

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2026**

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by President J. Hall.

Attendance: President Jolene Hall, Vice-President Joshua Jones, Pro-Temp Jill Nickerson (Absent), Council Members: Kenneth Johnson, Robert Bowens, Kallie Wickman, and Frank Higgins, 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: Thomas Yankowky, Joyce & Charlie Andrews, Edwin Concepcion; Bill David – STSD; Kristie Bowles – Tioga Publishing.

Joyce Andrews showed the Council the panel that the Tioga County Concerned Citizens have prepared for the tri-panel information board to be placed on Island Park. She asked if the Borough would have the concrete prepared when the sign was ready to be set. Borough Manager said yes. Council members thought the panel looked very nice. Following the presentation, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews left.

Thomas Yankowky lives on Water Street. He stated that the current LED streetlights by his house are affecting his night sky viewing. The Chief said he would get the pole numbers and provide to the Borough Secretary so she could contact Penelec.

Bill David from Southern Tioga School District came to discuss Phase 2 of the Island Park Master Plan which is the modification of the track and resodding of the football field. Alloy5 presented three (3) contracts for engineering and contract work (proposals attached). A suggestion from Alloy5 was to go with KCI for the work. Motion by R. Bowens, Second K. Johnson to select KCI for the engineering and contract work for Phase 2. All in Favor.

Borough Manager stated that Mr. David has attended the Rec. Board meeting and had requested permission from the Rec. Board to further investigate the construction of an Athletic Field House on Island Park in the vicinity near the Scoreboard. A rendering was presented to the Council Members. It would appear that the building would be less than 10,000 square feet and would have 3 locker rooms and an official's room along with a concession stand, storage facilities, coaches office and a trainer's room. After discussion, Motion was made by R. Bowens, Second K. Johnson to move forward with an Athletic Field House on Island Park. All in Favor.

Edwin Concepcion stated that the Agenda shows LED streetlights and it was his opinion that they are more costly than sodium lights and should not be installed. He also stated that the façade near the US Post Office has grout missing and needs to be fixed before the façade falls on someone. Mayor Martin stated that the facility is leased from the property owner, not owned by the US Government or the Borough, but he would discuss this issue with the property owner and thanked Mr. Concepcion for bringing it to our attention. Mr. Concepcion then stated that there is a large pothole in front of FCCB on Main Street. Borough Manager stated that Main Street is a state road, but he will contact PennDot regarding this issue.

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 J. Jones. All in favor.

Mayor:

Wanted to remind everyone that the Raise the Region fundraising was currently going on and to look for your favorite non-profit organization to donate to.

Police:

The Chief stated that he is actively getting quotes for a new police car and once the quotes are received, he would ask for a Police Committee meeting to review.

Police Committee:

A meeting was held to discuss the hiring of a part-time officer, Hayden Yeager, who is currently a part-time officer with Mansfield Borough. The Committee recommended the hiring. Motion by R. Bowens, Second by K. Johnson to hire Hayden Yeager as a part-time officer for Blossburg Borough. All in Favor.

The Committee also discussed advertising for two (2) full-time officers through the Civil Service Board. Part of the civil service rules dictate that the advertisement needs to be run for 10 days stating the date of physical, written and oral tests, followed by personal interviews. Motion by R. Bowens, Second K. Johnson to proceed with the advertisement. All in Favor.

Borough Manager:

Nothing at this time.

Junior Council Person:

Nothing at this time.

VIBE:

The Community Yard Sale will be May 9th, and there will be a link on Blossburg Together to add your name and address to the sale maps. They are planning an Easter Egg Hunt for Friday, April 3rd in the evening on Island Park. More details will follow on Blossburg Together.

Planning Commission Report:

No Meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board:

No Meeting

Recreation:

During the Rec. Board meeting, they decided to advertise for Pool Manager, Swim Lesson Instructor and Lifeguards for 2026. That advertisement has been placed.

Carver's Masonry laid blocks for the new pool house on Monday and Tuesday March 9th and 10th due to the nice weather we had.

Fire and Ambulance:

Nothing

Library:

Minutes and a list of events were provided. Raise the Region started at 6:00 pm tonight and Lis suggested if you are going to donate to the Library, do it on Thursday, March 12th between 10 am and 11 am as there is a contest during that timeframe and they could win extra funds.

Street Committee:

Nothing.

Shade Tree Commission:

Nothing.

Budget:

Nothing

Blossburg Municipal Report:

The feasibility study at Bellman Run water plant is being conducted and will be applying for DEP permitting. Project will probably take 2-3 years to complete.

UTRRA contractor has bored under the Tioga River on N. Williamson Road and is near Matthews Motors.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED Streetlights (April 2021): Nothing

Project Goals for 2022: Project Goal Updates:

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

VIBE Signage: Nothing new

DCNR Grant for Track: Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Borough Website – ADA Compliance: Nothing at this time.

ATV – State Road Access: R. Bowens, K. Johnson and J. Hall have attended meeting recently regarding ATVs and road access. They presented information about joining the NRAT COG in order to get additional assistance, mapping, etc. The requirements to join the COG is (1) an annual fee, (2) pass their Ordinance and (3) accept their Agreement. This information will be provided to the Solicitor for his review. Motion by R. Bowens, Second by J. Jones to move forward with joining the NRAT COG. All in Favor. Borough Secretary will contact the County to obtain additional information.

Tioga County Hazard Mitigation Survey: This survey is to be completed by 2027. The County has started reviewing the Westfield Valley area and will work their way through the rest of the County.

New Business:

TCAB Meeting: The Borough hosts the quarterly TCAB Meeting in June. Need to start thinking of a venue, menu and speaker.

J. Jones brought up that we are seeing an increase in the number of feral cats in the area. Can we get in touch with the Tioga County Cat Project to get them in to do a catch and release spay and neuter program. Secretary will contact them and get additional information.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Nothing.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by K. Johnson, Second by K. Wickman to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. All in Favor.

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary