

# BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## December 14, 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:** (absent, Vice-President Jill Nickerson); Pro Temp Tonya McNamara; Councilmembers Paul Hosszu, James Rakoski, Timothy Martin, Jerome Ogden; Mayor Shane Nickerson; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett (in Florida); Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee; Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Corporal Robert Scott; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette; Unisatvti Hicks-Lee and son; Dawn Hull and son, Benjamin Wolf.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November 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, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

**Guests:** Benjamin Wolf, a Scout, was attending to observe meeting, as part of a Merit Badge.

### **Reports:**

(A) **Junior Council Person:** Eion Hicks-Lee reported both schools are doing musicals.

### (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. projects: (1) Small Town Christmas was held on November 26, 2016 and was a success. (2) "Light Up the Holidays" judging will be held on December 19, 2016.

V.I.B.E. will not hold a meeting in December.

(C) **Mayor:** Nothing to report.

(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: \$1,093.38.

Chief McCurdy discussed having all of the same weapons in the Department. At the present, all the officers use their own pistols, which are all different. If all officers had the same weapon, it would save on ammunition and resolve Borough liabilities. The cost would be approximately \$2,500.00, including accessories. Chief McCurdy would seek funding from community organizations, to cover the cost.

**Reports:**

Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to move forward with seeking funds for weapons purchase; second, Paul Hosszu.

After a brief discussion, Jerome Ogden made a motion to amend the first motion, contingent upon review by Borough Solicitor's approval; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

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

**(F) Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of James Rakoski; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

St. Mary's Bridge Project cost  $\pm$  \$51,600.00. 2017 estimated costs: paving / curbs:  $\pm$  \$25,000.00. Total: \$76,000.00.

Dan Styborski, Tioga County Housing Authority, would like to give a presentation on Community Development Block Grant / Fair Housing, at the Blossburg Tioga County Association of Borough meeting in March 2017. All Councilmembers were in favor of Mr. Styborski's offer to speak.

**(G) Planning Commission:** No applications were submitted. No meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

**(H) Recreation:**

United Fund meeting on January 31, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Victoria Theater.

Playground: Borough Manager presented current diagram and costs. New costs are a little higher, but still within budget.

Someone is interested in the old wooden playground at Island Park. Mr. Lloyd would like to bid out and get rid of. Money from bid would help with new playground costs. Motion to bid out old wooden playground was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

Trees: Planting of trees at park is on hold until new playground design is completed. Received \$1,605.00 additional funding from Williamson Road Foundation for the planting of five (5) more trees by Skate Park at Island Park.

Island Park River Walk: Nothing to report.

**(I) Fire:** The minutes from the October 24, 2016 were received. No Financial Report was received.

EMS Agencies need to adopt a county wide EMS Response plan per Department of Health requirements. No action is needed. Tioga County Emergency Services are keeping an up-to-date page on their website with all of the most recent information on the plan's development.

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

**Reports:**

**(K) Street Committee:**

Hannibal Street Sidewalk Project is completed. Received additional funds of \$1,476.00 from Williamson Road Foundation and \$1,500.00 from FCCB toward project. Total income was \$6,376.00 / Total expenses was \$6,244.00 = \$132.00 in black.

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

**(M) Budget:**

Proposed 2017 Budget: \$865,311.00 Revenues/Expenses. No Borough tax increase. Borough: 6.807 Mills – Fire: .568 Mills – Library: .250 Mills. Effective rate: 7.63 mills.

Borough Occupation / Per Capita Tax to remain the same.

Proposed 2017 Budget was advertised. A motion to accept the proposed 2017 Budget was made Jerome Odgen; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Motion to advertise the 2017 Tax Ordinance was made by Jerome Odgen; second, Pau Hosszu. All in favor.

Mr. Lloyd is still looking to replace the Mack tandem dump truck. Councilmember Jerome Ogden asked George D. Lloyd to check with Stuart Lisowski.

A meeting will be held on January 4, 2017 at 5:45 P.M. with Steve Sumner from Gannon Associates. Topic will be insurance coverage review.

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

BMA should know status of Taylor Run Waterline Grant Application by March 23, 2017.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

2. **Borough Code of Ordinances – Update Keystate Publishers:**

Nothing to report. Borough Manager is to contact other sources for quotes for completing what Keystate Publishers didn't finish.

3. **Borough Website:** Nothing to report.

4. **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 working on organizing information for Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett's review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. 2017 Fuel Bids (Coverage Period: January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017):**

Only one (1) bid received as advertised:

<u>Williams Oil &amp; Propane:</u>	Diesel Winter Mix -	\$1.85 per gallon
	Diesel Summer Mix -	\$1.82 per gallon
	Unleaded Medium Grade -	\$1.718 per gallon

Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to accept Williams Oil & Propane bids; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

**2. Re-Appointment to Committees and Boards (Last Term Year 2016):**

Re-Appointment to Upper Tioga River Regional Authority (UTRRA): Shane Nickerson, (agreed to re-appointment).

Motion was made by Paul Hosszu to approve re-appointment of Shane Nickerson to UTRRA; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

**3. 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:

- 1. Primary Voting Delegate: John E. Backman (**replaced by Paul Hosszu**)
- 2. First Alternate Voting Delegate: Councilmember Jill Nickerson
- 3. Second Alternate Voting Delegate: Councilmember Jerome Ogden

Councilmember James Rakoski suggested TCC Representatives should be a Councilmember over a private citizen, due to the fact they work with Income Tax Collector.

Motion to replace Primary Voting Delegate John E. Backman with Councilmember Paul Hosszu. First Alternate and Second Alternate Representatives to remain the same was made by Timothy Martin; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 7:08 P.M.

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

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Building Council Room.**