

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2023**

The Council Meeting 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, Pro-Temp Tonya McNamara (Absent), Council Members: Jill Nickerson (Absent), James Rakoski, Henry Bartlett, Kenneth Johnson (Absent), Mayor, Shane Nickerson (Absent), Borough Solicitor, Patrick Barrett (excused), Police Chief, Josh McCurdy, Borough Manager, George D. Lloyd, Borough Secretary, Cheryl Bubacz and School Representative, Kail Thompson.

Guests: Josh Jones and Natalie Kennedy from Tioga Publishing.

Renee Carey from the North Central Conservancy provided a written update that was distributed to the Council Members. It is as follows: "I have enough donations pledged that I will be signing the contract for the survey and sending the downpayment next week. Once I hear a timeline for the survey, I'll let you know. North Central Conservancy is signed up for the Coal Festival and will have a booth for people to stop at. If all goes as planned, we'll have macroinvertebrates (bugs that live in water, we'll probably grab them from Johnson Creek) at the display on Saturday. "

Guests have nothing to report.

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

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

Mayor:

Nothing

Police:

The Chief was contacted by an officer in another department who is looking for some part-time hours. More information will follow.

Hamilton Township is very busy and the PD is responding to many calls. The Chief was excused at 6:31 pm.

Police Committee:

No Meeting.

Borough Manager:

The Lewis & Clark Circus will be on Island Park on May 14th and 15th.

We received a letter from Wreaths Across America regarding donating wreaths for 2023. After discussion, Motion by Timothy Martin, Second by James Rakoski that the Borough purchase six (6) wreaths in honor and memory of Councilmembers and employees past and present. All in Favor.

Junior Council Person: Prom will be held on June 3rd on the Island Park.

VIBE:

The community yard sales were a big success. There were approximately 50 sales on the map which is an increase of about 10 from last year. They are working on the 2nd Saturday Event. The Island Park 150 is ahead of signups compared to 2022.

Planning Commission Report:

The Planning Commission met to hear a request for a home salon at 316 Wilson Road. Zoning Hearing Board will need to review the same.

Zoning Hearing Board:

Zoning Hearing Board will be scheduling a meeting for the home salon.

Recreation:

The old bleachers will be removed. James Smith will be cutting them apart. The wheels on the cannon need to be replaced/repared. Will be looking for someone to rebuild them.

Fire and Ambulance:

No minutes were received from the Fire Department. The Ambulance Department sent in minutes. The Informational Session held by the Fire Department was poorly attended. Henry Bartlett reported some of the details from the meeting. He also stated that they have raised \$15,000 of the \$28,000 needed for their new equipment.

Library:

The new steps and sidewalks look great. The new railing will be here in a few weeks.

Street Committee:

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

Shade Tree Commission:

Nothing.

Budget:

Budget met and after discussion, the Budget Committee would like to recommend that the ARPA (American Rescue Plan) money be used for various water projects that are in the works. Water and sewer projects are one of the allowed infrastructure categories for which the money can be used. Motion by James Rakoski, Second Timothy Martin to use the money as recommended. All in Favor.

Blossburg Municipal Report:

On May 5, 2022, beginning at 1:00 am, the contractors at the sewer plant began pouring concrete for the new SBR Tank pads. They poured a total of approximately 860 yards of concrete. The concrete needs to cure for 3 weeks before any further work can be done on the pad.

The water lines to Wells 1 and 3 in Taylor Run have been installed and the electric is in the process of being installed.

The new chlorinator building at the intersection of Arnot Road and Bloss Mountain Road is under construction. The basement is almost done.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED Streetlights (April 2021): 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:** Jet packs will be ordered to help with better wi-fi signal.
- b. **Sidewalk, Lighting and Signage for Island Park:** A sidewalk layout has been received.
- c. **Island Park Restroom Replacement:** On Hold
- d. **Plaza Refurbishment:** Working on the plan for the layout.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Liberty will be hosting the TCAB meeting on May 18th. Mark Rice will be the guest speaker.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by President Hall at 6:49 p.m. Motion by Timothy Martin, Second by James Rakoski. All in Favor

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary