BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 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, Council Members: Kenneth Johnson, Robert Bowens(Absent), Kallie Wickman, 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, None at this time.

Guests: Bill David – STSD; Kristi Bowles – Tioga Publishing; Charlie & Joyce Andrews.

Joyce Andrews came to thank the Borough for their work with the new sign on the Park. Everyone is very pleased with how it turned out. J. Hall thanked Joyce for her work on the sign as well.

Charlie Andrews provided an update on the watershed project and the treatment plant. Construction is expected to start in Fall of 2027 with completion within 2 years. The original concept has not changed.

Bill David – STSD: Alloy5, STSD and the Borough had a conference call regarding the track/football field project. The track will be "pinched" a bit in order to allow it to fit easier on the existing layout therefore, the lights and bleachers will not need to be moved. Alloy5 has begun working with the Tioga County Conservation District with the floodplain areas and the permitting process. A design of the fieldhouse was also discussed.

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 Civil Service Commission for the Borough met and tested four (4) applicants for the full-time position. All four applicants passed the physical examination, however only two (2) passed the written examination. Of the two who passed, one lives in Gaines Township and has stated that he will not be moving to the area. The other candidate who passed lives in Putnam Township. Motion by K. Johnson, Second by J. Jones to hire Haydn Yeager as a full-time Police Officer with the Blossburg Police Department. All in Favor. His effective hire date will be September 9, 2026.

Police Committee:
Nothing.

Borough Manager:
Copies of the applications for the full-time laborer position were provided to Council members for review. Personnel Committee will meet with the representatives from the Municipal Authority on either September 15 or 16 at 4:30 pm to review the applications and arrange interviews.

Junior Council Person:
N/A

VIBE:
The Fall Fest is October 11, 2026.

Planning Commission Report:
A meeting is scheduled for Monday September 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm to review a garage height variance application.

Zoning Hearing Board:
Following the Planning Commission meeting and results, a Zoning Hearing Board meeting will be scheduled, if needed.

Recreation:
Pool is currently being water blasted by Aquatic Design. Following the water blasting, they will be reviewing the structure for repairs.

The Woodrow Wilson monument has been cleaned, a concrete cap poured on top of stone and under statute, and the base has been re-grouted. It looks very good.

Fire and Ambulance:
The letter from Zachary Creveling of Allentown, PA regarding a third-party billing for an accident was responded to by PA Fire Recovery Service, LLC. The account was closed on June 17, 2026.

Library:
Nothing.

Street Committee:
Nothing.

Shade Tree Commission:
Nothing.

Budget:
A Budget Meeting was held September 3rd at 4:30. A second meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2026 at 4:30 pm.

Blossburg Municipal Report:
HRG is waiting on DEP to review the application for the Bellman Rehab project.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED Streetlights (April 2021): Still have not received a schedule from Penelec for the replacement of more of the sodium streetlights.

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: Waiting on Solicitors from Borough and School District to finalize the Contract for signing. J. Hall told Solicitor she wants this completed by Monday, September 14th.

Borough Website – ADA Compliance: Nothing at this time.

ATV – State Road Access: The August 26th meeting in Bloss Township was very well attended with representatives from PennDot, DCNR, Commissioners and Representative Owlett. The routes needed to be accessible to get to state game lands were reviewed and the County will be putting the documents together to get authorization.

Tioga County Hazard Mitigation Survey: Nothing at this time.

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

Moving Cannon: Nothing at this time.

STSD Field House: Discussed earlier by Mr. David.

Host Community Benefits Agreement: As there is a moratorium on Data Centers by Governor Shapiro, this item is currently moot. Motion by J. Nickerson, Second K. Johnson to remove this item from the Agenda. All in Favor.

Police Car Grant: The Secretary is working on the grant to help with the purchase of the new police car and hopes to be able to submit the grant next week.

New Business:

Trick or Treating: Halloween falls on a Saturday this year, Motion by J. Jones, Second J. Nickerson to have trick or treating on Saturday, October 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. All in Favor.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by K. Johnson, Second by R. Bowens to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. All in Favor.

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Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary