

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 13, 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 (sick)); Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; 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; Unisatvti Hicks-Lee.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 8, 2017 meeting were accepted on motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Timothy Martin. 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: Unisatvti Hicks-Lee questioned the bi-weekly recycling collection and if larger recycling bins are available. Mr. Lloyd is to contact Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority (NTSWA) to inquire if larger recycling bins are available.

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.

V.I.B.E. didn't hold a meeting.

V.I.B.E. upcoming event: Small Town Christmas was held on November 25, 2017 and was a success.

(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 James Rakoski; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

District Magistrate Fines Total: \$458.59.

Car 1 is at the Ford garage for an oil leak and a new battery.

Reports:

BPD received vehicle glass tint meters. The Company sponsoring the devices requested BPD to use the meters for 60 days and fax back log report listing any other violations found due to the tinted glass stop (i.e. DUI, unregistered vehicle, etc.). After 60 days, vehicle glass tint meters may be kept by the BPD, free of charge. An online certification course is required to use the tint meter devices.

Police Department to research Grant resources to help in the purchase of a new police vehicle.

(E) Police Committee: Nothing to report.

(F) Borough Manager:

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

Resolution No. 11 2017 Ancillary Casinos:

Resolution to exercise the Municipal option to prohibit the location of a Category 4 Casino licensed facility within the Borough of Blossburg. Motion to approve Resolution No. 11 2017 was made by James Rakoski; second Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

An Affidavit of Residency is to be printed on Borough letterhead, for re-elected officials stating they are a registered elector of the Borough of Blossburg, County of Tioga, and that they currently reside and have resided continuously in the Borough and for at least one year immediately prior to their election. Newly elected officials are: Mayor Shane Nickerson; Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, James Rakoski, Jolene Hall, and Timothy Martin.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: A meeting was held on November 14, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Board Members reviewed and approved request for a Beauty / Nail Salon at 207 Davis Street.

(H) Recreation: No meeting. A United Fund meeting will be held in January.

Playground: Nothing to report.

Tennis Courts: Nothing to report.

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

Island Park River Walk: Nothing to report.

(I) Fire: Reports received: The BFD minutes dated October 23, 2017 and the Transaction Report 10/24/2017 to 11/27/2017.

(J) Library: Shane Nickerson, Jill Nickerson, and Tonya McNamara attended a statewide Office of Commonwealth Libraries' Turning Outward pilot program in November at State College. The Blossburg Memorial Library was chosen to participate in the "Harwood Public Innovators Lab". Surveys are part of the program. The survey has four (4) questions to find out where our community is, not where we wish it were. Its purpose is to collect Public Knowledge, not expert or professional knowledge, of our community. These surveys will be distributed throughout the community.

Reports:

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

(L) **Shade Tree Commission:** Three (3) of the Winter King Trees were cut down on Main Street and other trees were trimmed.

(M) **Budget:**

Proposed 2018 Budget: \$886,790.00 Revenues/Expenses. No Borough tax increase.
Borough: 6.807 Mills – Fire: .568 Mills – Library: .250 Mills. Effective rate: 7.625 mills.

No Occupation / Per Capita Tax to be collected.

Proposed 2018 Budget was advertised. A motion to accept the proposed 2018 Budget was made Jerome Ogden; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

Motion to advertise the 2018 Tax Ordinance was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

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

William S. Bray is to contact RUS on funding for new sewer plant.

Agree to purchase new filter media for Sportsman Well.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

BOROUGH SOLICITOR PATRICK BARRETT REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AFTER TONIGHTS MEETING. NO ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN.

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

Nothing to report.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2018 Fuel Bids (Coverage Period: January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018):**

Received as advertised:

<u>Williams Oil & Propane:</u>	Diesel Winter Mix -	\$2.2054 per gallon
	Diesel Summer Mix -	\$2.1754 per gallon
	Unleaded Medium Grade -	\$2.36 per gallon
<u>Superior Plus Energy Services:</u>	Diesel Winter Mix -	\$2.2187 per gallon
	Diesel Summer Mix -	\$2.1942 per gallon
	Unleaded Medium Grade -	\$1.9418 per gallon

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to accept Williams Oil & Propane Diesel Winter and Diesel Summer Mix Bids: second, James Rakoski. All in Favor.

Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to accept Superior Plus Energy Services Unleaded Medium Grade Bid; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

Low Bid accepted on all bids.

2. **Borough Crew Riding on Back of Garbage Truck:** Borough Manager to talk to Public Works crew.

3. **Re-appoint George D. Lloyd to Upper Tioga River Regional Authority (UTTRA):**

Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to re-appoint George D. Lloyd to UTTRA; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

4. **Advertise Council Reorganization Meeting:**

Advertise Council Reorganization Meeting – January 2, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements.

ADJOURNMENT: President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Motion of Jerome Ogden; second, James Rakoski. All in Favor.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Building Council Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED BY BOROUGH SOLICITOR PATRICK BARRETT AT 7:20 P.M. RECONVENE AT 7:36 P.M. LAND PURCHASE DISCUSSED. NO ACTION TAKEN.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary