

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 2015

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Council Vice-President Jill Nickerson called the Blossburg Borough Council regular meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

Attendance: (absent, President James Rakoski); (absent, Councilmembers Thomas Bogaczyk and Stephen Wagner), Jerome Ogden, Jolene Hall, Paul Hosszu; Mayor Shane Nickerson; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); (absent, Chief Joshua McCurdy); Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Corporal Robert Scott; Elisabeth Miranda Blossburg Memorial Library Director; Robert Metarko; Mataya Nickerson.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 8, 2015 meeting were accepted on motion of Jolene Hall; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Report accepted subject to audit on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Jolene Hall. All in favor.

Bills: Bills to be paid on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Jolene Hall. All in favor.

Guests: Two guests were present.

Reports:

(A) **NPHS Student:** Nothing to report.

(B) **Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are held on fourth Wednesday of the month in the Blossburg Recreation Building at Island Park at 6:00 P.M.

V.I.B.E. Minutes were not available from the Internet.

V.I.B.E. upcoming events: October 11, 2015 Fall Festival. The hours will be from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

(C) **Mayor:** Mayor Nickerson had nothing to report.

(D) **Police:** Everyone has received a copy of the Police Report.

The Police Report was accepted on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Jolene Hall. All in favor.

Addition to Police Report: District Magistrate Fines Total - \$512.87.

Chief McCurdy was absent, because he was attending a family function.

Corporal Scott report the Blossburg Police Department will be participating in "Staying Safe" event, which is being sponsored by the Blossburg United Methodist Church on August 20, 2015 at the Methodist Church from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The Department will be checking car seats, bicycle helmets, and seat belts. Finger printing for children (with parental consent) and educational information on drugs and weapon safety will also be offered.

Reports:

(E) **Police Committee:** Nothing to report.

(F) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Jolene Hall; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Maps of Study Areas and Water Supply Facilities Feasibility Study for Upper Tioga River Regional Authority were included in August Council packets. Mr. Lloyd explained the maps to the Councilmembers.

(G) **Planning Commission:** No applications were submitted. No meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(H) **Recreation:**

Recreation Board discussed the pool closing on August 30 or September 6, 2015 and purchasing signs stating pavilions are rented.

Trees: Borough Manager George D. Lloyd checking on availability of trees needed at park through bare root purchase. Trees to be ordered in a few weeks using Dale Martin's tree type plan.

Island Park River Walk: Nothing to report.

(I) **Fire:** No Financial Report or Minutes were received.

Department purchased a six-wheeler.

Upcoming events: (1) September 12, 2015 CMBA with breakfast afterwards.
(2) September 14 – 15, 2015 Hunter's Safety.

Councilmember Jolene Hall presented a letter of services the Blossburg Volunteer Fire Department and the Blossburg Fireman's Ambulance Association provide and a list of additional services they participate in. This letter was requested by Gannon Insurance Company for the purpose of Workers' Compensation Coverage. Motion to accept the Fire & Ambulance letter of activities was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

(J) **Library:** Elisabeth Miranda Director of Blossburg Memorial Library reported on past activities sponsored by the Library and upcoming scheduled events. Ms. Miranda stated that our local library is very busy and is a focal point for our community.

Friends of the Blossburg Memorial Library and Blossburg Memorial Library both sent thank you letters to Blossburg Borough for the paving of the parking lot.

(K) **Street Committee:** Mayor Shane Nickerson will ask Shawn Forrest, Mansfield Borough, on the program Mansfield uses for obtaining funds for sidewalk replacement.

(L) **Shade Tree Commission:** A meeting is to be scheduled.

Reports:

(M) Budget:

Total donations received for new lawn mower for Island Park: \$6,533.28.

Councilmembers and Robert Metarko discussed the purchase of a new mower for Island Park. At the July 8, 2015 Council Meeting councilmembers voted to purchase a new Kubota, zero turn 60" mower. After the July 8, 2015 meeting, Mr. Lloyd studied other options and feels a tractor would be more useful for Island Park. Mr. Metarko feels the zero turn is the best option. The two choices are a zero turn – total cost \$8,500.00 vs. a tractor, mower, snow blower, - \$14,623.00, with cab for tractor - \$900.00, total cost \$15,523.00.

Councilmember Paul Hosszu made a motion to purchase the tractor package, but motion died for lack of second motion. Councilmembers decided to wait until next meeting when more councilmembers are present for the meeting.

(N) Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):

Replacing 600' of 12" sewer main along Tioga River from manhole in Methodist Church parking lot going north.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Southern Tioga School District (STSD) Plans:** Nothing to report.
2. **Borough Code of Ordinances – Update:** Noting to report.
3. **Condemned Properties Update:** 101 Post Street – on hold per Borough Solicitor recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 8TH ANNUAL MEET OUR MEMBER MIXER WILL BE HELD AT FIRST CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK – WELLSBORO BRANCH, 1 PEARL STREET, WELLSBORO, PA ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. R.S.V.P. PAYMENT DUE BY SEPTEMBER 11, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice-President Jill Nickerson closed the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Jolene Hall. All in Favor.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Building Council Room.