

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 10, 2021**

Council Meeting was called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jolene Hall.

**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 (Absent), Borough Solicitor, Patrick Barrett, Police Chief, Josh McCurdy, Borough Manager, George D. Lloyd, Borough Secretary, Cheryl Bubacz and School Representative (Absent).

**Guests:** Bob Scott, Nick Hults and Natalie Kennedy (*Wellsboro Gazette*)

Bob Scott: Just for Review

Nick Hults: He is running for Council and wanted to see what happens at Meetings.

Natalie Kennedy: Nothing

**Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Bills, Police Report & Borough Manager's Report:**

Minutes and Reports were all accepted as presented by Motion of Jerome Ogden; Second Henry Bartlett. All in favor.

**Mayor:**

Nothing

**Police:**

The two (2) new part-time police officers' information, so that they can become active, should be sent to MPOECT by the end of the week of March 8<sup>th</sup> and then training of the two (2) officers will start.

**Police Committee:**

Nothing

**Borough Manager:**

The Coal Festival Committee has requested to hold a parade on May 29, 2021. The Parade will start at 11:00 a.m. Motion by Tonya McNamara, Second by Jerome Ogden to grant the request of the Coal Festival for a Parade on May 29, 2021. All in Favor.

Since the Community Yard Sales will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021, the Spring Clean-Up will be held on May 11 or 12 depending on your normal garbage day. Motion by Tonya McNamara, Second by Jerome Ogden for Spring Clean-Up to be held May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>. All in Favor.

The Municipal payments can now be received by e-check. There is an option to select e-check at the time of payment. The cost, by the processing company, is \$1.50 instead of \$3.00 for credit/debit card payment.

Borough Manager wanted to let everyone know that the Borough's Engineer, Scott Bray, recently lost his wife. Condolences were offered to Mr. Bray and his family.

**Junior Council Person:**

Not Present.

**VIBE:**

Currently working on getting signs put on the I-99 Corridor. Next Meeting is March 24, 2021.

**Planning Commission Report:**

Nothing

**Zoning Hearing Board:**

Nothing.

**Recreation:**

The Pool is expected to be open at the end of May or first of June. Borough Secretary asked if an advertisement for Lifeguards would be needed. Tonya McNamara said not at this time. She will check with Holly Berguson and let the Secretary know.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Island Park 150 Race will be held on November 13, 2021, Motion by Henry Bartlett, Second by Jerome Ogden to authorize the use of the Park for the race. All in Favor.

The Park has been extremely busy. Is there a need to put Caution Tape up so that individuals are not parking in the grass area? Following a discussion, consensus was not at this time.

**Riverwalk:** Walking trail looks great, does need a topping when possible.

**Skate Park Addition:** Funds are being raised and currently looking at plans for the small addition.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Minutes were received and provided to Council for the Ambulance Association. Minutes were received for the Fire Department immediately prior to the meeting, they will be distributed with the March information. Jerome Ogden would like to note that the Report from the Ambulance Association was very informative and provided a lot of good information.

**Library:**

Library is open for limited hours; however, the Community Room is not available for use at this time. The Library had comments from patrons that they were happy to be able to go into a library and pick out a book.

**Street Committee:**

Borough Manager will be looking at streets for tar and chipping for 2021.

**Shade Tree Commission:**

Nothing

**Budget:**

Nothing.

**Blossburg Municipal Report:**

Borough Manager working to get authorization to go to Bid for the Sewer Project. Also, will be starting 1 million gallon water tank construction in the spring/summer at Taylor Run.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sesquicentennial Planning:**

Nothing.

**Shared Services Agreement:**

Solicitor is reviewing Agreement with Counsel of the other municipalities.

**Coal Festival and 5K Fun Run:**

Motion by Tonya McNamara, Second by Jerome Ogden to authorize the Coal Festival to be held on May 28 through May 30. Parade will be May 29<sup>th</sup> at 11.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned by President Jolene Hall at 6:44 p.m. Motion by Jerome Ogden, Second by Tonya McNamara. All in Favor

Attorney Barrett called an Executive Session following the meeting to provide legal advice to Council. No action will be taken.

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Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary