

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2024**

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 Joshua Jones, Pro-Temp Kenneth Johnson
Council Members: Jill Nickerson, James Rakoski (Absent), Robert Bowens (Absent), Kallie Wickman, Mayor, Timothy Martin, Borough Solicitor, Patrick Barrett, Police Chief, Josh McCurdy, Borough Manager, George D. Lloyd, Borough Secretary, Cheryl Bubacz and School Representative, Kail Thompson.

Guests: Joe Namoli, Renee Carey – Northcentral PA Conservancy and Kristie Bowles from Tioga Publishing.

Renee reported that DEP and SRBC will be holding their public Meeting on February 22, 2024 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the Blossburg Borough Fire Hall. Letters were sent directly to landowners whose properties would be affected by the Project. Additionally, the Construction Manager will be on hand at the meetings. There may be traffic restrictions – traffic interruptions that will need to be available to the public. Renee will inform the Chief once the information is received and the Borough will post the information on our Facebook page.

Joe Namoli was at the meeting to obtain information about the AMD Project.

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

Minutes and monthly Reports were accepted as presented by Motion of Jill Nickerson, Second Joshua Jones. All in favor.

Mayor:

A report was provided to everyone. Mayor had a meeting with the PA Wilds group about promoting items made locally and promoting activities in the local communities. He was very impressed with the group and will continue conversations with them.

Police:

Nothing at this time.

Police Committee:

The Committee had a great meeting on February 6, 2024 to discuss securing candidates for full-time police officer positions.

An Executive Session was called at 6:41 pm to discuss personnel issues. The Executive Session ended at 7:11 pm. No action was taken.

An additional meeting was scheduled for February 22, 2024 at 5:00 pm. to discuss a Cadet Sponsorship Agreement and an Attendance Policy.

Borough Manager:

Nothing at this time.

Junior Council Person:

The semi-formal was held on February 10, 2024. There is a 3x3 basketball tournament being planned for March to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

VIBE:

The Community yard sale date was set for May 4, 2024, Fall Festival October 13, 2024, Holly Jolly Christmas, December 14, 2024 and the Light up the Holidays decorating contest will be judged on December 15, 2024. A discussion among Council was held regarding the date of the community yard sales and the annual spring clean-up. Clean-up cannot be held the week following the yard sales (May 6th) due to that week being a recycling week. Vibe will discuss possibly moving the yard sales to the 11th of May.

Planning Commission Report:

No Meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board:

No Meeting

Recreation:

The Rec Board reviewed the plans for the new Bathhouse and approved the plans pending two (2) changes. They also approved hiring Holly Berguson as the pool manager for 2024. A discussion regarding the possibility of evening swimming lessons was discussed also. The Board was looking into a place to put a dog park as well.

The Island Park 150 was approved by the Board to be held November 9, 2024.

Fire and Ambulance:

Nothing.

Library:

The Borough Secretary will find out the dates for the scheduled meetings to provide to the new members of the Library Board.

Street Committee:

Nothing.

Shade Tree Commission:

Nothing.

Budget:

Nothing at this time.

Blossburg Municipal Report:

The Pumphouse was started and we are off the sewer bypass. The Taylor Run generator has been received and set.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED Streetlights (April 2021): Penelec will be scheduling the conversion of those lights that were missed on the initial conversions. Ted Kelchner and Mike Stoudt are reviewing the remaining lights to be converted.

Project Goals for 2022: Project Goal Updates:

- a. **Sidewalk, Lighting and Signage for Island Park:** Waiting for Spring.
- b. **Island Park Restroom Replacement:** Waiting for Spring.
- c. **Plaza Refurbishment:** Waiting for spring.

Sidewalk Ordinance: The Sidewalk Ordinance was advertised and is ready for adoption. Motion by Kenneth Johnson, Second by Jill Nickerson to adopt the Sidewalk Ordinance. All in Favor.

Blue Ridge Franchise Agreement: Under review by Solicitor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Residents are seeing an increased number of stray cats again. A discussion will be started with the Tioga County Cat Project regarding their services.
2. The Borough will be hosting the quarterly TCAB Meeting on June 20th, 2024. A venue, menu and speaker will need to be determined. An idea of having a picnic style meal was discussed with BBQ chicken and sides.
3. Spring Cleanup has been set for May 14 or 15 depending on your normal garbage date.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Meeting was not adjourned, it will reconvene on February 26, 2024 at 5:00 pm to follow up on the Police Committee meeting on February 22, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary