

Mayor: The Mayor and the Solicitor attended the PSAB Legal Update in Harrisburg on August 7th and 8th. The programs were very informative, specifically the Civil Service speaker.

Police The Police Report was accepted on Motion of James Rakoski, Second Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

The new police car has been ordered and the Chief is waiting for the delivery date.

Chief McCurdy was excused from the balance of the meeting for a community activity.

**Police
Committee:** No Meeting

- Borough Manager:**
1. Fall Clean-up has been scheduled for October 1st and 2nd, 2019. There will not be a dumpster for electronics. Electronics can be taken to the Landfill in Hamilton Township.
 2. The Borough received a letter from TCCC regarding the possibility of federal funding being available to assist with additional river cleanup, at Morris Run Creek and Coal Run.
 3. Letter received from Richmond Township about the closing of West Gate Road to through traffic. Hammerheads and/or cul-de-sacs will be installed at terminus points. This closure takes effect August 19th. A copy of the letter was provided to the Police Department, the Council members and Fire Department President, Kevin Lindquist.
 4. The Blossburg Fire Department and Ambulance Association will each received \$1,400.00 from the United Fund drive.

**Planning
Commission
Report:** No Meeting.

**Zoning Hearing
Board:** No Meeting.

Recreation: Waiting for Southern Tioga School District to appoint a replacement representative to the Recreation Board. This item was not discussed at their August meeting.

All of the United Fund monies have been distributed.

Playground: The final Progress Report is almost complete.

Tennis Court: The Tennis Coach asked that the Courts be washed. The Borough hosed off the Court but there were still some puddles that held dirt. Will check with the School District to see if they have someone available to wash the Courts with Simply Green prior to the season starting.

Island Park River Walk: Need to walk the perimeter and designate any Ash Trees to be taken down.

Fire: Minutes received

Library: No Meeting

Street Committee: A discussion regarding the filing of a Grant Application with the County to repair East Creek Road from the culvert to the Borough line. The Grant is for \$163,333 with a Borough Match of \$43,484. Motion made by Paul Hosszu to file the Grant Application, Second – James Rakoski. All in favor.

Shade Tree Commission: Borough Manager has found someone who can bore trees at a cost of \$50/tree to determine if there are any that are dead and need to come down, before they are knocked down in a storm. Will also check for Ash Trees along the River Walk that need to come down.

Budget: Budget Committee met to discuss Act 13 Funds and possible distributions of those funds. Further discussions will be held and then presented to Council.

Blossburg Municipal Report: Municipal Authority received a letter from DEP regarding Bellman Filter Automatic Shutdown for any of three items. Scott Bray reviewed the letter and prepared a letter that was sent to DEP in response. Right now the system has call out boxes that have levels that are far above the levels required by DEP. Waiting for response from DEP to our letter.

The Mayor congratulated the Authority for receiving the Longevity Award from the Partnership for Safe Water. The Authority has 15 years of continuous years as a Directors Award Facility.

OLD BUSINESS:

Borough Website: The initial layout of the website is being reviewed. Once the initial layout has been reviewed and updated, a second updated layout will be provided to Council for approval.

Consent Agenda: Nothing

Codification: American Legal Publishing working on the Codification

Ordinances: Solicitor has reviewed the three (3) draft Ordinances provided to him. Those were for grass clippings, snow removal and fireworks. Once he has completed his review, the Ordinance drafts will be provided to Council. The Ordinances should be ready for advertising following the September Council meeting. Motion by Jill Nickerson, Second by Paul Hosszu to the advertising of the Ordinances once reviewed and revised.

STORE FRONTS: The Mayor has spoken to several store owners about their window areas. He has received the okay from most to tidy up the store fronts.

NEW BUSINESS: _____

**SOAP BOX
DERBY:** The Mayor is working with the Teen Initiative regarding holding a Soap Box Derby during the Fall Festival. The Mayor will obtain additional information to present to Council for the September Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: President Jolene Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

/s/ Cheryl L. Bubacz

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary