

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 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, and Frank Higgins, Mayor, Timothy Martin, Borough Solicitor, Patrick Barrett, Police Chief, Josh McCurdy(Absent), Borough Manager, George D. Lloyd, Borough Secretary, Cheryl Bubacz and School Representative, None at this time.

Guests: Bill David – STSD; Kristi Bowles – Tioga Publishing; Fred Yungwirth and Greg Moore.

Bill David came to notify the Council that the Field House project is back on the Agenda for the School District.

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:

Mayor thanked Mr. David for continuing to take on the Field House project. Mayor swore in Fred Yungwirth and Greg Moore as members of the Civil Service Commission and thanked them for their willingness to be a part of the Commission.

Police:

Nothing.

Police Committee:

Nothing.

Borough Manager:

We have received four (4) applications for the laborer position. Applications are due by August 14th.

The Storm Water Action Plan 167 has been sent to the County for their review.

The 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation Pension numbers have been received, the Non-Uniform required payment is \$80,290 and the Uniform is \$55,074. Both of these are included in the 2027 Budget Figures.

Wreaths Across America will be hosting two events in town, one on September 3rd at the Monument on Main Street and the second on September 4th at the American Legion on S. Williamson Road.

The Tioga County Apostolic Prayer Group has requested use of the Council Room in August for an hour of prayer for the needs of the Borough, County and Leaders. Motion by R. Bowens, Second by F. Higgins to allow the Prayer Group to use the conference room. All in Favor.

Junior Council Person:

N/A

VIBE:

The Fall Fest is in the final planning stages, vendor registration forms are currently available.

Planning Commission Report:

Nothing.

Zoning Hearing Board:

No Meeting

Recreation:

Till the Last Lick has requested two (2) events for 2027. The first is Battle Bus Summer Bash as a start to summer for Friday, June 4, 2027 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm and the second is Touch a Truck to be held July 16 and 17 from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Both were approved by Rec Board. Motion to Approve these 2 events provided proper insurance is obtained by J. Jones, Second K. Wickman. All in Favor.

The Rec Board approved the elimination of the lower baseball field on Island Park. Once the fencing is removed and the pitching mound is leveled, that area can be used to make a full football practice field. Motion to approve this elimination and the creation of a football practice field by K. Johnson, Second R. Bowens. All in Favor.

A discussion was held about garbage removal on the Park with the start of STYF Football and STSD Football. Would the School empty the garbage from garbage cans to the dumpsters, following their games on Friday Nights and STYF will do the same after their games on Saturdays?

The Pool House is coming along nicely. The Swim Association received quotes for pool repairs, sandblasting/water blasting, concrete repairs, sealing and painting. One quote was \$251,000 and the second was \$174,000. The Swim Association will review estimated on August 20th.

The Engineer for the Water/Sewer Department reviewed the existing sewer line elevations and noted that there should not be any problems with the line relocation and the proposed location of the Field House. Motion y K. Johnson, Second R. Bowens to authorize the construction by Southern Tioga School District of the Field House behind the existing scoreboard. All in Favor.

Fire and Ambulance:

A letter was received by the Borough from Zachary Creveling of Allentown, PA regarding a third-party billing for an accident. Fred Yungwirth noted that they will contact the person to see if this is Blossburg or Bloomsburg and to get further information.

The Fire and Ambulance Committee met with the Ambulance Association regarding a presentation by them for paid ambulance services. There needs to be a meeting with the other

municipalities that are served by the Ambulance Association to see what they are willing to do. Motion by K. Johnson, Second R. Bowens to add this to the September Agenda for additional discussion. This is due to not having enough volunteers to make up crews for calls. There will be a meeting on September 20th at 6:00 pm at the Fire Hall.

Library:

An update from the Library was received with upcoming events. The last two (2) months are the busiest months they have ever had.

Street Committee:

Nothing.

Shade Tree Commission:

Nothing.

Budget:

A Budget Meeting was scheduled for September 3rd at 4:30 to review the first draft of the Budget for 2027.

Blossburg Municipal Report:

The Municipal Authority is looking at a personal electronic device policy in conjunction with the water/sewer SCADA systems.

A few fire hydrants have had to be replaced due to parts breaking while flushing. Hydrants with Storz fittings replaced the broken hydrants.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED Streetlights (April 2021): Penelec has scheduled the lights for replacement in the next few weeks.

Project Goals for 2022: Project Goal Updates:

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

VIBE Signage: Working on Agreement with Highland Field Services.

DCNR Grant for Track: Information was received from Alloy 5 regarding our comments on the Contract submitted. Solicitor will review those comments and negotiate the completion. Motion by K. Johnson, Second K. Wickman to authorize the signing of the Alloy 5 Contract once the Solicitors for the Borough and School District agree on the changes. All in Favor.

Borough Website – ADA Compliance: Nothing at this time.

ATV – State Road Access: August 26th there is a meeting to be held in Bloss Township to show how to get roads approved.

Tioga County Hazard Mitigation Survey: Information was submitted to the County for both the Borough and the Municipal Authority for their review.

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

Tioga County Cat Project: They will be trapping at the Kwik Fill on Bloss Mountain Road the first week of September.

Moving Cannon: Nothing at this time.

STSD Field House: Discussed under Rec. Board.

Host Community Benefits Agreement: Waiting for meeting to be rescheduled

New Business:

Police Car Grant: The Secretary is working on a DCED grant to help with the purchase of the new police car. The grant will need to be submitted in the first part of September.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

A discussion with held about being “Blossburg Proud”. K. Johnson noted that there are many locations in town that he is definitely not proud of. Lawns that have grass and weeds over a foot tall, unregistered, licensed vehicles, etc. We need to get back to being proud of our town and properties.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by K. Johnson, Second by R. Bowens to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. All in Favor.

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary