

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 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 Blossburg Borough Building, 241 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

**Attendance:** President Jolene Hall, Vice- President Jill Nickerson, Pro Temp Tonya McNamara, Council Members Jerome Ogden, James Rakoski, Paul Hosszu, Tim Martin, Mayor Shane Nickerson, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett, (absent, Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee), Chief Josh McCurdy, Borough Manager George D. Lloyd, (absent, Borough Secretary Mary Signor), Corporal Robert Scott, Natalie Kennedy Wellsboro Gazette, Joshua Jones, Uni Hicks-Lee, Corporal Bob Scott, Jackie Smith.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting were accepted as amended. (Tennis Court projects tabled until further information is gathered). Motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Tim Martin. All in favor.

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

**Bills:** Bill to be paid on motion of Jim Rakoski; second, Tim Martin. All in favor.

**Guests:** Jackie Smith: requested a light be placed on the pole near the back door of the Baptist Church. Jerome Ogden asked to schedule a street committee meeting and bring a recommendation to Council.

**Reports:**

(A) **Junior Council Person:** no report.

(B) **Committee Business Development:** Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at the Blossburg Memorial Library upstairs.

The Minutes from the November 28, 2018 were received.

The Island Park 150 was a success. The event was held on December 8<sup>th</sup> with 44 runners and 5 virtual participants. Thank you to Joe and Cheryl Bubacz, Jackie Smith and Tim Martin. Smalltown Christmas was successful even though the weather did not cooperate.

V.I.B.E. upcoming events:

Light Up the Holidays December 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 9:00 pm First prize \$150 / Second Prize \$50.

(C) **Mayor:** Community Conversation on November 29<sup>th</sup> was well attended. Question was posed as to how Council places community members on boards. Discussion was to advertise positions to gain volunteers.

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

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

District Magistrate Fines Total: \$461.16.

Chief McCurdy updated Council that the Department was certified in CPR and First Aid. Department is also creating job descriptions.

It was discussed that Council will begin putting money in the Police car fund starting in January 2019. Motion made by Jim Rakoski; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

Discussion of a used police car available to purchase to be used as back up and surveillance vehicle. Motion made by Jim Rakoski to use Act 13 money and have a cap of \$10,000. Second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Chief McCurdy requested to join the Chief of Police Association for an initial fee of \$250 and \$150 each year after. Motion made by Paul Hosszu; second Tim Martin. All in favor.

(E) **Police Committee:** Set up meeting on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 9:00 A. M.

(F) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager report accepted. Motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

Meeting set up with Gannon Associates on Friday, December 4, 2018 to discuss insurance and workers compensation.

(G) **Planning Commission Report: Meeting of November 27, 2018**

Street Resolution read by Borough Solicitor, Patrick Barrett. Resolution attached. Motion made to accept the resolution by Paul Hosszu; second Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

Recommend approval of Augustine and Brookside subdivision. More room suggested on Spring Street for setbacks. 6 Feet of Augustine property sold to Novitske. Motion made by Jerome Ogden; second, Time Martin. All in favor.

**Zoning Hearing Board:** No Meeting.

(H) **Recreation:** No Meeting in December. Question posed by Tonya McNamara about members associated with the school district. George will print off Recreation Board member guidelines for next meeting.

**Playground:** Discussion to install a handicap swing as a student project on Island park.

**Tennis Court:** No discussion.

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

**Island Park River Walk:** Comments made that Bob Metarko is doing a great job as a Blossburg volunteer. Very thankful for his service to the community.

(I) **Fire:** Minutes received. Tickets are bring sold for a Gun Raffle (\$10 each) to support the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

(J) **Library:** The programs at the Blossburg Memorial Library have been very well attended. Senior Yoga continues to be a big hit. The Harwood Initiative is going well. A thank you to Natalie Kennedy at the Wellsboro Gazette for the continued coverage and advertising.

(K) **Street Committee:** Meeting scheduled to review lights near the back entrance of the Baptist Church as requested by Jackie Smith. Meeting to be held after Council meeting and attended by Jerome Ogden, Jim Rakoski and Tonya McNamara.

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

(M) **Budget:** 2019 Budget has been advertised. Motion to advertise 2019 Tax Ordinance made by Paul Hosszu; second, Jim Rakoski. All in favor.

**(N) Blossburg Municipal Report:**

Hydrogeologist completed pump test on Sportsman well for SRBC permit renewal. Tim Martin suggested to video pipes to produce electricity.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Borough Website:** Nothing to report.
2. **QuickBooks and Diversified Technology Utility Billing Programs:**  
QuickBooks has been installed and training is being set up for the utility billing program.
3. **Consent Agenda:** Discussed to email out packet information prior to meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Begin bi-weekly payroll and direct deposit starting in January:**

Motion made by Paul Hosszu; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

2. **Review resumes for Borough Secretary / Treasurer:**

Resumes to be reviewed in executive session following meeting. Council meeting to reconvene on December 20, 2018 at 7:30pm after interviews are completed.

3. **Bid Opening for Vehicle Fuel Bids:**

For the period of January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019.

**WOC Energy:**

Unleaded Gasoline-Medium Grade: 1.9393

Diesel Fuel-Summer Mix: 2.1754

Diesel Fuel-Winter Mix: 2.2054

**Superior Plus Energy Services:**

89 Oct Gasoline: 1.8354

On Road Diesel-Summer Mix: 2.2267

On Road Diesel-Winter Mix: 2.2270

Motion made by Jerome Ogden; second, Jim Rakoski to accept the Diesel quote from WOC Energy and the Gasoline quote from Superior Plus Energy Services. All in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Meeting called for personnel reasons on December 12, 2018 at 7:50pm (no action taken).

Meeting to reconvene on December 20, 2018 at 7:30pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

COLLABORATION MEETING OF MUNICIPALITIES, FIRE AND EMS COMPANIES – FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECRUITMENT – RETENTION – AND COLLABORATION. THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019. 6:00PM (FOOD) 6:30PM (START). AT THE TOKISHI TRAINING CENTER, 124 NYPUM DRIVE, WELLSBORO, P.A. R.S.V.P. LISA EVERETT, [TCAT02017@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TCAT02017@GMAIL.COM) OR PHONE 570.404.0123.

(COLLABORATION MEETING CANCELLED AND TO BE RE-SCHEDULED).

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Jolene Hall will reconvene the meeting on December 20, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. in the Borough Council Room located at 241 Main Street.

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George D. Lloyd, Acting Borough Secretary

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED  
DECEMBER 20, 2018**

Council President Jolene Hall called the reconvened the December 12, 2018 Blossburg Borough Council meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the Blossburg Borough Building, 241 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

**Attendance:** President Jolene Hall, Vice- President Jill Nickerson, Pro Temp Tonya McNamara, Council Members (absent Jerome Ogden), James Rakoski, Paul Hosszu, Tim Martin, (absent, Mayor Shane Nickerson), Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett, (absent, Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee), (absent, Chief Josh McCurdy), Borough Manager George D. Lloyd, (absent, Borough Secretary Mary Signor).

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting were accepted as amended for the second time. (Borough Council was informed by George Lloyd that he had received verbal resignation). Motion to accept made by Jim Rakoski; second, Tim Martin. All in favor.

**Personnel Committee Report:** Committee recommends Cheryl Bubacz for position of Borough Secretary / Treasurer at a salary of \$41,000. Motion made by Paul Hosszu; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

**New Business:**

Borough Solicitor, Patrick Barrett will send a certified letter to Joann Davis requesting Facebook admin change.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

JANUARY TIOGA COUNTY ASSOICATION OF BOROUGHES DINNER TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019 AT CAST & CREW RESTAURANT IN MANSFIELD. SOCIAL TIME TO BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M., FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. PLEASE LET GEROGE KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Jolene Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Tonya McNamara; second, Jim Rakoski. All in favor.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Borough Council Room located at 241 Main Street.

*George D. Lloyd*  
George D. Lloyd, Acting Borough Secretary