

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 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 (Absent), James Rakoski, Robert Bowens, Kallie Wickman (Absent), 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: Renee Carey – Northcentral PA Conservancy and Kristie Bowles – Tioga Publishing.

Renee provided an update on the AMD project. The attorney for the remaining landowner who needs to sign the right-of-way and SRBC are working through the changes. The tie-dye t-shirt event at the Library was a huge success. They had at least 82 shirts and over 100 people in attendance. The attendees were from the ages of 8 weeks to over 70.

The property will be part of the Hunter Access program again this year and one of the team members will be out in September/October to put up additional signs.

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

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

Mayor:

Very excited to see that the Foundry has been sold! This is a positive step forward for the Borough and the County. He said that he had previously met Lorne Kalisky, CEO of Rytoria, the buyer, and they got along well.

The Mayor stopped and thanked John who lives in the Riverside apartments for planting flowers and making the corner of Lynd and Main Streets look so good. It's little things that help make our town feel inviting.

The Pre-Construction meeting for the UTRRA project was held last week and the project should be able to proceed in the next few weeks. G. Lloyd said the contractor will start with the construction of the building near the Blossburg sewer pump house and from there, the pipe will be installed along the state roads first then the township roads. The water tank will be installed starting in April 2026.

Police:

Nothing.

Police Committee:

The Mayor requested a brief Police Committee meeting will be held following the Council meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Borough Manager:

The 2004 F350 with plow and spreader was advertised for sale on Municibid. The reserve price was not met, therefore it was not sold. We intend to try again in the fall as it does not cost anything to advertise items for sale.

Fall Clean-up dates have been set for October 14 and 15.

Junior Council Person:

Nothing.

VIBE:

Planning for Fall Fest which will be October 12, 2025. They have raised approximately \$4,500 toward the new Blossburg Signs. The two (2) signs cost a total of approximately \$14,000.

Planning Commission Report:

No Meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board:

No Meeting

Recreation:

The Rec. Board accepted the low bid for the dog fence of \$9,600 for the new dog park. Two (2) new grills were installed at the Park and there are two (2) grills being repaired. On August 11, 2025 there will be a Doggie Dip to help raise money for the new dog park. The Flight 40 Memorial Stone will be placed near the footbridge. Once a date for the setting of the stone is set, we will let Council know.

Fire and Ambulance:

Nothing.

Library:

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

Street Committee:

The leveling course has been completed on the roads that will be tarred and chipped. The tarring and chipping will start in the next 3-4 weeks once the leveling course has cured.

Shade Tree Commission:

Meeting needs to be scheduled.

Budget:

The budget committee meeting scheduled for July 7, 2025 at 1:00 pm was cancelled. It will be rescheduled.

Blossburg Municipal Report:

The sewer plant is completed and the remaining \$179,076.76 in grant money that was unused will be returned to RUS. Currently looking at Bellman Water Plant for rehab work.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED Streetlights (April 2021): Still nothing.

Project Goals for 2022: Project Goal Updates:

- a. **Sidewalk, Lighting and Signage for Island Park:** Nothing.
- b. **Plaza Refurbishment:** Nothing.

Concepcion – Maple Hill: Waiting for scheduling from Commonwealth Court.

FEMA/PEMA Grant Update: They had told us that we should have funds within the next 3-4 weeks for the August 9, 2024 Tropical Storm damage.

CLOSING OF WARD MANUFACTURING: Discussed previously. This can now be removed from the Agenda. Motion by K. Johnson, Second by J. Jones. All in Favor

VIBE Signage: Discussed during VIBE matters above.

DCNR Grant for Track: September/October for DCNR review of application.

ATV/UTV Ordinance: After discussion, it was determined that the Ordinance, with the changes as provided, is ready for advertisement. Motion by K. Johnson, Second by J. Jones to advertise the Ordinance. All in Favor.

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.

POLICE: Officers Custred and Hicks-Lee have completed their probationary period and have met all requirements. Motion by J. Jones, Second by R. Bowens to hire Officers Custred and Hicks-Lee as full-time police officers. All in Favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

J. Jones noted that the Improvement Association purchased an air conditioning unit and donated it for the Rec. Building.

Council sends out a big Congratulations to Kallie and Karl Wickman on the birth of their son, Jace.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by K. Johnson, Second by R. Bowens to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm. All in Favor.

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2025**

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 (Absent), James Rakoski, Robert Bowens, Kallie Wickman (Absent), Mayor, Timothy Martin, Borough Solicitor, Patrick Barrett (Absent), Police Chief, Josh McCurdy, Borough Manager, George D. Lloyd, Borough Secretary, Cheryl Bubacz and School Representative, Kail Thompson(Absent).

Guests: Kristie Bowles – Tioga Publishing.

The Special Meeting of the Blossburg Borough Council was held on July 28, 2025 after being duly advertised. The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss a Police Contract between the Blossburg Borough Police Department and Bloss Township Supervisors.

The rate for the contract will be the same as our contract with Putnam Township, \$60/hour for 30 hours per month. The contract is an annual contract which is set to automatically renew unless one of the parties notifies the other at least 30 days in advance of their desire to cancel or modify the contract.

Motion by R. Bowens, Second by K. Johnson to approve the Contract with Bloss Township for Police Coverage by the Blossburg Borough Police Department and the terms of the contract as provided. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: J. Hall, J. Jones, R. Bowens, K. Johnson and J. Rakoski

Nays: None

Motion carried and the contract was signed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by K. Johnson, Second by R. Bowens to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm. All in Favor.

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary