

# BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## January 4, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

As required by the Borough Code, Mayor Shane Nickerson called Blossburg Borough Council Reorganization 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 (in Florida)); Vice-President Jill Nickerson; Councilmembers Jolene Hall, Paul Hosszu, Timothy Martin, Tonya McNamara, (absent, Jerome Ogden); Mayor Shane Nickerson; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette; Unisatvti Hicks-Lee.

**Oath:** Mayor Shane Nickerson administered the Oath to newly elected Councilmembers:

Councilmembers: Jill Nickerson, Paul Hosszu, and Jolene Hall

Each elected 4-year terms. All terms were result of the elections.

The Mayor conducted the election of Council President and Council Vice-President:

**Nomination Council President:** Jolene Hall; motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Timothy Martin.  
All in favor.

**Nomination Council Vice-President:** Jill Nickerson; motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Tonya McNamara.  
All in favor.

Newly elected President Jolene Hall presided over the other elections and appointments.

**Nomination Council President Pro Temp:** Tonya McNamara; motion of Jill Nickerson; second, Paul Hosszu.  
All in favor.

**Appointment of Borough Solicitor:** Patrick J. Barrett, III; motion Jill Nickerson; second, Paul Hosszu.  
All in favor.

**Appointment of Borough Engineer:** William S. Bray; motion Paul Hosszu; second, Jill Nickerson.  
All in favor.

**Appointment of Borough Secretary-Treasurer:** Mary Signor; motion Jill Nickerson; second, Paul Hosszu.  
All in favor.

**Appointment of Tax Collector for the collection of LST (Local Services Tax):** Dorothy Rakoski;  
motion Jill Nickerson; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

**Depository for Blossburg Borough:** First Citizens Community Bank (FCCB); motion Jill Nickerson;  
second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

**Vehicle, Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier:** Gannon Associates; motion Jill Nickerson;  
second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

Committees of Council: Motion to accept appointments as presented was made by Jill Nickerson; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor. Tonya McNamara to replace Stephen Wagner on Committees of Council.

**COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

**GARBAGE: REDEVELOPMENT: SEWER: WATER:**

Timothy Martin	112 Adam Drive	570-220-4160
Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-638-2586
Paul Hosszu (C)	115 Seymour Street	570-404-6368
Tonya McNamara	113 South Williamson Road	570-638-3112

**BUDGET:**

Jerome Ogden (C)	262 South Williamson Road	570-638-2296
Timothy Martin	112 Adam Drive	570-220-4160
Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-638-2586
Paul Hosszu	115 Seymour Street	570-404-6368

**STREETS & ROADS: PROPERTY & BOROUGH EQUIPMENT:**

Jerome Ogden (C)	262 South Williamson Road	570-638-2296
Timothy Martin	112 Adam Drive	570-220-4160
Tonya McNamara	113 South Williamson Road	570-638-3112
Paul Hosszu	115 Seymour Street	570-404-6368

**LIBRARY:**

**(Blossburg Memorial Library Meetings are held Quarterly – Jan-April-July-October  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month in the Blossburg Memorial Basement at 4:00 P.M.)**

Jolene Hall	111 Main Street	570-638-3565
James Rakoski	133 North Williamson Road	570-638-3056

**POLICE:**

Jerome Ogden (C)	262 South Williamson Road	570-638-2296
Timothy Martin	112 Adam Drive	570-220-4160
Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-638-2586
Jolene Hall	111 Main Street	570-638-3565
Paul Hosszu	115 Seymour Street	570-404-6368

**FIRE:**

**(Blossburg Fire Department Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of Month in the  
Blossburg Fire & Ambulance Building at 7:30 P.M.)**

Shane Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-638-2586
Jolene Hall (C)	111 Main Street	570-638-3565
Paul Hosszu	115 Seymour Street	570-404-6368

**RECREATION:**

Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-638-2586
George Lloyd	205 South Williamson Road	570-638-2836
Jolene Hall (C)	111 Main Street	570-638-3565
Tonya McNamara	113 South Williamson Road	570-638-3112

**MONUMENT:**

Jerome Ogden	262 South Williamson Road	570-638-2296
Timothy Martin	112 Adam Drive	570-220-4160

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION:**

Jeffrey Everett	331 South Williamson Road	570-638-3554
William Novitske, Jr.	230 South Williamson Road	570-638-2455
Robert Kelly	127 Main Street	570-638-0319

**VACANCY BOARD:**

Anthony Lupkowski (C)	209 Ruah Street	570-638-2306
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**V.I.B.E.:**

Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-638-2586
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**\*(C) CHAIRPERSON**

**Council President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the December 9, 2016 meeting were accepted on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

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

**Bills:** Bills to be paid on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

**Guests:** Unisatvti Hicks-Lee was attending for observation.

**Reports:**

(A) **NPHS Student:** Jill Nickerson to contact STSD for recruiting students from Blossburg that attend North Penn-Mansfield and North Penn-Liberty asking if they would be interested in attending the Council meetings. Councilmembers feel this would be a way to have the students get involved in community activities, experience our local government, and report on school happenings.

(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.

Tonya McNamara thanked the Borough for their help and supplies before and during events.

(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 Jill Nickerson; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

District Magistrate Fines Total – Monies not received before tonight's meeting.

Chief McCurdy presented a 2015 Year End Report totaling statistics for Blossburg Borough and Hamilton Township.

An animal complaint was reported of possible poisoning of dogs and cats. Several reports of animals becoming sick and / or dying for unknown reasons. Incident was referred to the SPCA. Anyone with any information involving this case are asked to contact the Blossburg Police Department.

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

(F) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Tonya McNamara; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Borough guys are catching up on some jobs while the weather is still nice.

**Reports:**

(G) **Planning Commission:** No meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(H) **Recreation:** No meeting.

United Fund mailing is scheduled for January 2016.

Trees: Funding request letters were sent to local organizations. No responses received.

Island Park River Walk: Nothing to report.

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

Tioga County 2015 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) has been updated. Tioga County Emergency Services are requesting municipalities adopt by Resolution the County's Emergency Operations Plan. Councilmember Paul Hosszu made a motion to adopt the Tioga County 2015 Emergency Operations Plan, but motion died for lack of second motion. Councilmembers want to review EOP before adopting the Resolution. Item to be added to February's Agenda.

(J) **Library:** No meeting.

(K) **Street Committee:** Nothing to report.

A meeting is to be scheduled in the spring to discuss sidewalks.

(L) **Shade Tree Commission:** Nothing to report.

(M) **Budget:**

New zero turn lawn mower for Island Park to be ordered in spring.

(N) **Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):**

Looking at sewer treatment plants that will reduce nitrogen / phosphorus levels in wastewater.

BMA advertised for Board Member to replace Timothy Martin. Two (2) applicants applied: Stephen Hall and Robert Kelly.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Southern Tioga School District (STSD) Plans:** Nothing to report.

2. **Borough Code of Ordinances – Update:** Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution No. 1: Tax Collection Committee (TCC) Representatives:**

Annual Resolution Tax Collection Committee (TCC) Representatives.

At the present time, the following individuals are appointed as TCC delegates for the Borough of Blossburg:

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| 1. Primary Voting Delegate:          | John E. Backman              |
| 2. First Alternate Voting Delegate:  | Councilmember Jill Nickerson |
| 3. Second Alternate Voting Delegate: | Councilmember Jerome Ogden   |

Motion for Representatives to remain the same was made by Jill Nickerson; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016 AT THE CAST & CREW RESTAURANT, 295 SOUTH MAIN STREET, MANSFIELD, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY JANUARY 13, 2016.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 7:12 P.M.

Motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Jill Nickerson. All in Favor.

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Building Council Room.**

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Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary