

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 11, 2023**

The Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 453 commenced at 6:00 pm. No one from the public came to discuss the Ordinance.

The regular Council Meeting of January 11, 2023, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jolene Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Guests:** Renee Carey from Northcentral PA Conservancy and Ash Sergejenki from Tioga Publishing.

Renee updated everyone on the status of the acid mine reclamation project.

- The Bureau of Forestry would like to have the land surveyed.
- The Forestry Department is also going to be chipping treetops left from timbering on the land. They will be reusing the materials in other locations.
- The land was enrolled in the Hunter Access Program and approximately 19 individuals contacted the Conservancy to say they would like to hunt on the property in December.
- Renee plans to attend an upcoming VIBE meeting to discuss the project and the possible impact on local businesses.

**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 Kenneth Johnson. All in favor.

**Mayor:**

Nothing.

**Police:**

Nothing at this time.

**Police Committee:**

No Meeting.

**Borough Manager:**

A letter from the Coal Festival Committee was received regarding the dates for the Coal Festival for 2023. The dates are May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, pending Rec Board approval. Motion by Tonya McNamara, Second Henry Bartlett to approve the dates for the 2023 Coal Festival pending Rec Board Approval. All in Favor.

The recycling container behind the Borough Garage will be removed by NTSWA due to people contaminating recycling in the container.

**Junior Council Person:** Nothing.

**VIBE:**

There was no meeting in December. Next meeting will be January 25, 2023.

**Planning Commission Report:**

Nothing.

**Zoning Hearing Board:**

Nothing.

**Recreation:**

No Meeting was held in December. The Bloss Area Swimming Association is proposing a new bath house be constructed. An architect has been contacted, who will prepare a design, which has been paid for by the Association. Motion by Henry Bartlett, Second Kenneth Johnson to authorize the construction of a new bath house pending approval by Rec Board. All in Favor.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Henry Bartlett discussed an article in the most recent Borough News about a possible resolution to revamp the fire relief fund. The Department has been working hard to increase morale and recruit new members. Everyone agreed that the Council supports all of the work for both the fire and ambulance departments. The Budget Committee has set aside funds for both the fire and ambulance departments.

**Library:**

The next Library meeting is January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Street Committee:**

A meeting was held to discuss re-establishing the sidewalk program to help homeowners offset some of the costs of repairing their sidewalks. The sidewalks along McIntyre Street are one of the areas in need of repair.

**Shade Tree Commission:**

Nothing.

**Budget:**

Nothing.

**Blossburg Municipal Report:**

The WWTP construction is underway. The contractors will be boring under the Tioga River within the next 3 weeks and then digging footers for the SBR tanks in the middle of February.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**LED Streetlights (April 2021):** Still ongoing.

**Project Goals for 2022:** Project Goal Updates:

- a. **Better Wi-Fi on Island Park:** Phase 1 quote has been received. A meeting is to be scheduled between PennTele Data (PTD), Josh Jones and Joe Bubacz to review the quote and for PTD to answer questions that both have regarding Phase 1.
- b. **Sidewalk, Lighting and Signage for Island Park:** A sidewalk layout has been received.
- c. **Island Park Restroom Replacement:** On Hold
- d. **Plaza Refurbishment:** Livic working on options. Borough Manager will mark the property for ease of visualization.

**Ordinance 453** – No parking on Carpenter Street between the intersections of Ruah Street and Granger Street has been duly published. No one from the public attended the public hearing. Motion by Kenneth Johnson, Second by Tonya McNamara to adopt Ordinance 453. All in Favor.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ambulance Department's request for funding for PPE equipment:** A meeting will be scheduled between the Mayor, Council President, Ambulance Department President and Treasurer to discuss the funding needed and timeframe of the purchase.

March 2023 TCAB Meeting: The Borough hosts the March TCAB Meeting. Borough Secretary has been directed to schedule the meeting, find a caterer and key speaker. She will report back at the February meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned by President Hall at 7:07 p.m. Motion by Henry Bartlett, Second by Tonya McNamara. All in Favor

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Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary