

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
February 12, 2020

Meeting was called to Order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Guests: Pam DeRemer, Amy Gunderson and Heather Deitrick from First Citizens Community Bank, Uni Hicks-Lee, Josh Magnotta from Wellsboro Gazette, Josh Jones and Cpl. Bob Scott.

Minutes, Through the Consent Agenda, the Minutes of the January 6, 2020 meeting were
Treasurer's accepted as presented, Treasurer's Report accepted, subject to Audit, Bills to be paid,
Report, Bills, Police and the Police Report and Borough Manager's Report were all accepted by Motion of
Report and Tonya McNamara; Second Jerome Ogden. All in favor.
Borough
Manager's Report

Guests: Pam DeRemer with the Fire Dept. Auxiliary came to thank the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator, Steve Hall, for all of his help in the recent months. The Council also thanked the Auxiliary for their hard work during emergencies.

Uni Hicks-Lee discussed the TNR Project. The first meeting was held on January 30th and approximately 9 people attended. There will be another meeting/training at the end of March and the first trapping would be slated for shortly thereafter. A list of materials needed is on the website.

Mayor: The Mayor has received many positive comments from community members on how well the streets have been cleared after the many storms in January. The Borough crew is doing a wonderful job.

Also, a special Thank You to Cpl. Bob Scott for the Clean Audit received. All of the background checks and history have come back all clear. Thank you Bob for your hard work.

Police: Chief stated that the new part-time officer, Scott Tanner, is working out very well.

The new police car is to be delivered to Rapid Response for equipment installation by Friday, February 14, 2020. Once Rapid Response received the car it will be 4 to 5 weeks to outfit.

Police A Meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020 to discuss the Mechanical Device
Committee: Tax and enforcement.

- Borough Manager:**
1. VIBE has set the Community Yard Sale for May 2, 2020. The Borough Spring Cleanup is historically held the week following which would be May 5th and 6th this year. Motion by Jerome Ogden, Second by Henry Bartlett that Spring Cleanup be held May 5th and 6th. All in favor.
 2. A question was posted on Facebook about electronics being put out for cleanup. We cannot take any electronics at this time. NTSWA will host recycling events throughout the year for recycling electronics for a small cost. Once the dates are know we will share the same.
 3. The Borough is trying a new salt spreading technique. Prior to a storm, salt/sand is spread in the middle of the road and as cars drive over the salt, it is spread across the road. The theory is that the salt will be a base layer and will inhibit ice from forming. It seemed to work well prior to the last storm.

Junior Council Person: The annual School Musical will be held March 6, 7 and 8th in the Auditorium. The musical this year is *The Wizard of Oz*.

Will be working with the new Junior Council representative on the transition from current Junior Council Representative to the new Representative.

Committee Business Development VIBE: VIBE is currently working on a “Welcome” packet for new residents. It was suggested that they contact First Citizens as they also send out a welcome packet.

Also, working on new PennDot approved signage to be placed near the exits of Route 15.

Planning Commission Report: Nothing

Zoning Hearing Board: Nothing.

Properties Sold During Month: There were two (2) properties transferred in January, with one (1) new family coming to town.

Recreation: The Rec. Board met on January 27, 2020. There was a discussion held about the placement of a T-ball field. It was determined that there is a place between the two fences at the Park that will work for a T-Ball field.

The Board will be discussing the Pool Tickets at their next meeting as well as event requests.

Playground: The site for the new Swing set has been prepared; waiting for delivery.

Tennis Court: Nothing

River Walk: Trail is a little icy; Borough Manager said he would have cinders put down.

Fire: Minutes received prior to the meeting. The Fire Department received an annual Grant of approximately \$12,000 and the Ambulance Association received approximately \$9,000.

Library: Minutes were received. John Eckman is the new President and Shane Nickerson is the new Vice President.

Street Committee: Nothing

**Shade Tree
Commission:** Nothing

Budget: Nothing

**Blossburg Municipal
Report:** Relining of sewer mains in front of the Acorn, between Liberty St. and Nevins St. and under Coal Creek have been completed. Seemed to go very smoothly.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Annual Financial
Statements:** Borough Secretary still needs four (4) statements.

Ordinance: A draft of an Amendment to the existing zoning ordinance regarding Main Street Apartments has been sent to the Solicitor for review.

NEW BUSINESS: _____

**Sesquicentennial
Planning:** A primary committee was appointed for the planning of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Blossburg. An initial meeting will be held on March 4, 2020 at 5:00 pm to lay out the initial plan for the celebration and additional volunteers.

**Repeal of Mechanical
Device Tax:** The Police Committee will discuss this during their March 2, 2020 meeting.

Announcements: The March TCAB Meeting will be hosted by the Borough at the KCC Building on Island Park. Guest Speaker will be Joe Bubacz discussing Cybersecurity. Social time starts at 6:00 pm with dinner and meeting to follow at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: President Jolene Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Motion by Jerome Ogden, Second by Tonya McNamara.

/s/ Cheryl L. Bubacz

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary