

# BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## August 10, 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, James Rakoski, Timothy Martin, (absent, Jerome Ogden); Mayor Shane Nickerson; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; (absent, Borough Secretary Mary Signor (vacation)); Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette.

Mary Signor is on vacation this week. Borough Manager George D. Lloyd took the minutes.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the July 13, 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 James Rakoski; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

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

**Guests:** Jason Przybycien reporter for the Wellsboro Gazette commented that Mansfield YMCA is soliciting for funds. James Rakoski concurred, saying that he was approached by YMCA also. Mr. Rakoski told them to send a letter to the Borough requesting funds.

### **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 gave report there will be a chicken barbeque this Saturday, and a recycling bin, set in downtown parking lot, for electronics.

V.I.B.E. is organizing for Fall Festival.

James Cooper – Sign Shop – was contacted for signage at the Blossburg interchange and by the Green Bridge. He was asked to come up with some different designs for V.I.B.E. to choose from.

(C) **Mayor:** Nothing at this time.

(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: \$755.97.

**Reports:**

Department is looking into Grant funding for a vehicle speed reader costing \$4,000.00 and equipment that will read vehicle registrations after the state quits issuing registration stickers. Cost of this equipment is estimated at \$12,000.00

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

(F) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of James Rakoski; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

Trees / brush cut off gabion baskets located behind Blossburg Memorial Library. Employees noticed some wires in baskets are broken under the Tioga River level. Engineer will be contacted for a repair solution. May be something as simple as pouring a concrete base along bottom of gabion basket wall.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(H) **Recreation:**

Color Blast Dance is scheduled for August 21, 2016 at Island Park pavilion, from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Looking at more shading options for pool.

Discuss some skate park equipment settling into blacktop. Equipment to be moved a few inches, then repair blacktop where needed.

Playground: Recreation Board approved new playground design, but also requested that monkey bars be added. Playground designer is also working up a bid proposal to have the tennis courts patched and resurfaced this year. The resurfacing material will be more durable than the existing surface, so that other activities, besides tennis, can be played on the courts. Approve playground design and to have tennis court bid sent out, once completed. Motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

Shane and Jill Nickerson met with Pete Guidi, of Ward Manufacturing, to accept the \$150,000.00 check for the new Island Park playground.

Trees: Planting of trees at park is on hold until new playground design is completed.

Island Park River Walk: Council acknowledge Dave & Bev Jones and Ed & Sharron McNett for trimming trees along River Walk that were encroaching on path.

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

Still waiting on approvals for grant submissions.

A Fire / Ambulance picnic is scheduled at Island Park on Sunday, August 7, 2016.

(J) **Library:** Nothing to report.

**Reports:**

**(K) Street Committee:**

Money anticipated from Williamson Road Foundation for sidewalk repair this year. Committee met with Ivan Erway to replace his walk along Hannibal Street and would like to approve this project for 2016 and start out the sidewalk program. Will be able to track costs for sidewalk installation and be prepared for more sidewalk jobs in 2017. Approve sidewalk replacement for Ivan Erway motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

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

**(M) Budget:**

George D. Lloyd contacted a company, who was referred to him by Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority to review the Borough's existing phone system. They will supply costs to update the existing system at the Borough building and possibly connect telephone lines from the garage, pool, Recreation Building, Bellman Filter, R & G Well, and Sewer Plant into the Borough building equipment. A budget meeting was scheduled for August 17, 2016 at 5:15 P.M. to discuss the options with the company representative.

At a previous budget meeting, options to cover the \$30,000.00 in kind amount for the new playground was discussed. Committee recommend to take \$20,000.00 from Island Park Gas Lease and \$10,000.00 from the Act 13 funding. Approve recommendation was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

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

Bellman reservoir cleaning is done. Project went better than planned. Started draining reservoir on Monday, debris cleaned out of reservoir by Thursday, reservoir full of water by Saturday, and had water being filtered through plant by Tuesday.

Started installing 10" DIP water line along Ogdensburg Road on Monday August 8. Projecting a 5 (five) week project.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Demolition on two (2) story section of old high school has started. Company is trying to recycle as much material as possible.

**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:**

Carl Cox from TCAB recommend tabling resolution at this time.

Approve to move from agenda motion of Paul Hosszu; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**4. Borough Website:**

Website can be reviewed on internet at blossomborough.com. Any questions, changes should be addressed to JoAnn at the office.

**5. Flood Variance for James Wagner (Jim's Service Station):**

James Wagner needs to submit a revised drawing for his variance, because he is making the building smaller.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. 2016 Halloween Trick-or-Treat Date:**

The Blossburg Borough will hold Halloween on Monday, October 31, 2016. The parade is from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Halloween hours are 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Motion of James Rakoski; second, Paul Hosszu. All in Favor.

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Council Room.**

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Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary