

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2026**

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President J. Hall. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance: President Jolene Hall, Vice-President Joshua Jones, Pro-Temp Jill Nickerson (Absent), Council Members: Kenneth Johnson, Robert Bowens, Kallie Wickman (Absent), and Frank Higgins, 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: Sam Rotella and Bill David – STSD; Edwin Concepcion; Renee Carey – PA North Central Conservancy

Renee stated that Kleinfelder and Tioga County Conservation District are working through the permit application process at this time. They have also started the building permit process with Labor and Industry.

Edwin Concepcion saw water running along roads and wondered what we were doing. G. Lloyd stated that we are flushing hydrants. He asked if the pothole in front of the Bank was fixed and G. Lloyd said yes.

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:

Nothing

Police:

The Chief noted that Haydn Yeager had started as a part-time officer and is in training.

Police Committee:

Nothing.

Borough Manager:

Fall Cleanup has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2026. We will need to advertise for a water operator as Dan Grinnell has decided to retire. Motion by J. Jones, Second by R. Bowens to advertise for a water operator.

Junior Council Person:

Now that Kail Thompson has graduated from High School, we need a new appointment to the Board. The Secretary will send Mr. Rotella the criteria for the position.

VIBE:

The Fall Fest is in the planning stages and the Community Garden has been cleaned up.

Planning Commission Report:

The Borough received a letter of interest for the open position on the Planning Commission due to the resignation of Patrick Marriner, a long time Board member. The letter was received from a resident, Mikayla Onks. Motion by K. Johnson, Second J. Jones to appoint Ms. Onks to the Planning Commission. All in Favor.

Zoning Hearing Board:

No Meeting

Recreation:

Penelec is scheduled to install electric at the Pool on July 28th and 29th. G. Lloyd asked if the Council wanted to open the splash, if feasible, following the electric installation. After discussion, the Council said no, they don't want any interference with the construction work. We are waiting for the quotes for the pool sand/water blasting and repairs. The roof was being installed and should be completed by Friday, July 10th.

Fire and Ambulance:

Nothing.

Library:

An update from the Library was received with upcoming events. They remain very busy.

Street Committee:

Borough Manager provided a map of areas to be tar and chipped. There will be no blacktop work this year. The total of the roads is approximately ½ mile. Midland is coming to review the areas on July 9th.

A question was raised as to when NTSWA was going to make the repairs on White Street that are desperately needed. G. Lloyd has been talking to them about the road.

Shade Tree Commission:

Nothing.

Budget:

Nothing

Blossburg Municipal Report:

The Permit was submitted to DEP for the work at Bellman filter plant. Currently flushing hydrants.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED Streetlights (April 2021): Secretary contacted Penelec again for a status of the project.

Project Goals for 2022: Project Goal Updates:

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

VIBE Signage: Nothing at this time.

DCNR Grant for Track: Solicitor is still reviewing the contract. Mr. Rotella said if there were issues, to let him know and he will contact Alloy5. Solicitor said that he needs to discuss the contract with the School District's solicitor.

Borough Website – ADA Compliance: J. Jones said he reviewed the information and we are not much out of compliance. We should restructure the website and should budget for the restructuring.

ATV – State Road Access: Nothing.

Tioga County Hazard Mitigation Survey: The Borough Manager has a meeting on July 14th to discuss the information with the County.

DCNR Phase 2: Nothing until October/November when DCNR reviews applications.

Tioga County Cat Project: They are currently in town trapping cats for spay and neutering.

Moving Cannon: R. Bowens is looking for the history of the four (4) cannons that were originally together on the Island Park then distributed to the Legions and VFW to design a plaque.

STSD Field House: G. Lloyd has not had a chance to review the sewer line elevation but said he would get that done in the next week or so and get it to our Engineer for review. S. Rotella reiterated that the School District will be responsible for the cost of moving the line if required.

Host Community Benefits Agreement: Waiting for meeting to be rescheduled

New Business:

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

J. Jones stated that the Comprehensive Plan for the Borough should be updated every 10 years. Our current plan was prepared in 2014. We should plan for an update in the budget for 2027.

The Solicitor asked for an executive session following adjournment. No action will be taken. It is to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Executive Session ended at 7:38 pm.

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary