

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 10, 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, 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:** Uni Hicks-Lee, Shane Hicks-Lee, Eion Hicks-Lee, Debrah Hinshaw, Elliot Custred and Kristie Bowles from Tioga Publishing.

Guests: No comments.

**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:**

The Mayor and Borough Manager walked the area behind Main Street and the daycare and Headstart buildings. The Borough crew will start cleaning up the areas as needed and prepare for the drop-off and pick-up to be at the rear. The Mayor will be reading to the children of the daycare later this week.

**Police:**

The two (2) Cadets, Elliot Custred and Eion Hicks-Lee are here tonight to sign their Cadet Sponsorship Agreements and will be attending Mansfield University's Act 120 course starting later this year.

The Mayor thanked the two (2) candidates for their interest and willingness to participate in the training. We look forward to them becoming members of the Blossburg Police Department.

**Police Committee:**

A meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2024 at 6:00 pm to interview additional cadet applicants.

**Borough Manager:**

Currently researching the cost of a 2024 F550 to replace one of our existing trucks.

**Junior Council Person:**

Nothing at this time.

**VIBE:**

The Community yard sale date was set for May 4, 2024. To get on the yard sale list contact Wendy Jones at 570-404-1226 or complete the form online. The Community Gardens will have a cleanup on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. VIBE is working with a design for the new welcome sign.

VIBE is also looking at purchasing and installing fixed point photo posts in different areas around the Borough. These posts will allow you to set your cell phone on top and take a landscape photo. They are currently inviting suggestions as to where the posts will be placed.

**Planning Commission Report:**

No Meeting.

**Zoning Hearing Board:**

No Meeting

**Recreation:**

The Rec Board previously approved the Bathhouse design, however, the family of Carol Tama would like to see a minor revision of the placement of the concession stand. The revised location was provided to all. Motion by Kenneth Johnson, Second by Joshua Jones to approve the change of the placement of the concession stand area. All in Favor.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Minutes and status of the departments were received.

**Library:**

Nothing.

**Street Committee:**

Nothing.

**Shade Tree Commission:**

Nothing.

**Budget:**

Nothing at this time.

**Blossburg Municipal Report:**

The municipal authority is very busy. The sewer plant is just about completed. The plant should be running for testing purposes in April/May. They will be seeding the plant to create the bacteria the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Taylor Run will be inspected on April 17<sup>th</sup> by DEP. If approved, we can start up in May. Belman Run Tank is down and being rehabbed and painted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**LED Streetlights (April 2021):** Waiting for Penelec to schedule the remaining work.

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

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

**Blue Ridge Franchise Agreement:** A letter was drafted for review by the Solicitor regarding the extension of the Agreement with the modification of an annual franchise fee being paid to the Borough.

**TCAB Meeting June 20, 2024:** The dinner will be BBQ chicken with salads and baked beans and assorted desserts and drinks. A speaker needs to be determined.

**Tioga County Cat Project:** The Tioga County Cat Project has provided an Agreement for their services regarding the trapping, spaying/neutering and return of cats in the Borough. Motion by Joshua Jones, Second by Kenneth Johnson to partner with them for \$3,200 which should spay/neuter approximately 40 cats. Unanimous vote.

**Civil Service Rules and Regulations:** The Solicitor has published the proposed Civil Service Rules and Regulations Ordinance in summary form. This Ordinance can be adopted at the May meeting. A list of possible board members and alternates should be compiled for appointment. The Civil Service Board will consist of three (3) individuals, one serving an initial 2 year term, one serving an initial 4 year term and the third serving an initial 6 year term. Once the terms expire the appointments will be for 6 year terms.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Kenneth Johnson, Second by Jill Nickerson to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. All in Favor

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Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary