

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

October 12, 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, Jerome Ogden; Mayor Shane Nickerson; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee; (absent, Chief Joshua McCurdy (vacation)); Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Corporal Robert Scott; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette; Unisatvti Hicks-Lee.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 14, 2016 and September 19, 2016 meetings were accepted on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Jill Nickerson. 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 Jill Nickerson; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

Guests: None present.

Reports:

(A) **Junior Council Person:** Eion Hicks-Lee is seeking contacts for the purpose of obtaining information to report events / activities to Council.

(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.

V.I.B.E. will sponsor Small Town Christmas on November 26, 2016. Hours are 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. V.I.B.E. asked permission to use a portion of Riverside Plaza parking lot for the ice skating ring. Approve to use a portion of Plaza for ice ring on November 26, 2016 was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

(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, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

District Magistrate Fines Total: \$673.85.

Chief McCurdy was absent tonight, because he was on vacation. Corporal Scott presented Police Report.

Reports:

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

(F) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of James Rakoski; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Mr. Lloyd asked to pass a potential Resolution, if needed, for the Blossburg Municipal Authority request of a Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Program Grant of \$285,217.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for installing a 10" water line to Taylor Run wells. A 15% cash match of total project cost is required and would be paid by Blossburg Municipal Authority. Approve Resolution was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

Contractor hired by DEP to start filling deep mining cut at old landfill. Project to start in next couple of weeks.

(G) **Planning Commission:** A meeting was held on October 11, 2016. Board members recommended approval for Mark Murphy subdivision at 106 Davis Street (E. C. White old property).

Motion was made by Tonya McNamara to approve the Mark Murphy Subdivision; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(H) **Recreation:**

The minutes from the August 29, 2016 were received.

November 1, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the Borough Building Council Room is the next meeting.

Playground: Consultant is working on bids for playground equipment.

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

Island Park River Walk: Volunteers completed the removal of unneeded foliage along trail.

(I) **Fire:** The minutes from the August 22, 2016 were received. Also, a 2016 YTD Cash Flow Financial Report was received.

Holiday pictures are to be scheduled in November.

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

(K) **Street Committee:**

\$2,000.00 donation is to be received from Williamson Road Foundation for sidewalk repair in the next few weeks. George D. Lloyd is to contact Cris Wood as to when work can get started.

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

Reports:

(M) Budget:

2017 Financial Requirements & Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pension Plans (MMO's):
Police - \$23,623.00 / Non-Uniform - \$34,568.00. State Pension Allocation of \$58,937.13 was received on September 23, 2016.

Next 2017 Budget Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2016 at 5:30 P.M.

Mr. Lloyd is looking to replace one of the Mack trucks, which needs repairs totaling \$39,000.00 to \$42,000.00. Money to replace truck will be disbursed through the Act 13 Account. Motion to authorize Borough Manager George D. Lloyd to spend \$40,000.00 for used truck, but not exceed \$40,000.00, was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

(N) Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):

BMA voted to raise water rates 3% and sewer rate 4%. 1st Quarter 2017 Billings will be calculated with new rate increases.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Southern Tioga School District (STSD) Plans:

Two story section of high school torn down and grass planted in area.

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

3. Borough Website:

Waiting on internet supplier decision. Mr. Lloyd is to check on other suppliers besides Teledair Communications and Security, Inc. and Blue Ridge Communications.

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

Updated building plans were submitted to Borough. Plans approved by Building Code Official. Mr. Lloyd is to check with Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett on next step.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Permission to Purchase Thanksgiving Turkeys for Borough Employees:

A motion to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys for Borough employees was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor. The cost to be split with the Blossburg Municipal Authority.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016 AT THE HOME COMFORT RESTAURANT, ROUTE 49, WESTFIELD, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016.

HALLOWEEN IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016. THE PARADE IS AT 5:00 P.M. – STARTING BY THE FORMER BLOSSBURG AMBULANCE BUILDING LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HANNIBAL AND MORRIS STREETS. THE PARADE WILL PROCEED WEST ON HANNIBAL STREET – THEN TURN RIGHT ONTO MAIN STREET AND PROCEED NORTH TO THE NEW FIRE & AMBULANCE BUILDING, 324 MAIN STREET, WHERE THE JUDGING OF COSTUMES WILL TAKE PLACE. HALLOWEEN HOURS ARE MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016, 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 7:18 P.M.

Motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Timothy Martin. All in Favor.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Building Council Room.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary