

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 13, 2022**

Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice President Timothy Martin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Guests: Brian McClure and Josh Jones.

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

Minutes and monthly Reports were accepted as presented by Motion of Henry Bartlett, Second Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

Mayor:

There is a group of High School students looking for projects for Community Service. Would they be able to paint curbs or trim around signs, etc.? Borough Manager said there is a group of students doing community service through the School District. Have them call the School.

Police:

Nothing

Police Committee:

Nothing

Borough Manager:

The group of students doing Community Service, approximately 23, would like to use the Track area on Island Park on Friday, July 15th to celebrate the work they accomplished. Motion by Kenneth Johnson, Second by James Rakoski. All in Favor.

A group of individuals from the PA Outdoor Corps. through DCNR are volunteering to work at Arbon Cemetery to help straighten some of the headstones that have sunk or tilted. We would supply the materials they need, stone, backhoe and operator, and they would be leveling the stones for resetting. The program is similar to vocational training. Motion by Kenneth Johnson, Second by Tonya McNamara to allow PA Outdoor Corps. to work at Arbon Cemetery. All in Favor.

The Acid Mine Drainage project held an informational meeting at the KCC Building on Island Park. The project will be cleaning the water from Coal Run Creek and Morris Run Creek and pumping it back to Fall Brook and into Morris Run Creek. Once the project is completed, Coal Run Creek will no longer have flowing water as the water will be treated and discharged into Morris Run Creek. They will be bidding out the project in 2023 and hope to have the system functional by 2024. Fish will eventually migrate back into the Tioga River.

Junior Council Person:

Nothing.

VIBE:

Fall Festival to be held on October 9th, would like to have Main Street shut-down from the corner of Carpenter to Hannibal for the festivities. Borough Secretary will prepare the necessary document to file with PennDot.

Planning Commission Report:

Nothing.

Zoning Hearing Board:

Public Meeting for the Special Exemption on the property at 130 Main Street will be held on July 20, 2022 in the Council Room.

Recreation:

The pool has been very busy.

Fire and Ambulance:

Councilman Bartlett would like to know if some of the Act 13 funds could be given to the Fire Department as they meet one of the 6 categories for use. He suggested that the money in the account be split into 6 shares and donated to each of the qualifying categories. It would help them with getting updated equipment, training and their morale. After a brief discussion regarding other options to increase their morale, Mayor Nickerson and Councilmen Bartlett and Johnson would attend the Fire Department meetings and start a dialogue with them to determine what turnout gear and/or equipment they have that needs to be replaced. The Act 13 money has budgeted items, therefore, we cannot just divide the balance in the account. It was suggested that at the next Budget Committee meeting, the Act 13 monies be discussed.

Library:

The Library is going strong. There are weekly programs being conducted throughout the summer. Some of the programs have had up to 200 people attend. Liz, the Librarian, is back from her medical leave.

Street Committee:

Councilman Bartlett is wondering if anyone is monitoring the gas line replacement on Granger Street. Borough Manager said they the Borough is monitoring what is being done and will make sure that the road, grass, etc. be repaired back to its original condition.

Shade Tree Commission:

Nothing

Budget:

Nothing

Blossburg Municipal Report:

The Taylor Run tank is set and the roof will be installed July 21st. After the contractors finish the tank, it will be filled and super-chlorinated to check for leaks.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED Streetlights (April 2021): A total of nine phases have been submitted to Penelec. They are working on the phases as they have time. We now get two (2) bills for streetlights, one for the sodium lights and one for the LED lights. It does appear that the bills are going down slightly.

American Rescue Plan (April 2021): The second payments to all municipalities have been delayed. At this time it is unclear when the payment will be coming.

Sale of 245 Main Street: (April 2021): Solicitor preparing the Deed for the property.

Junk Cars on Taylor Street (June 2021): Solicitor to expand this Ordinance.

Project Goals for 2022: We will review the eight (8) project goals for 2022 periodically and provide updates.

- a. **Better WiFi on Island Park:** Josh Jones was at the Meeting to determine what was going on with the WiFi improvement. Borough Secretary will forward the plan that was agreed to, for his review.
- b. **Sidewalk, Lighting and Signage for Island Park:** Livic to provide information.
- c. **Island Park Restroom Replacement:** Waiting for time to get the project started.
- d. **Plaza Refurbishment:** Livic working on options.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION:

Someone asked on Facebook why the gate to the old dump was locked. It was locked because people were dumping items other than brush up there. It can be opened if someone contacts the Office.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by Vice President Martin at 7:05 p.m. Motion by Kenneth Johnson, Second by Tonya McNamara. All in Favor

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary