

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2017

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 Timothy Martin, Jerome Ogden, (absent, Paul Hosszu (Dentist), James Rakoski (in Florida)); Mayor Shane Nickerson; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett (School Meeting)); 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.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting were accepted on motion of Jill Nickerson; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Report accepted subject to audit on motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

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

Guests: None present.

Reports:

(A) **Junior Council Person:** Eion Hicks-Lee reported both schools are working on unified sport teams (regular and handicap).

(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. did hold a meeting in December.

(C) **Mayor:** Mayor Nickerson requested a Police Committee Meeting. The meeting was scheduled for January 17, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

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

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

District Magistrate Fines Total: \$499.25.

Councilmembers were impressed with the Year End Report prepared by Corporal Robert Scott.

(E) **Police Committee:** Police Committee to be held on January 17, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Reports:

(F) Borough Manager:

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

Nothing to report.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(H) Recreation:

Recreation Board did not meet in December.

United Fund meeting will be held on January 30, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Victoria Theater.

Playground / Tennis Court:

Motion to advertise Tennis Court Bid Proposal was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

A playground meeting with Chuck Strodosk, a representative of YSM Landscape Architects, was scheduled for January 26, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

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

Island Park River Walk: A Thank You is to be sent to Phil Boinski for allowing the Borough to use old railroad property, which is connected to his parcel, for the walking trail. The length of the trail is now 1 mile, with the addition of another 75', that detours from the existing path.

(I) Fire: The minutes from the November 28, 2016 were received. The minutes were accepted on motion of Tonya McNamara; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

No Financial Report was received.

(J) Library: Nothing to report.

Mayor Shane Nickerson to make inquiries about Blossburg Memorial Library Agreement with the Blossburg Borough, in regards to if and when the Borough is to take over the Library.

(K) Street Committee: Nothing to report.

(L) Shade Tree Commission: Nothing to report.

(M) Budget: A Budget Meeting was scheduled on January 17, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

(N) Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):

2017 Water Budget: \$538,791 and 2017 Sewer Budget: \$259,900 were both approved by BMA.

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.

Frontier vs. Blue Ridge internet packages are to be compared for speed and price.

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. **Bid Opening for Island Park Wooden Playground:**

Only one (1) bid received as advertised:

Douglas E. Matthews: Sum of \$100.00. Remove the play set on or before April 15, 2017.

Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to accept Douglas E. Matthews Wooden Playground bid; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

2. **Ordinance No. 445: 2017 Tax Ordinance:**

Motion that the proposed 2017 Tax Ordinance be adopted as advertised: Borough 6.807 mills / Fire 0.568 mills / Library 0.250 mills, totaling 7.63 mills was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017 AT THE CAST & CREW RESTAURANT, 295 SOUTH MAIN STREET, MANSFIELD, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY JANUARY 12, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT: President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Jill Nickerson. All in Favor.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Building Council Room.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary