

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

Council Meeting was called to Order at 6:31 p.m. by President Jolene Hall.

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

Guests: Natalie Kennedy (*Wellsboro Gazette*)

Natalie Kennedy - Nothing

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

Minutes and Reports were all accepted as presented Motion of Jill Nickerson; Second Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

Mayor:

A big THANK YOU to the Borough crew and community members who came out to help setup for the Sesquicentennial Celebration. Jill did a great job with the planning!

Covid is becoming rampant again. It is actually worse now than it was this time last year.

Mayor is meeting with the architects for the Old Hospital Building on September 9, 2021 so that they can go through the building for their planning.

Police:

Chief McCurdy was on an active call and was unable to attend. Mayor Nickerson said that there was nothing new to report at this time.

Police Committee:

Nothing

Borough Manager:

Fall Clean-up will be held on October 5th and 6th, depending on your garbage day. If items are put out after your normal garbage day, they will not be picked up.

Junior Council Person:

Not Present.

VIBE:

No meeting due to Sesquicentennial Preparation.

Planning Commission Report:

No Meeting

Zoning Hearing Board:

Nothing

Recreation:

The pool was open until the last Sunday in August due a shortage of lifeguards because they were returning to college. A discussion was held regarding the parking barriers.

The Borough Secretary received a letter from DCNR today, September 8, 2021, regarding their annual Pool inspection. The inspection is part of the terms of the 2008 assistance grant received from DCNR for pool rehabilitation. The pool passed all tests and the letter stated “You should be very proud of your accomplishments”.

Riverwalk: Nothing

Skate Park Addition: Addition is going well, and the contractor will be pouring concrete in stages.

Fire and Ambulance:

No minutes were received. President Hall stated that Steve Hall and Peter Lupkowski each received a Commendation Award from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for 45 years of service, Steve for Fire and Peter for EMS.

Library:

The Library will be adding Saturday hours soon. They are strongly encouraging masking. Yoga should be starting soon pending the instructor and any Covid restrictions.

Street Committee:

Nothing.

Shade Tree Commission:

Nothing

Budget:

Meeting scheduled for September 21, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Blossburg Municipal Report:

The Taylor Run water tank construction is moving slowly. The Engineer was here in September and Dutch Land will be pouring the walls in November at their facility to be transported and placed at the site in April or May, 2022.

Borough Crew has been actively laying 2,000 feet of pipe along Blake Road for a waterline replacement. The final connections were made this week. This will help with the water flows.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sesquicentennial Planning (February 2020):

Celebration went very well! Big shout out to everyone who played a part in the preparation. These individuals worked very hard to bring everything together and despite the rain at the beginning, everyone seemed to have a great time.

Motion by James Rakoski, Second by Tonya McNamara to remove this item from the Agenda. All in Favor.

Shared Services Agreement (June 2020):

Nothing. Mansfield has removed this from their Agenda. Councilman Bartlett asked whose responsibility it would be if we used a piece of Mansfield's equipment and it broke? Borough Manager said it would probably depend on the circumstances.

LED Streetlights (April 2021): Waiting on Penelec to hire a project manager.

American Rescue Plan (April 2021): Nothing

Sale of 245 Main Street: (April 2021) Nothing.

Old Hospital: Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Junk Cars on Taylor Street (June 2021). Solicitor has a revised draft of the amended Ordinance for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following items were voted on to be added to the Agenda for the October 13, 2021 Council Meeting:

- 1. 2022 Budget Ordinance/Resolution – Motion by James Rakoski, Second by Jill Nickerson to add this item to the Agenda. All in Favor**
- 2. 2022 Tax Ordinance/Resolution – Motion by Jill Nickerson, Second by Henry Bartlett to add this item to the Agenda. All in Favor**
- 3. 2022 Tioga TCC Voting Delegate Appointment Resolution – Motion by James Rakoski, Second by Jill Nickerson to add this item to the Agenda. All in Favor**
- 4. Trick-or-Treating to determine day and hours. Pending any additional Covid restrictions.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilman Bartlett asked about the letter that was included in the Council information from Area Agency on Aging asking for a donation. Councilwoman Nickerson explained that if they need services, volunteers or the like, we are here for them. However, the Borough does not give monetary donations to non-profit organizations.

Councilwoman Nickerson said that a detailed report regarding the Sesquicentennial numbers will be supplied at the next Council Meeting.

Knoxville will be hosting the TCAB Meeting on September 9, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by President Jolene Hall at 6:59 p.m. Motion by Jill Nickerson, Second by James Rakoski. All in Favor

/s/ Cheryl L. Bubacz

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary