

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 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, Pro-Temp Kenneth Johnson, Council Members: Jill Nickerson, James Rakoski (Absent), Robert Bowens (Absent), 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, James Cleveland and Matthew Flanagan, Renee Carey – Northcentral PA Conservancy, Kristie Bowles – Tioga Publishing.

Renee provided an update on the AMD project. There is one more landowner to sign the right-of-way. They are currently working on a project timeline for bids. SRBC has installed meters to capture waterflows which helps them plan. The Library will be holding a sketch workshop in conjunction with the Conservancy. Their next combined project, June 27th, will be tie-dying t-shirts. Keystone Trail will be holding a hike on October 19th. The hike will start at Island Park and will go to White Street and walk around the property.

James and Matthew came to discuss their entertainment business, Thunder Rocks of Tioga County, LLC, which provides music and karaoke. They would like to hold events on Island Park. Council recommended they discuss with Rec Board, who they have already met with, and develop a plan for how they would handle entrance to the event, etc.

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.

Police:

Officers Custred and Hicks-Lee have both completed their probationary period successfully. The Chief recommended they be hired full-time. Motion by J. Jones, Second by J. Nickerson that both Officers be hired. All in Favor.

J. Hall recognized Officer Tanner for his efforts at a medical scene providing CPR until medics arrived.

Police Committee:

A Police Committee meeting was held on June 2, 2025 at 6:00 pm to discuss the Civil Service Board.

Borough Manager:

Sunbury Motors delivered the 2025 F350 truck, which was then taken to Watson Diesel for the upfitting. G. Lloyd asked permission to list the 2004 F350 with equipment on Municibid. Motion by K. Johnson, Second K. Wickman to list the 2004 F350 with equipment on Municibid for sale. All in Favor.

Junior Council Person:

Absent

VIBE:

Planning for Fall Fest which will be October 12, 2025. The new welcome signs have been ordered. They are working on obtaining an agreement to place the 2nd sign on land owned by Highland Field Services.

Planning Commission Report:

No Meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board:

No Meeting

Recreation:

The Rec. Board discussed the Dog Park. Currently waiting on bids for fencing. They will be looking for grants to help with the fencing and equipment. Pool is opened. There is an issue with the splash pad which might be a check valve.

Fire and Ambulance:

Minutes and financial statement were received and distributed to Council.

Library:

Lis provided an update to Council of the events and happenings. They are very busy.

Street Committee:

A Street Committee meeting was held on June 2nd to discuss the proposed ATV/UTV Ordinance and map of streets. Suggested changes were sent to Council for their review. P. Barrett asked if the revised ordinance should be published. J. Nickerson said not until Council has reviewed and agreed on the proposed changes.

T. Martin is looking for ways to make the area around the School safer for children and pick-up and drop-off.

Shade Tree Commission:

Meeting needs to be scheduled.

Budget:

A meeting was discussed and scheduled for July 7, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

G. Lloyd requested that we combine the two (2) equipment accounts currently at First Citizens into one account. Motion by J. Jones, Second by K. Johnson to allow the combining of the two (2) accounts. All in Favor.

Blossburg Municipal Report:

BMA is getting caught up with their various projects and everything is moving along.

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: Waiting for scheduling from Commonwealth Court.

FEMA/PEMA Grant Update: Waiting for their review.

CLOSING OF WARD MANUFACTURING: No update

VIBE Signage: Discussed during VIBE matters above.

DCNR Grant for Track: Waiting for DCNR to review applications. Will not hear anything until September or October.

ATV/UTV Ordinance: Revisions to the proposed Ordinance were sent to all members for their review. Not ready for publication. This was discussed earlier in the meeting under Street Committee.

BOROUGH WEBSITE – ADA Compliance: Nothing at this time.

VISIT POTTER/TIOGA & COMMISSIONERS: Nothing at this time

DOG PARK: This was discussed under the Rec. Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Solicitor called for a short executive session following adjournment to discuss various legal matters. No action will be taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by K. Johnson, Second by R. Bowens to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. All in Favor.

Executive Session finished at 7:20 pm.

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary