

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 13, 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 (Absent), Robert Bowens, Kallie Wickman, Mayor, Timothy Martin (Absent), Borough Solicitor, Patrick Barrett, Police Chief, Josh McCurdy (Absent), Borough Manager, George D. Lloyd, Borough Secretary, Cheryl Bubacz and School Representative, Kail Thompson (Absent).

**Guests:** Jeff Benson, Tom Yankowky, Joseph Stitz, Renee Carey – Northcentral PA Conservancy and Kristie Bowles – Tioga Publishing.

Renee provided an update on the AMD project. SRBC has indicated that all of the documents from the landowners should be completed by the end of August. Once the documents are completed, then the permitting process can begin followed by the bidding of the project.

Most of the summer programs held in conjunction with the Library are completed. There will be a concert in September and the possibility of another program with the Company Store. They are also working with Tioga County Concerned Citizens and local restaurants to make placemats with different activities on them.

Again, 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. Nickerson, Second K. Johnson. All in favor.

**Mayor:**

Nothing

**Police:**

Nothing.

**Police Committee:**

Meeting was held following the July 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. No action was taken.

**Borough Manager:**

Nothing.

**Junior Council Person:**

Nothing.

**VIBE:**

Planning for Fall Fest which will be October 12, 2025. Secretary confirmed the street closure permit was accepted by PennDot.

**Planning Commission Report:**

No Meeting.

**Zoning Hearing Board:**

No Meeting

**Recreation:**

The Doggie Dip was held on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and there were 34 dogs that utilized the pool. Everything seemed to go well. Currently watering the football field from a water source under the scoreboard and the Fire Department was watering the practice field with their trucks.

**Fire and Ambulance:**

Nothing.

**Library:**

Nothing.

**Street Committee:**

Nothing.

**Shade Tree Commission:**

Nothing.

**Budget:**

The budget committee meeting scheduled for September 4, 2025 at 5:00 pm

**Blossburg Municipal Report:**

The new generator for Bellman is scheduled to be delivered August 14. Once it is delivered, it will be installed and hooked up for use.

**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:** Received an Order from the Commonwealth Court scheduling Brief filing.

**FEMA/PEMA Grant Update:** Received a payment in the total amount of \$40,529.54 from FEMA. Of that amount \$17,264.77 is owed to the Water Company for work on Bellman Run.

This matter is now complete. Motion by J. Nickerson, Second by K. Johnson to remove this item from the Agenda. All in Favor.

**VIBE Signage:** Nothing to report

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

**ATV/UTV Ordinance:** The Ordinance has been duly advertised and is ready for adoption. R. Bowens stated that once the Ordinance is signed, if he has a copy he can get the signs for free. Motion by K. Wickman, Second by K. Johnson to adopt the Ordinance. All in Favor.

Motion by R. Bowens, Second by K. Johnson to remove this item from the Agenda. All in Favor.

**BOROUGH WEBSITE – ADA Compliance:** Nothing at this time.

**VISIT POTTER/TIOGA & COMMISSIONERS:** The Secretary reached out to the Commissioners and this item can be removed from our Agenda. Motion by K. Johnson, Second by J. Nickerson to remove this item from the Agenda. All in Favor.

**DOG PARK:** The amendment to the Dog Ordinance on Island Park has been duly advertised and the Ordinance is ready for adoption. Motion by J. Nickerson, Second K. Wickman to adopt the Dog Ordinance. All in Favor.

Motion by K. Johnson, Second by R. Bowens to remove this item from the Agenda. All in Favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**2026 MMOS for Uniform and Non-Uniform Pensions:** We have received the figures for the contributions to the uniform and non-uniform pensions for 2026; Uniform requires a contribution of \$67,730.00 and Non-Uniform \$79,310.00. This will be in the budget for 2026. No action required at this time.

**Garbage Rate Increase:** The garbage rates will need to be increased for 2026 to reflect the increase from NTSWA. The rates will go from \$42.48 per quarter to \$43.94 and from \$1.35 per extra bag to \$1.40. Motion by R. Bowens, Second K. Johnson to add this to the September Agenda. All in Favor.

**Halloween:** Halloween falls on a Friday this year and there are no football games currently scheduled for that date. Motion by J. Nickerson, Second by K. Johnson to set Halloween Trick-or-Treat for Friday, October 31, 2025 from 6 pm to 8 pm. All in Favor.

**Wreaths Across America:** We have received a request to purchase a wreath for the annual Wreaths Across America. Motion by K. Johnson, Second R. Bowens to add this item to the September Agenda. All in Favor. The Secretary noted that we purchased 4 wreaths each year for the past several years

**Bloss Ambulance Association:** We have received a request for a donation from the Blossburg Ambulance Association to help with the purchase of the replacement stretchers. Motion by K. Johnson, Second R. Bowens to add this item to the September Agenda. All in Favor. The Secretary is working on getting information for donations received thus far.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by K. Johnson, Second by R. Bowens to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm. All in Favor.

---

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary