

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH
BID OPENINGS
GARBAGE / RECYCLING COLLECTION
2013 INTERNATIONAL GARBAGE TRUCK
November 3, 2017**

Attendance: Council President Jolene Hall; Pro Temp Tonya McNamara; Councilmembers Paul Hosszu, Jerome Ogden; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor.

Garbage / Recycling Collection:

Only one (1) bid was received as advertised and per specifications:

Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority (NTSWA):	1 Year Contract:	\$ 96,000.00
	5 Year Contract:	\$509,677.03

The 1st year price of \$96,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Payments of the NTSWA shall be made monthly by dividing the annual cost by 12. The monthly price of \$8,000.00.

The 2nd year cost would increase 3% to \$98,880.00 or \$8,240.00 per month.

The 3rd year cost would increase 3% to \$101,846.40 or \$8,487.20 per month.

The 4th year cost would increase 3% to \$104,901.79 or \$8,741.81 per month for 11 months and one month at \$8,741.88.

The 5th year cost would increase 3% to \$108,048.84 per \$9,004.07 for 12 months.

At the end of the 5th year the Borough would have the option to extend contract for a term with a price increase that both parties shall agree to before December 31, 2022.

Total for five years: \$509,677.03.

2013 International Garbage Truck:

Two (2) bids were received as advertised:

Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority (NTSWA):	\$95,000.00
Real Disposal Service:	\$25,050.00

All bid information will be copied and distributed to Councilmembers for their review. Bids will be discussed at the Council Meeting on November 8, 2017.

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 8, 2017

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Immediate Past Council President James Rakoski called the Blossburg Borough Council regular meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

Attendance: (absent, President Jolene Hall (sick)); (absent, Vice-President Jill Nickerson; Pro Temp Tonya McNamara (both attending a Library Program in State College)); Councilmembers Paul Hosszu, Timothy Martin, Jerome Ogden; (absent, Mayor Shane Nickerson (attending a Library Program in State College)); (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett (sick)); Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee; Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Corporal Robert Scott; Natalie Kennedy Wellsboro Gazette; Joshua Jones.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 11, 2017 meeting were accepted on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

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

Bills: Bills to be paid on motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Guests: No comments.

Reports:

(A) **Junior Council Person:** Nothing to report.

(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 September 27, 2017 were received.

V.I.B.E. upcoming event: Small Town Christmas will be held on November 25, 2017.

(C) **Mayor:** Mayor Nickerson was absent. Nothing to report.

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

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

District Magistrate Fines Total: \$427.19.

Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett to review new police procedures for Fire Arms and Body Cameras. Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to accept the new procedures for Fire Arms and Body Cameras, subject to Borough Solicitor's approval; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

Reports:

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

(F) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

Tony Garcia requested to sponsor a town food fund drive in March 2018. Presently, Mr. Garcia works at the Methodist Church Food Pantry three (3) days per week. Motion was made by Paul Hosszu to approve town food fund drive in March 2018; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

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

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:** No meeting. Not enough members for a quorum.

Playground: Concrete all poured. Digging out for topsoil where plantings will be placed next spring.

Tennis Courts: Tennis court crack was repaired by Millers Flooring Company.

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

Island Park River Walk: Nothing to report.

(I) **Fire:** Nothing reported.

(J) **Library:** Shane Nickerson, Jill Nickerson, and Tonya McNamara are attending a statewide Office of Commonwealth Libraries' Turning Outward pilot program November 7, 8, and 9, 2017 in State College.

(K) **Street Committee:** Nothing to report.

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

(M) **Budget:**

Garbage / Recycling Collection: Motion was made by Paul Hosszu to accept Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority (NTSWA) 5 year bid contract; second, Jerome Ogden. Timothy Martin opposed.

2013 International Garbage Truck: Motion was made by Paul Hosszu to accept Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority (NTSWA) bid in the amount of \$95,000.00; second, Jerome Ogden. Timothy Martin opposed.

(Truck bid was calculated by NTSWA at an average 7 year life expectancy with a depreciation of \$18,570.00 per year. Truck and compactor was purchased new at approximately \$167,000.00 in 2013.)

Reports:

Proposed 2018 Budget: \$886,790.00 Revenues/Expenses. No Borough tax increase.
Borough: 6.807 Mills – Fire: .568 Mills – Library: .250 Mills. Effective rate: 7.63 mills.

A motion to advertise the proposed 2018 Budget was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

2018 Budget to be accepted at December 2017 Council Meeting.

(N) Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):

Bellman Run sediment pond dam was washed out from last week's rain.

Review response to DEP letter dated October 24, 2017. Re: Act 537 Plan Update – Blossburg sewer rate increase to pay for new sewer plant. Major concern in letter was "3rd bullet", "Due to the negotiated Consent Order and Agreement, implementation of an approved plan is required and cannot be contingent upon funding.

Response: "Implementation of the plan must be contingent upon financing consistent with the funding scenarios provided. User fees without a significant level of grant funding would not be sustainable. The Borough and Authority are committed to continued progress resolving the outstanding issues but the solution must not place undue financial hardship on the residents."

Motion to submit letter to DEP was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Advertise for 2018 Vehicle Fuel Bids:

Motion to advertise for vehicle fuel bids was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Re-Appointment to Planning Commission & Shade Tree Commission: Robert Kelly (agreed to re-appointment); 4yrs. – Term ending 2021.

Re-Appointment to Zoning Hearing Board: Nathan Barnes (agreed to re-appointment); 5yrs. – Term ending 2022.

Re-Appointment to Blossburg Municipal Authority: Stephen Hall (agreed to re-appointment); 5yrs. – Term ending 2022.

Re-Appointment to Blossburg Recreation Board: Tom Augustine (agreed to re-appointment); 5yrs. – Term ending 2022.

Motion was made by Paul Hosszu to approve all re-appointments to Committees and Boards; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

3. Garbage / Recycling Collection: Discussed under Budget.

4. 2013 International Garbage Truck: Discussed under Budget.

5. Response to DEP letter dated October 24, 2017: Discussed under Blossburg Municipal Authority.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH 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: Immediate Past Council President James Rakoski closed the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

Motion of Jerome Ogden second, Paul Hosszu. All in Favor.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Council Room.