

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 8, 2018

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 new Borough Building, 241 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

Attendance: (absent, Vice-President Jill Nickerson); Pro Temp Tonya McNamara; Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, Timothy Martin, (absent, James Rakoski (out of town)), Paul Hosszu; (absent, Mayor Shane Nickerson (out of town)); Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee; Chief Joshua McCurdy (left at 6:47 P.M.); Corporal Robert Scott; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Natalie Kennedy Wellsboro Gazette; Joshua Jones; Unisatvti Hicks-Lee.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 11, 2018 meeting were accepted on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

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

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

Guests: Joshua Jones questioned the codification status of the Blossburg Borough's Code of Ordinances. Mr. Jones would like to have internet access for this information. Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett is researching consultants to either finish up current codification or update codification in the future.

Unisatvti Hicks-Lee updated Council on Blossburg's Trap-Neutered-Release (TNR) project of feral cats in Blossburg.

Reports:

(A) **Junior Council Person:** Students are getting ready to start school on August 22, 2018.

(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 location is at the Blossburg Memorial Library.

V.I.B.E. proposed upcoming events: October 14, 2018 – Fall Festival
November 24, 2018 – Small Town Christmas

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

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: \$511.62.

Discussed a letter received from a concern resident about some Blossburg property owners that “not seem to have the “pride of ownership” that once was a hallmark of Blossburg homes.” Are junk and unlicensed vehicles ordinances still in effect? Police Department, Borough Solicitor, and Borough Manager are to inspect these properties.

Chief McCurdy is working on getting Officer Jose Sanchez’s CPR card. Officer Sanchez was hired on April 11, 2018.

Police Department office is now located at 241 Main Street, in the lower level. Entrance is from parking lot, connected to Mill Street.

(E) Police Committee: Nothing to report.

(F) Borough Manager:

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Tonya McNamara; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Kelly property, located on East Creek Road, was surveyed and is located in the Blossburg Borough not Covington Township. Paperwork will be taken to Tioga County Courthouse so tax parcels can be changed.

Tioga County Conservation District has grant money for Dirt and Gravel Low Volume Roads. Deadline to apply is September 1, 2018. Borough Manager is to apply for this funding to help fix East Creek Road.

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

Debra Everett submitted her resignation on July 23, 2018, effective immediately. An ad will be published in the Penny-Saver requesting any Borough resident wishing to fill this vacancy should submit a letter of interest.

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(H) Recreation:

Recreation Board is reviewing pool hours vs. rainy weather. Rules need to be set when to stay open or close on rain days, including swimming lessons.

Barbeque pit roof fell down on pit. Damage was submitted to Borough’s insurance company. Received \$3,131.62 to replace / rebuild BBQ roof / pit. Eligible for additional \$1,233.03, if material costs more. In process of getting material quote.

Playground & Tennis Courts: Inspection by Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) is scheduled for August 21, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

Reports:

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

Island Park River Walk: Small washout from heavy rains is being repaired.

(I) **Fire:** Reports received: The BFD minutes dated May 7, 2018 and June 25, 2018 and the Transaction Report from March 27, 2018 to May 7, 2018 were received.

(J) **Library:** Nothing to report.

(K) **Street / Building Committee:** Loose 1B stone from tar & chipping was cleaned up.

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

(M) **Budget:** A 2019 Budget Meeting to be scheduled next month.

Application for exemption: Borough of Blossburg Exemption – Parcel #02/04A02/002A/000 (241 Main Street) was approved beginning tax year 2019.

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

BMA received a \$4,628,000 Loan and \$4,635,000 Grant from RUS to fund new sewer plant.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Borough Website:** Nothing to report.

2. **QuickBooks and Diversified Technology Utility Billing Programs:**

Diversified Technology Utility Billing Program demo is scheduled for August 15, 2018 at 4:30 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2018 Halloween Trick-or-Treat Date:** Other community schedules to be reviewed before date is set.

2. **Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO's) submitted to Borough for 2019 Budget:**

2019 Financial Requirements & Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pension Plans (MMO's): Police - \$27,587.00 / Non-Uniform - \$37,558.00. Motion to pay 2019 Pension Plans (MMO's) was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

3. **Resolution No. 4 2018 Tioga County 2018 Response Operations Plan:**

Tioga County's 2018 Response Operations Plan complies with all applicable State and County Laws, Regulations and provides the policies and procedures to be followed in dealing with natural or human-caused events or disasters. The Plan superseded all previous Plans. Motion to approve Tioga County 2018 Response Operations Plan was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements.

ADJOURNMENT: President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 7:39 P.M.

Motion of Tonya McNamara; second, Timothy Martin. All in Favor.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the new Blossburg Borough Building Council Room, 241 Main Street.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary