

# BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## October 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 (absent, Paul Hosszu), Timothy Martin, Jerome Ogden, James Rakoski; (Mayor Shane Nickerson (left to attend another meeting at 6:39 P.M.)); Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee; (Chief Joshua McCurdy (left to attend another meeting at 6:39 P.M.)); Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Corporal Robert Scott; Natalie Kennedy Wellsboro Gazette; Joshua Jones; Unisatvti Hicks-Lee.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the September 13, 2017 meeting were accepted on motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

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

**Bills:** Bills to be paid on motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

**Guests:** No comments.

### **Reports:**

**(A) Junior Council Person:** Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee reported kids would like treehouses added to Island Park playground area. Treehouses were discussed in the planning stages of the new playground, but insurance coverage for accidents is an issue.

### **(B) Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are held on fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. Meeting locations are different each month. Check the V.I.B.E. website for meeting place.

The Minutes from the August 23, 2017 were received.

V.I.B.E. upcoming events: (1) October 15, 2017 Fall Festival. The hours are 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. (2) Small Town Christmas will be held on November 25, 2017.

A Band Stand/Stage was the pick for V.I.B.E.'s next project. Two areas being considered for location of the Band Stand/Stage are in the community garden area or across the street in the green space by the Fire & Ambulance building entrance.

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

**Reports:**

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

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

District Magistrate Fines Total: \$523.61.

Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett to review new police procedures for Fire Arms and Body Cameras. Body cameras are presently under a free one (1) year contract. When contract expires, the department will decide to buy the cameras or not. Other manufactures of body cameras will be reviewed before any purchases are made.

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

(F) **Borough Manager:**

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

For awareness of domestic / sexual abuse and violence, Haven of Tioga County will be placing purple ribbons throughout the Borough.

The owners of the Holiday Market at Riverside Plaza are requesting reserved parking in front of their business for internet shopping customers. The reserved parking space would be for 10 minutes and used for picking up internet purchases from the store. Motion was made by Jill Nickerson to approve the "to go" pickup parking space in front of the Holiday Market; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

(G) **Planning Commission:** Meeting of September 26, 2017.

Planning Commission Board reviewed and recommended approval a Special Exemption request for a Beauty / Nail Salon at 207 Davis Street. Request is to be reviewed by the Zoning Hearing Board.

Zoning Hearing Board: A meeting was advertised for November 14, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss a Special Exemption request for a Beauty / Nail Salon at 207 Davis Street.

(H) **Recreation:**

The Minutes from the August 31, 2017 were received.

Tonya McNamara discussed a program at Mansfield University called "Public Relations Workshop", which she feels could be used to promote Island Park. The project would be handled by MU juniors and seniors during the spring semester, to develop a public relations campaign and implement a special event. A park representative (Tonya McNamara would volunteer) would meet with the class for initial discussion about the parks needs and challenges. Councilmembers would like to know if there is a cost for the project, if the Borough is chosen for the project. Mrs. McNamara will be discussing this program at the next Recreation Board Meeting.

**Reports:**

Young Lungs at Play: As discussed at the September 13, 2017 Council Meeting, complaints were received of smoking on Island Park by tennis courts, basketball court, and baseball fields. Borough does not have a No Smoking Resolution / Ordinance covering Island Park. Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett will write a "No Smoking Resolution" for Island Park. Jill Nickerson is to request Young Lungs at Play signs sponsored by Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control Pennsylvania. Designated smoking areas are to be selected (i.e. by Borough Garage, etc.)

Playground: Curbing is in and to be outlined with "Sell of Bricks".

Tennis Courts: Tennis courts are done. A crack was discovered in the tennis court coating. Millers Flooring Company to repair crack on October 12, 2017.

The Borough Manager is to get cost estimate for coating the basketball court.

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 the August 25, 2017 were received. No Financial Report was made available. Councilmember Jerome Ogden requested a YTD Profit / Loss Report for the Departments.

The 2017 Halloween Parade and judging of costumes will be sponsored by the Blossburg Fire and Ambulance Departments.

(J) **Library:** October 17, 2017 is the next Library meeting.

Blossburg Memorial Library was selected to participate in a statewide Office of Commonwealth Libraries' Turning Outward pilot program. "Turning Outward means looking at others as resources and finding new ways to look at things." "It means opening eyes to a whole new way of thinking and collaborating, and really creating understanding."

(K) **Street Committee:** 1B stone is to be cleaned off streets that were tar & chipped.

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

(M) **Budget:** Bid out garbage / recycling collection, as well as, 2013 International Garbage Truck. Acceptance not contingent on each other. Motion was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

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

Reviewing increase in sewer rates to pay for new sewer plant. The earliest proposed rate increase to take effect is March 2018.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

**3. Borough Website:           Noting to report.**

**4. Borough Engineer Agreement with William S. Bray:**

Borough Engineer William S. Bray submitted an Engineer Services Agreement for Council's approval. Mr. Bray needs the Agreement for his insurance provider. The Agreement is the same as the last Agreement the Borough signed, except there is no time limit in this new Agreement. Motion to approve William S. Bray, P.E. Engineering Services Agreement was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Resolution No. 8 2017 Tioga County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan:**

Motion to approve Tioga County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan was made by Tonya McNamara; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

**2. Resolution No. 9 2017 Emergency Services Fees Reimbursement:**

Resolution authorizing emergency services fees reimbursement for incidents occurring within the Borough of Blossburg and providing regulations for collection of emergency services fees. Motion to approve 2017 Emergency Services Fees Reimbursement Resolution was made by Jerome Ogden; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

**3. Resolution No. 10 2017 Blossburg Police Pension Plan Act 600:**

Annual requirement for record: Resolution for Police Pension Fund stating if necessary for officers to pay into the Pension or not. No payment required for 2018. Motion to adopt Police Pension Fund Resolution was made by James Rakoski; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

**4. Permission to Purchase Thanksgiving Turkeys for Borough Employees:**

A motion to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys for Borough employees was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Tonya McNamara. 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 19, 2017 AT THE WESTFIELD MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 429 EAST MAIN STREET, 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 13, 2017.**

**HALLOWEEN IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017. 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 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017, 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

**TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017 AT THE PENN WELLS HOTEL, WELLSBORO, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 7:29 P.M.

Motion of James Rakoski; second, Tonya McNamara. All in Favor.

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

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Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary