

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 11, 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, (absent, 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; Unisatvti Hicks-Lee.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 13, 2016 meeting were accepted on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

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

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

Guests: Unisatvti Hicks-Lee was attending for observation.

Unisatvti Hicks-Lee asked if anything could be done with roaming / feral cats in the neighborhood. Jill Nickerson stated Lawrenceville Borough caught, neutered, and released cats in their Borough. Mrs. Nickerson is to contact the Lawrenceville Borough for information on how they controlled the roaming / feral cat problem and cost.

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 at 242 Coffee Company at 6:00 P.M.

Tonya McNamara reported on the topics discussed at last V.I.B.E. meeting: (1) Blossburg Community Yard Sale was held April 30, 2016. (2) Future events.

(C) **Mayor:** Mayor Nickerson asked Council if a community service guy could paint the Borough Building window frames. All Councilmembers agreed to allow the community service guy paint the window frames.

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

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

District Magistrate Fines Total: \$893.34.

Reports:**Joint Municipal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services:**

Joint Municipal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between the Borough of Blossburg and Hamilton Township requesting Blossburg Police Department to patrol Hamilton Township area. Hamilton Township will pay Blossburg for the services provided at the rate of \$30.00 per hour for 30 hours per month (\$900.00) and amount will be paid monthly in installments of \$900.00. The Agreement period is seven (7) months, commencing on May 11, 2016 and end on December 31, 2016. The Agreement will automatically renew next year from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, unless either party has given prior notice of early termination. The Joint Police Committee will meet December 2016 to discuss any changes to the terms and conditions of the Agreement. Agreement was passed at the Hamilton Township Meeting on May 11, 2016. Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to pass Joint Municipal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between the Blossburg Borough and Hamilton Township; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

PennDOT is to eliminate registration stickers beginning January 1, 2017 and replace with Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology. Plate reader technology will help law enforcement officers to quickly, accurately, and reliably check status of thousands of license plates on a single shift for expired vehicle registrations and insurance coverage immediately. The cost per patrol car for license plate reader is approximately \$12,625.00. To help law enforcement to prepare for the ALPR technology, PennDOT is proposing a grant program for the purchase and maintenance. BPD received a donation in the amount of \$3,900.00 from American Legion Post 572 to help with purchase of ALPR.

Corporal Scott is attending a three (3) day training, May 10 – 12, 2016 for vehicle equipment and inspection violations for all type of vehicles (cars, trucks, commercial, and motorcycles).

(E) Police Committee: Nothing to report.

(F) Borough Manager:

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

Lewis and Clark Circus requesting permission to perform on Island Park, July 2, 2016. This event could be a fundraiser for Recreation Board. They will get a percent of all advance tickets they sell. Motion to allow Lewis and Clark Circus to perform on Island Park, July 2, 2016 was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

Mr. Lloyd asked for an ordinance pertaining to not throwing snow or blowing grass onto streets and roads. Borough Solicitor to check for an ordinance. Jerome Ogden suggested putting an ad in the Penny-Saver or Wellsboro Gazette.

Bureau of Mines is bidding out land work by old landfill to eliminate high wall.

(G) Planning Commission: A meeting was held on April 27, 2016. Board members recommended approval for Auto Sales & Service at 312 North Williamson Road (old Dandy Mart).

Zoning Hearing Board: A meeting is scheduled on May 18, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. to review Auto Sales & Service at 312 North Williamson Road.

Reports:

(H) Recreation:

Jill Nickerson and Holly Berguson made a budget for pool. When pool is open, Holly Berguson is to be at pool, all the time, managing the pool and concession stand. Concession items are to be purchased locally.

Playground: Plans are being worked on. Waiting on cost estimates. Design to be brought before Council and Recreation Board.

Trees: On April 29, 2016, Mayor Nickerson declared an Arbor Day Proclamation. Dogwood and white pine trees were given to Mayor from STSD. Mayor Nickerson asked Sharon McNett to plant the 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 is still trying to acquire the Financial Reports for December 2015, with Year to Date Totals and monthly reports for January - March 2016.

Debit Grant was received.

Department applied for a grant to purchase a new truck.

(J) Library: Upcoming events: (1) Super Bingo – June 11, 2016. (2) July 10, 2016 Garden Party is to be held at the Hamilton Club.

(K) Street Committee:

Replacing of sidewalks throughout town is in the beginning stages. A meeting was scheduled for May 18, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

A list of 2016 proposed streets for tar & chipping was reviewed. Total miles and cost: 2.74 miles at ± \$40,105.00.

6,700 Gallons – E-Oil (T & C):	\$ 9,045.00
2,000 Gallons – CM52P:	\$ 3,060.00
400 Tons – 1B Stone:	\$12,800.00
103 Tons – Blacktop:	\$ 7,200.00
Contractor Equipment:	\$ 8,000.00

Borough Manager is to check if Dreas Lane is an approved borough street and if cost of oiling road would be covered under Liquid Fuels.

Borough to oil White Street, up past Arbon Cemetery. Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority (NTSWA) will pay ½ of approximate \$4,700.00 cost.

Motion to accept 2016 proposed street repairs was made by Tonya McNamara; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Reports:

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

(M) **Budget:** Nothing to report.

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

Working on installing worm gear unit at STP.

Engineer filling out permits for new water line along Ogdensburg Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Southern Tioga School District (STSD) Plans:**

Re-Appointments to Blossburg Recreation Board by the School Board (5 year terms):

Stephen Hall (agreed to re-appointment); Term Expired – December 2013
New Term Limit December 2018

Kenneth Johnson (agreed to re-appointment); Term Expired – December 2014
New Term Limit December 2019

Ann Harman (agreed to re-appointment); Term Expired – December 2015
New Term Limit December 2020

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:**

A meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. to meet with Donna Yale, Team-Lead Advanced IT with PENNTAP, to discuss information on setting up a Borough Website. Mrs. Yale services are free.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **St. Mary's Bridge:** Motion to advertise sealed bids to furnish a 6' high by 10' wide precast concrete box culvert for St. Mary's Street bridge was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

2. **Council Meeting (RE: Zoning):** A Council Meeting is advertised for May 18, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. to review Flood Variance for James Wagner garage addition.

3. **Eagle Scout:** For his Eagle Scout project, Lakota Cummings made flower boxes that will be placed throughout town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016 AT THE LIBERTY LUTHERN CHURCH, 4478 WILLIAMSON TRAIL, LIBERTY, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016.

24th ANNUAL BLOSSBURG STATE COAL FESTIVAL, ISLAND PARK, JUNE 1 – 4, 2016.

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.

Mr. Lloyd asked Council if two (2) borough employees would be permitted to help move tables. Councilmembers all agreed with the borough employees helping.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED BY BOROUGH SOLICITOR PATRICK BARRETT AT 7:28 P.M. RECONVENED AT 7:38 P.M. POSSIBLE LITIGATION DISCUSSED. NO ACTION TAKEN.

ADJOURNMENT: President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 7:39 P.M.

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

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Council Room.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary