

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2023

Prior to the start of the regularly scheduled Council Meeting, Solicitor Barrett called an executive session at 6:23 p.m. to discuss legal matters. The Executive Session ended at 6:39 p.m.

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by President Jolene Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance: President Jolene Hall, Vice-President Timothy Martin, Pro-Temp Tonya McNamara, Council Members: Jill Nickerson, James Rakoski, 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, Kail Thompson.

Guests: Renee Carey from Northcentral PA Conservancy; Josh Jones, Sandra Olson and Paul Otruba.

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

- Kleinfelder and SRBC are continuing to work on their plan. They will be holding another meeting with the municipalities in to provide an update on the project.
- The property was walked earlier on April 12, 2023 with various partners in the project.

Renee left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Sandra Olson – Sandra came to the meeting to let everyone know that she is running for the office of District Attorney of Tioga County and to offer the opportunity for Council to ask her any questions. The Council appreciated her coming.

Josh Jones: Nothing

Paul Otruba: He has a large collection of mining maps and other artifacts. He will be showing some of the maps at the new Antique store opening in the Old Miners Bank building. He wanted to let Council know that if it should need help with history, he is available. Mr. Otruba left the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

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

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

Mayor:

The Mayor formerly swore in the Junior Council Representative, Kail Thompson.

The Mayor presented Chief McCurdy with his 20 year service pin. He stated that when a police office puts on the uniform, they should do so with pride, not for power. Chief McCurdy puts his uniform on for all of the right reasons.

Police:

Chief had nothing to report.

Police Committee:

No Meeting.

Borough Manager:

The Borough received notice from PennDot regarding their micro-surfacing Bloss Mountain Road/N. Williamson Road between the Upper Arnot Road and Richard's Bridge this summer/fall.

A Kindle was purchased to see if Council members would like to use this type of format. Josh Jones stated that the life expectancy of a Kindle and/or Ipad is roughly 3 years. He would suggest that the Borough not purchase either for Council members.

Junior Council Person: Nothing to report

VIBE:

The community yard sale will be held Saturday, May 6th. To get on the map of yard sales, please contact Wendy Jones. The Girl Scouts will be submitting designs for a new Welcome sign by the Green Bridge. The structure itself may need to be changed. If so, VIBE will be looking into funding for this project.

They are also discussing a 2nd Saturday event to be held in June, July and August. This would be to promote the local businesses. They are also discussing hosting an outdoor family movie at that time as well.

Planning Commission Report:

Nothing.

Zoning Hearing Board:

Nothing.

Recreation:

The little league fields are ready for games. Someone destroyed the bathrooms at the softball fields. They will need major repairs.

Fire and Ambulance:

Reports were received and sent to Council Members.

Library:

The Library raised over \$8,600 during the "Raise the Roof" campaign.

New steps and sidewalks are being installed at the Library. There will be temporary railings installed until the new railings are delivered. The steps and sidewalks look great.

Street Committee:

Nothing

Shade Tree Commission:

Nothing.

Budget:

Borough Manager would like to hold a Budget Committee meeting. After some discussion, the meeting was scheduled for April 26th at 4:30 p.m.

Blossburg Municipal Report:

The sewer plant work is progressing. They came in contact with sandy soil and had to use geotextile then rocks to reinforce the area. They are getting the rebar ready so they can pour the pad for the SRB tanks. They will start pouring the pads at 1:00 a.m. and pour a total of 860 yards of concrete.

The waterlines in Taylor Run are being installed from the wells to the tank.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED Streetlights (April 2021): LED streetlight change over is almost complete. A streetlight will be installed at the entrance to the Briarwood Estates.

Project Goals for 2022: Project Goal Updates:

- a. **Better Wi-Fi on Island Park:** Under discussion
- b. **Sidewalk, Lighting and Signage for Island Park:** A sidewalk layout has been received.
- c. **Island Park Restroom Replacement:** On Hold
- d. **Plaza Refurbishment:** The streetlight behind the veterans' monument needs to be moved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by President Hall at 7:19 p.m. Motion by Kenneth Johnson, Second by Jill Nickerson. All in Favor

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary