

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 14, 2025**

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

**Guests:** Joe Naimoli, Paul Zelinka – on behalf of Visit Potter/Tioga, Heather Dietrick, Jeff Benson, Kristie Bowles – Tioga Publishing.

A moment of silence was held for former long-time Rec Board Member, Tom McNamara who passed away April 10, 2025.

Paul Zelinka attended in the event there were questions regarding Visit Potter/Tioga.

Jeff Benson attended to see if it was okay for him to write a column for the Wellsboro Gazette about Blossburg. Solicitor stated that is not up to Council, that is between him and the Gazette.

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

Minutes and monthly Reports were accepted as presented by Motion of K. Johnson, Second R. Bowens. All in favor.

**Mayor:**

The Mayor was absent from the meeting due to a choral concert.

**Police:**

Nothing at this time.

**Police Committee:**

J. Hall asked if a Police Committee meeting could be scheduled. It was decided that the Police Committee will meet on June 2, 2025 at 6:00 pm to discuss the Civil Service Board.

**Borough Manager:**

Upper Tioga River Regional Authority is in the process of finalizing all documents to proceed with construction of the water installation. Hoping to start construction in mid-June.

**Junior Council Person:**

Absent

**VIBE:**

Nothing

**Planning Commission Report:**

No Meeting.

**Zoning Hearing Board:**

No Meeting

**Recreation:**

The Rec. Board voted Steve Hall as the new chairman. There are still two (2) board seats open. There are two (2) new grills being installed near the pavilions. The dog park location was discussed and the Rec. Board approved the proposed location on the Park. Motion by K. Johnson, Second R. Bowens to approve the location of the dog park as presented. All in Favor. The Chief asked the Solicitor if we need to amend the existing Ordinance or have a new Ordinance regarding allowing dogs on the inner circle of the Park as the dog park will be located at the inner circle of the Park. Solicitor will review for next meeting.

The pool should be opening June 5, 2025 and all of the lifeguards are lined up. We should be able to paint the pool the week of May 19<sup>th</sup>, so that we can begin filling the pool the last week of May.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Ambulance minutes and financial statement were received and distributed to Council.

**Library:**

No Meeting. They are still very busy.

**Street Committee:**

Street Committee met and reviewed the streets to be tar and chipped in 2025. After review of the map of the streets and the calculation of the cost, Motion was made by J. Rakoski, Second by J. Nickerson to proceed with the street work.

**Shade Tree Commission:**

We have had a complaint about a tree on Morris Street. Borough Manager will meet with the Shade Tree Commission members to review the tree and report back to the Council.

**Budget:**

No Meeting.

**Blossburg Municipal Report:**

The electric pole has been set near the Bellman Run water tank. The electric is needed for the cathodic protection of the tank, which will protect against rust damage.

Insight Pipe has completed Alternate B of the sewer pipe relining in town. This lining was done to cut down on the infiltration. Their work for the Authority is complete at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**LED Streetlights (April 2021):** Still nothing.

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

- a. **Sidewalk, Lighting and Signage for Island Park:** We will be addressing McIntyre Street soon.
- b. **Plaza Refurbishment:** Nothing at this time.

**Concepcion – Maple Hill:** Mr. Concepcion appealed the Tioga County Court's decision. His appeal was denied and has now been sent to the Commonwealth Court.

**FEMA/PEMA Grant Update:** Waiting for their review.

**CLOSING OF WARD MANUFACTURING:** Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month between the Tioga County Commissioners and current owners.

**VIBE Signage:** Nothing

**DCNR Grant for Track:** DCNR requested additional information which will be submitted by Delta One by May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Truck Purchase:** The order for the truck has been placed and should be received in September. Motion by J. Nickerson, Second by K. Johnson to remove this item from the Agenda. All in Favor.

**ATV/UTV Ordinance:** R. Bowens will use the street map of the Borough and prepare a list of the streets that could be used for accessing the DCNR lands. Once the map is prepared, he will share with the Street Committee for review. A discussion was held and the Street Committee will meet on June 2, 2025 at 6:30 pm to review the map.

**Borough Website – ADA Compliance:** Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Visit Potter/Tioga & Commissioners:** Nothing at this time

**Dog Park:** This was discussed under the Rec. Board.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by K. Johnson, Second by R. Bowens to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. All in Favor.

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Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary