

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 13, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Council President Jolene Hall 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: Vice-President Jill Nickerson; Pro Temp Tonya McNamara; Councilmembers Paul Hosszu, Timothy Martin, Jerome Ogden, James Rakoski; Mayor Shane Nickerson; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette; Southern Tioga School District Board Member Ivan Erway; Harry Lattimer; Unisatvti Hicks-Lee.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 9, 2016 meeting were accepted on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

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

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

Guests: Unisatvti Hicks-Lee was attending for observation.

Southern Tioga School District Board Member Ivan Erway was attending to inform and answer questions Councilmembers might have on the Southern Tioga School District recent board work session and their pending decisions. STSD Board talked about how to renovate the five remaining schools, changing Liberty High School into an elementary school, demolishing the North Penn High School portion, and creating a central 7 – 12 grade high school on the site of the current building in Blossburg. Mr. Erway encourages all STSD communities to attend meetings.

Harry Lattimer member of the Blossburg Fire Department and Tioga County Fire Police Association asked Council's permission to do traffic and crowd control at the Wellsboro Johnson Airport on May 29, 2016 from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. To be covered under Borough's Worker's Compensation, Blossburg Fire Police events first need to be presented and approved at the Fire Meeting. After approved, the events will be added to the Blossburg Fire and Ambulance scheduled event list. A list of codified Blossburg Fire Police events, outside of borough limits, is needed from the Blossburg Fire and Ambulance and presented to the Blossburg Borough Council, on a regular basis. Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett suggested a written policy be established and a list of upcoming Fire Police scheduled events could be provided quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. All Councilmembers agreed. Motion to approve Mr. Lattimer's request to participate as Fire Police at the Wellsboro Johnson Airport on May 29, 2016 was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

Reports:

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

Reports:

(B) Committee Business Development:

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are held on fourth Wednesday of the month at 242 Coffee Company at 6:00 P.M.

Tonya McNamara reported on the topics discussed at last V.I.B.E. meeting: (1) Advertising: V.I.B.E. marketing fliers were inserted in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette and a monthly article in Rt. 15 / Rt. 6 magazine. (2) V.I.B.E. minutes are now on blossom.org website. (3) Blossburg Community Yard Sale will be held April 30, 2016.

(C) Mayor: Declared a Head Start Proclamation on early child education, week of April 10 – 16, 2016.

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

The Police Report was accepted on motion of Tonya McNamara; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

District Magistrate Fines Total: \$1,043.43.

Blossburg United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Heroin Epidemic Prayer Walk on April 17, 2016 at 1:30 P.M. They are asking permission for the Blossburg Police Department to help with traffic control. All Councilmembers were in favor with the BPD assisting.

Five (5) Caterpillar equipment keys were stolen in the Hamilton Township area. Anyone with information should contact the Blossburg Police Department.

(E) Police Committee: Nothing to report.

(F) Borough Manager:

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

Motion to approve the Unconventional Gas Well Fund Usage Report for money received in 2015 was made by Paul Hosszu; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

An Act 13 Budget, Revenues and Expenditures, was included in the Councilmembers packets.

A letter was received from North Central Sewage Agency requesting support / suggestions on Annual Assessment from each municipality member, to help with operational costs.

Blossburg State Coal Festival will be held June 1 – 4, 2016. PennDOT Parade Permit paperwork will need to be sent in by the Borough Secretary. Motion to apply for parade permit, for June 4, 2016, was made by Tonya McNamara; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor. STSD graduations are also scheduled on June 4, 2016.

(G) Planning Commission: No meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

Reports:

(H) Recreation:

2016 United Fund distribution list was included in the Councilmembers packets.

Playground: Councilmember Jerome Ogden was assured the grant from (Park Rehabilitation Development Project) in the amount of \$184,100.00 from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program and administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) is being monitored by the Blossburg Borough. Mr. Ogden asked what Borough account the Borough's matching \$30,000.00 is budgeted from? The answer was Act 13 account. There are plans for an additional \$10,000.00 - \$12,000.00 to be deducted for a new tractor, which will be also used at Fall Brook AMD Treatment Project. The balance in the Act 13 is approximately \$62,000.00. Mr. Ogden doesn't feel comfortable with the Act 13 account having a low balance. Mr. Ogden stated there should be Recreation Board and community input with the new playground design and equipment selections.

A meeting with the playground designer is scheduled on April 14, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.

Trees: Planting of new trees on Island Park is on hold until playground design is approved.

A policy is needed for planting of memorial trees on Island Park.

Island Park River Walk: Jerome Ogden has marked dead trees that need to be cut down on the River Walk.

(I) Fire: No Financial Report or Minutes were received. Jolene Hall will supply the Financial Reports for December 2015, with Year to Date Totals and monthly reports for January - March 2016.

(J) Library: Nothing to report. Next meeting is April 19, 2016.

(K) Street Committee: Replacing of sidewalks throughout town is in the beginning stages. A meeting is to be scheduled in May.

(L) Shade Tree Commission: Nothing to report.

(M) Budget: 1st Quarter 2016 Budget Report was included in the Councilmembers packets. The Budget Committee met and reviewed before tonight's meeting.

Act 13 Budget: \$30,000.00 New Island Playground.
Plans are to not purchase a Zero Turn lawnmower, but purchase a tractor, mower, snow blower for an additional \$10,000.00 - \$12,000.00. Mr. Lloyd is to get quotes on actual tractor equipment.

(N) Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):

BMA located water valves and sewer manholes for the GIS satellite mapping.

Digging up leaking sewer laterals for relining.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Southern Tioga School District (STSD) Plans:** Discussed earlier.
2. **Borough Code of Ordinances – Update Keystate Publishers:** Nothing to report.
3. **Tioga County Association of Boroughs Resolution Proposing a Change to the Assessment of Lands Divided by Boundary Lines:**

Topic was not discussed at the Tioga County Association of Boroughs dinner meeting on March 24, 2016. Mr. Lloyd is to contact Carl Cox for details.

4. **Borough Website:**

Tonya McNamara presented information on Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs (PSAB) website design. The annual fee is \$389.00 with \$50.00 set up fee. A Williamson Road Foundation Grant was applied to cover website costs. Motion was made by Paul Hosszu to have Borough pay for website in 2016; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor. If website works out, cost of website to be added to 2017 budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Variance:** James Wagner owner of Jim's Service Station, 314 Main Street is requesting an addition onto business. Information was provided to Councilmembers, for their review, before tonight's meeting. Motion to approve a variance addition to Jim's Service Station, subject to Building Permit approval, was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016 AT THE PARKHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 302 WEST MAIN STREET, ELKLAND, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016.

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH SPRING CLEANUP WEEK OF MAY 2 - MAY 6, 2016.

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH ISLAND PARK SPRING CLEANUP ON MAY 7, 2016.
RAIN DATE: MAY 14, 2016 – STARTING TIME: 8:00 A.M.**

FALL BROOK RIBBON CUTTING, HILLSIDE ROD & GUN CLUB, BLOSSBURG, PA ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016, FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 2:00 P.M. INVITATION ONLY.

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOP TO UPDATE TIOGA COUNTY'S 2005 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
APRIL 21, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE TOKISHI BUILDING AT WELLSBORO.**

ADJOURNMENT: President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 8:08 P.M.

Motion of Tonya McNamara; second, Paul Hosszu. All in Favor.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Council Room.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary