

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2021

Council Meeting was called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jolene Hall.

Attendance: President Jolene Hall, Vice-President Jill Nickerson, Pro-Temp Tonya McNamara, Council Members: Jerome Ogden, Henry Bartlett, Tim Martin, James Rakoski, Mayor, Shane Nickerson, Borough Solicitor, Patrick Barrett, Police Chief, Josh McCurdy (Excused), Borough Manager, George D. Lloyd, Borough Secretary, Cheryl Bubacz and School Representative, Sara Kelly.

Guests: Natalie Kennedy (*Wellsboro Gazette*).

Natalie Kennedy - Nothing

Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Bills, Police Report & Borough Manager's Report:

Minutes and Reports were all accepted as presented Motion of Tonya McNamara; Second Tonya James Rakoski. All in favor.

Mayor:

Nothing at this time.

Police:

Excused.

Police Committee:

Nothing

Borough Manager:

A special Thank You to Ward Manufacturing for donating the funds to purchase the Christmas Lights and Garland that are on the Bridge. They look great!

Junior Council Person:

Miss Mansfield contest will be held December 13, 2021. The students that wait for the bus at the corner of Nevins and Main Streets were wondering if a bench or small bus stop building could be put at that location. There are between 8 and 10 students that wait at that corner for the Bus. Council will discuss with the School and work together on this.

VIBE:

The Island Park 150 went very well. Approximately 60 runners were on the Park for the race despite the weather.

Shop Small Town, although thought to be a low-key event, had a great turnout. The Library made approximately \$900 on that day with their Basket Raffle, and Santa saw over 120 children.

The Light Up The Holidays decorating judging will be December 19th. Prizes for the top 3 displays will be from local businesses.

Planning Commission Report:

Nothing

Zoning Hearing Board:

Nothing

Recreation:

Meeting Cancelled

Riverwalk: Still is highly used.

Skate Park Addition: There is some grading and painting to be done in the spring.
Other than that, Phase one is complete.

Fire and Ambulance:

Nothing.

Library:

The new part-time employee is doing very well and the Library has added additional hours.

Street Committee:

Nothing.

Shade Tree Commission:

Nothing

Budget:

Nothing

Blossburg Municipal Report:

Preparing for the Water Tank to be installed at Taylor Run in the spring.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shared Services Agreement (June 2020):

Nothing.

LED Streetlights (April 2021): Waiting on Penelec to hire a project manager.

American Rescue Plan (April 2021): Nothing

Sale of 245 Main Street: (April 2021): Attorney Barrett reviewing.

Old Hospital: The Architects have contacted Stuart Lisowski regarding water coming off the hill. The water is believed to be run off from above, and the natural springs in that location. The water from behind the building will be traced to make sure that it is being sent to the river not to the sewer. They may have to trace the drain to see where it comes out on the river side of the

building. Cannot seem to locate the manholes on the West side over the bank. Work is set to begin on the building in late spring or summer of 2022.

Junk Cars on Taylor Street (June 2021). In review. Mr. Bartlett said that the original reporting party to him said that one side of property is looking better

2022 Tax Ordinance/Resolution

Motion by Jerome Ogden, Second Henry Bartlett to accept the 2022 Tax Resolution. All in Favor

2022 Tioga TCC Voting Delegate Appointment Resolution

Once the elections are over and the Council members are seated, this can be completed.

Resolution for Garbage Fee Increase

Fee resolution was duly advertised. A discussion was held regarding accepting the Resolution, a Motion was made by Tim Martin to amend the Resolution as advertised and readvertise with an increase clause, Second by Tonya McNamara. After much discussion, it was determined that the Contract with NTSWA expires at the end of 2022, and we should wait until for new Contract to determine what type of automatic increase would be included.

Tim Martin withdrew his Motion proposing the Resolution include an annual fee increase equaling the annual increase in the NTSWA contract to the Borough and Tonya McNamara withdrew her second.

Motion was made by Tim Martin, Second by James Rakoski to Adopt the Resolution for Garbage Fee Increase as advertised. All in Favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Borough Manager would like to add the following items to the Agenda for the next meeting:

1. Tioga County has prepared and adopted the 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Once it is reviewed by PEMA/FEMA, we need to review and adopt the same.
2. Tioga County has prepared and adopted a Non-Residential Solar Energy Ordinance. We should review the same.

General Discussion:

Mayor Nickerson wanted to take the opportunity to recognize Jerome Ogden for the last 50 years serving on the Council. Mr. Ogden stated that he started with a 2 year appointment, followed by being elected to Council every 4 years from 1973 to the present. The Mayor recognized that being a Councilman is a volunteer position and Mr. Ogden has expended a great deal of time and energy to the Borough and our citizens.

The Council presented Mr. Ogden with a Certificate of Appreciation, a set of IPA Beer Mugs engraved with this initials, a commemorative blanket from the Sesquicentennial and a set of Blossburg Coffee Mugs.

Mr. Bartlett said that he has been asked when the materials ordered and paid for from the Sesquicentennial will be ready for delivery. Mrs. Nickerson said that she will be putting a post on Facebook regarding the delivery schedule. This would be for everything other than the commemorative book. A picture of Council is needed to complete the book for publishing.

Solicitor Barrett called an Executive Session for legal matters, no action will be taken. Meeting can be adjourned.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by President Jolene Hall at 7:24 p.m. Motion by Tim Martin, Second by Tonya McNamara. All in Favor

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary