

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 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 (Arrived late), Police Chief, Josh McCurdy (Absent), Borough Manager, George D. Lloyd, Borough Secretary, Cheryl Bubacz and School Representative, Kail Thompson (Absent).

Guests: Edwin Concepcion; Kristie Bowles – Tioga Publishing.

Edwin Concepcion noted that the large pothole in front of FCCB on Main Street has not been fixed. Borough Manager stated he will get in touch with PennDot about that. He also said there were no streetlights behind the Baptist Church on Mill Street. Borough Manager noted that poles were being changed and that could be why.

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

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

Mayor:

Nothing at this time but would like to schedule a Police Committee meeting. The meeting was set for April 21st at 4:30 pm. The Mayor asked for an Executive Session following the meeting to discuss legal matters. No Action will be taken.

Police:

Nothing.

Police Committee:

No meeting.

Borough Manager:

PennDot approved the speed limit change on S. Williamson Road. All of S. Williamson Road is now 35 mph and the signs have been changed.

The 1989 Bucket Truck that was for sale on Municibid met the reserve of \$3,500. Motion to approve sale of the 1989 Bucket Truck by F. Higgins, Second K. Wickman. All in Favor.

Junior Council Person:

Nothing at this time.

VIBE:

The glow in the dark Easter Egg hunt went well until it rained. The event was well attended. The Community Yard Sales are May 9th.

Planning Commission Report:

One of the Board members, Robin Stangel, recently passed away. We will be advertising the open position.

Zoning Hearing Board:

No Meeting

Recreation:

Carver's Masonry is moving along well with the pool house. Should be ready for trusses in 2 weeks. The Rec. Board hired Nate McNamara as the pool manager for 2026. They approved the Touch a Truck event to be held June 18. Motion by J. Jones, Second K. Johnson to approve the same. All in Favor.

Fire and Ambulance:

Nothing

Library:

The Library raised almost \$20,000 in the Raise the Region.

Street Committee:

Nothing.

Shade Tree Commission:

Nothing.

Budget:

Nothing

Blossburg Municipal Report:

HRG continues to work on Bellman Water Plant. They are applying for DEP permits. The Municipal Authority is looking at water meters that will allow the meters to be read from a truck while driving by the locations.

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: The bank account has been opened.

Borough Website – ADA Compliance: Nothing at this time.

ATV – State Road Access: We have not received any information from the County regarding the use of State Roads. The next COG meeting is next week, waiting for location to be finalized. Attorney Barrett drafted an Ordinance to joint the COG which can be advertised and drafted a revised ATV Ordinance. Motion by R. Bowens, Second J. Jones to advertise both Ordinances.

Tioga County Hazard Mitigation Survey: We haven't been notified by them yet of when they are coming to the Borough.

TCAB Meeting: After discussion, it was decided to hold the June 18th TCAB meeting at the Fire Hall with them catering the event. R. Bowens will check with Rachel Courtney from the County and Ben Carlson with PennDot about being the speakers. Motion by R. Bowens, Second K. Johnson to proceed with preparing for the meeting.

DCNR Phase 2: A discussion was held regarding applying for a 2nd DCNR Grant for Phase 2 of the Island Park Renovations. Motion by J. Jones, Second R. Bowens to proceed with applying for the 2nd DCNR Grant. All in Favor.

Tioga County Cat Project: Borough Manager noted that in 2021 or 2022, the Borough partnered with the Tioga County Cat Project to trap stray cats, have them spayed or neutered and then released where they were trapped. At that time the Council approved \$5,000 for the work. The same amount, \$5,000, will spay or neuter approximately 75 cats. The funds would be paid from Act 13. Motion by K. Johnson, Second J. Jones, to approve a tray, spay/neuter and release for \$5,000. All in Favor. The Borough Secretary noted the timeframe would be May or June.

New Business:

The Community Resource Cabinet group contacted the Borough Office about installing a resource cabinet in the Borough. This is a cabinet which contains cleaning supplies, paper products, personal items, pet supplies, baby items and non-perishables and is available to anyone who needs supplies. It is a judgement-free cabinet where if you need something you take it. You can also leave items if you have extras or want to donate. This is at no cost to the Borough. After a discussion, it was decided to approve the installation and that it should be on the porch of the Borough Office. Motion by K. Johnson, Second J. Jones. All in Favor.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Nothing.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Executive Session ended at 7:25 pm.

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary