

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 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, Council Members: Jill Nickerson (Absent), 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: Josh Jones, Brian McClure, Renee Carey – Northcentral PA Conservancy and Zac Tilburg from Tioga Publishing.

Renee reported that the survey of the property has been completed. The survey resulted in an additional 25 acres of land that was previously assessed. The boundary lines were walked and signs posted for Hunter Access, etc. They received three (3) calls from individuals wanting to be added to the list for allowable hunting.

Kleinfelder will be holding a meeting for municipal/county officials to review the plans for the project. DEP will be holding a public meeting after the first of the year to discuss temporary and permanent rights of way for construction.

Councilman Bartlett asked about a letter he received to donate to the Conservancy. Renee explained that the letters were legitimate. (Renee left at 6:32).

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 Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

Mayor:

Nothing at this time.

Police:

Nothing at this time.

Police Committee:

Nothing at this time.

Borough Manager:

Nothing at this time.

Junior Council Person: Nothing at this time.

VIBE:

Brian McClure reported that the Fall Festival was a very big success despite the weather. The Light-Up-The-Holidays contest information will be posted soon. Vibe is wondering about adding businesses to the contest among themselves this year. Island Park 150 is Saturday November 11, 2023.

Planning Commission Report:

No Meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board:

No. Meeting

Recreation:

The three (3) sets of bleachers are here and being stored until the spring.

Fire and Ambulance:

Nothing.

Library:

The Library remains very busy. The November basket raffle is in full swing.

Street Committee:

Nothing.

Shade Tree Commission:

Nothing.

Budget:

The Budget was duly advertised and can be adopted. Motion by James Rakoski, Second by Henry Bartlett to adopt the 2024 Budget. All in Favor.

Blossburg Municipal Report:

The fence around the new Taylor Run water tank has been installed. Pumps for both Wells 1 and 3 will be tested the end of December to see when we can bring them online.

Sewer Plant construction is moving along. The Pumphouse and Headworks buildings are erected and both should have the roofs installed within the next 2 weeks.

Water is ready to be hooked up to the sewer whenever we are ready.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED Streetlights (April 2021): Borough Secretary will be sending an email to the new project manager for the streetlight conversion to get information on the number of lights left to be converted and timeframe for completion.

Project Goals for 2022: Project Goal Updates:

- a. **Better Wi-Fi on Island Park:** On Hold
- b. **Sidewalk, Lighting and Signage for Island Park:** Nothing at this time.
- c. **Island Park Restroom Replacement:** Waiting for Spring.
- d. **Plaza Refurbishment:** Work needs to be done at the site by the Borough before we can begin the project.

2024 Real Estate Millage Ordinance: The Millage Ordinance has been reviewed for adoption.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sidewalk Ordinance: Borough Manager would like to amend the existing sidewalk ordinance to include the PennDOT requirements for curbing so the Borough can complete work as needed along PennDOT roads. A rough draft was provided for review and discussion.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by President Hall at 6:46 p.m. Motion by Kenneth Johnson, Second by James Rakoski. All in Favor.

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary