

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

July 12, 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 Paul Hosszu, Timothy Martin, (absent, Jerome Ogden, James Rakoski); Mayor Shane Nickerson; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee; Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Joshua Jones; Unisatvti Hicks-Lee; Ralph Mundis; Luke Tanner; Quentin Wood.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 14, 2017 meeting were accepted on motion of Tonya McNamara; second, Paul Hosszu. 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, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

Guests: Unisatvti Hicks-Lee, Ralph Mundis, Luke Tanner, and Quentin Wood were attending tonight's meeting for observation.

Joshua Jones requested a digital Act 537 Plan.

Mr. Jones asked if the Sales Agreement to purchase the Southern Tioga School District Administration Office Building, is accepted, where are the monies coming from? Borough Manager George D. Lloyd reported the payment will come from the Oil & Gas Lease Certificate of Deposit and Act 13.

Reports:

(A) **Junior Council Person:** Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee reported three (3) people are taking lifeguard lessons.

(B) **Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are held on fourth Wednesday of the month at 238 Main Street at 6:00 P.M.

V.I.B.E. is working on their Bylaws and Octoberfest.

V.I.B.E is looking for ideas as to what their next project should be. If V.I.B.E likes an idea and if your idea is the one that V.I.B.E picks, you could win \$50.

(C) **Mayor:** Officer Damon Cole is leaving the Blossburg Police Department. His last day is July 25, 2017.

A Police Committee Meeting was scheduled for July 18, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Reports:

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

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

District Magistrate Fines Total: \$492.40.

(E) **Police Committee:** Police Committee members are Jerome Ogden, Jill Nickerson, and Paul Hosszu.
A meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

(F) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

Mr. Lloyd reported the St. Mary's Bridge Project is completed.

(G) **Planning Commission:** A meeting was held on June 26, 2017. Reviewed and accepted Act 537
Study for Blossburg Municipal Authority.

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(H) **Recreation:**

Playground: Digging out for new playground. Community Build is scheduled for July 29, 2017.

Tennis Courts: Notice submitted to tennis court contractor to proceed with project.

Trees: Planting of trees around the big pavilion at park is on hold until new playground is
completed.

Island Park River Walk: Nothing to report.

(I) **Fire:** The Minutes from March 27, 2017 and May 24, 2017 were received.
A Financial Report from April 1, 2017 through June 26, 2017 was received.

(J) **Library:** Next meeting is July 18, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

(K) **Street Committee:** Two (2) miles of tar & chipping to be done the end of July.

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

(M) **Budget:** YTD Budget Reports were received by all Councilmembers.

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

Act 537 Study needs to be submitted to DEP by August 5, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Southern Tioga School District (STSD) Plans:

Plan to sell the administration building on Main Street and move office to Blossburg school building.

Nothing to report.

2. Borough Code of Ordinances – Update Keystate Publishers:

Nothing to report.

3. Borough Website: Nothing to report.

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

Updated building plans need to be submitted to Borough. Plans approved by Building Code Official. Mr. Lloyd has reviewed application with Borough Engineer and Tioga County Conservation District Manager. More information is needed from James Wagner, before the permit can be approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Act 537 Plan:

Council approved to advertise the new Act 537 Plan at the Council meeting of June 14, 2017. A review period of 30 days is required. July Council Meeting will reconvene on July 24, 2017 to adopt the Act 537 Resolution.

2. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA):

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) request Blossburg Borough to consider being a sponsor for the Trick or Trot awareness race. Councilmembers denied FBLA request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting will not adjourn, due to the fact of Act 537 Plan needing to be adopted after the 30 day advertising.

The meeting was dismissed at 7:12 P.M. by President Jolene Hall, to reconvene July 24, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

Attendance: President Jolene Hall; Vice-President Jill Nickerson; Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, Paul Hosszu, James Rakoski, Tonya McNamara, (absent, Timothy Martin); Mayor Shane Nickerson; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Borough Engineer William S. Bray; Cheryl Clarke Wellsboro Gazette; Joshua Jones; Quentin Wood.

Borough Engineer discussed the 537 Plan. Blossburg Borough Sewer Treatment Plan is 50 years old. After reviewing all the options, a new sewer plant is the most practical.

Resolution No. 7 2017 537 Plan Revision:

RESOLUTION OF THE Council of the Borough of Blossburg, TIOGA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA (hereinafter "the municipality").

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Act of January 24, 1966, P.L. 1535, No. 537, known as the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act", as amended, and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) adopted thereunder, Chapter 71 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, requires the municipality to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan providing for sewage services adequate to prevent contamination of waters and/or environmental health hazards with sewage wastes, and to revise said plan whenever it is necessary to meet the sewage disposal needs of the municipality, and

WHEREAS, William S. Bray, P.E. has prepared an Engineering Report for an Act 537 Plan Update, which provides for a new wastewater treatment plant for the Borough of Blossburg,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Blossburg finds that the Facility Plan described above conforms to applicable zoning, subdivision, other municipal ordinances and plans and to a comprehensive program of pollution control and water quality management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Blossburg hereby adopt and submit to the Department of Environmental Protection for its approval as a revision to the "Official Plan" of the municipality, the above referenced Facility Plan. The municipality hereby assures the Department of the complete and timely implementation of the said plan as required by law. (Section 5, Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act as amended).

Motion to adopt 537 Plan Resolution was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

**AT 6:22 P.M. AN EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED BY BOROUGH SOLICITOR PATRICK BARRETT.
NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN.**

ADJOURNMENT: President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 6:34 P.M.

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

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at
6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Building Council Room.**