

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 2, 2018

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

As required by the Borough Code, Mayor Shane Nickerson called Blossburg Borough Council Reorganization Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

Attendance: President Jolene Hall; Vice-President Jill Nickerson; Pro Temp Tonya McNamara; Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, James Rakoski, (absent, Paul Hosszu), Timothy Martin; Mayor Shane Nickerson; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Chief Joshua McCurdy (left at 7:04 P.M.); Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; (absent, Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee).

Oath: Mayor Shane Nickerson administered the Oath to newly elected Councilmembers:

Councilmembers: Jerome Ogden, Jolene Hall, James Rakoski, and Timothy Martin.

Each elected 4-year terms. All terms were result of the elections.

The Mayor conducted the election of Council President and Council Vice-President:

Nomination Council President: Jolene Hall; motion of Tonya McNamara; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

Nomination Council Vice-President: Jill Nickerson; motion of James Rakoski; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

Newly elected President Jolene Hall presided over the other elections and appointments.

Nomination Council President Pro Temp: Tonya McNamara; motion of Jerome Ogden; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

Appointment of Borough Solicitor: Patrick J. Barrett, III; motion Tonya McNamara; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

Appointment of Borough Engineer: William S. Bray; motion Jerome Ogden; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

Appointment of Borough Secretary-Treasurer: Mary Signor; motion Jerome Ogden; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

Appointment of Tax Collector for the collection of LST (Local Services Tax): Keystone Collections Group; *Left open until Borough Manager contacts Keystone Collections Group.*

Depository for Blossburg Borough: First Citizens Community Bank (FCCB); motion Jerome Ogden; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

Vehicle, Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier: Gannon Associates; motion Jerome Ogden; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

Committees of Council: Motion to accept appointments as presented was made by Jill Nickerson; second, Timothy Martin. All in favor.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

GARBAGE: SEWER: WATER:

Timothy Martin	112 Adam Drive	570-220-4160
Paul Hosszu (C)	115 Seymour Street	570-263-2264
Tonya McNamara	113 South Williamson Road	570-638-3112

BUDGET:

Jerome Ogden (C)	262 South Williamson Road	570-638-2296
Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-404-2221
James Rakoski	133 North Williamson Road	570-404-7487

STREETS & ROADS: PROPERTY & BOROUGH EQUIPMENT:

Jerome Ogden (C)	262 South Williamson Road	570-638-2296
Timothy Martin	112 Adam Drive	570-220-4160
Tonya McNamara	113 South Williamson Road	570-638-3112

LIBRARY:

**(Blossburg Memorial Library Meetings are held Quarterly – Jan-April-July-October
3rd Monday of Month in the Blossburg Memorial Basement at 4:00 P.M.)**

Shane Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-404-2524
Jolene Hall	111 Main Street	570-638-3565
James Rakoski	133 North Williamson Road	570-404-7487

POLICE:

Jerome Ogden (C)	262 South Williamson Road	570-638-2296
Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-404-2221
Paul Hosszu	115 Seymour Street	570-263-2264
Mayor Shane Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-404-2524

FIRE:

**(Blossburg Fire Department Meetings are held the 4th Monday of Month in the
Blossburg Fire & Ambulance Building at 7:30 P.M.)**

Shane Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-404-2524
Jolene Hall (C)	111 Main Street	570-638-3565
Paul Hosszu	115 Seymour Street	570-263-2264

RECREATION:

Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-404-2221
George Lloyd	205 South Williamson Road	570-638-2836
Jolene Hall (C)	111 Main Street	570-638-3565
Tonya McNamara	113 South Williamson Road	570-638-3112

MONUMENT:

Jerome Ogden	262 South Williamson Road	570-638-2296
James Rakoski	133 North Williamson Road	570-404-7487
Timothy Martin	112 Adam Drive	570-220-4160

SHADE TREE COMMISSION:

Jeffrey Everett	331 South Williamson Road	570-638-3554
William Novitske, Jr.	230 South Williamson Road	570-638-2455
Robert Kelly	127 Main Street	570-638-0319

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:

Timothy Martin	112 Adam Drive	570-220-4160
Tonya McNamara (C)	113 South Williamson Road	570-638-3112
Shane Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-404-2524

VACANCY BOARD:

Anthony Lupkowski (C)	209 Ruah Street	570-638-2306
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V.I.B.E.:

Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-404-2221
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***(C) CHAIRPERSON**

Council President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

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Minutes: The minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting were accepted on motion of Tonya McNamara; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

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

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

Guests: None present.

Reports:

(A) **Junior Council Person:** Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee was absent tonight. 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.

January 24, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. is the next scheduled meeting.

(C) **Mayor:** 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, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

District Magistrate Fines Total: Report was not received in time for tonight's meeting.

Putnam Township solicitor advised an ordinance be written and advertised for Blossburg Police Department (BPD) to patrol Putnam Township. Putnam Township Agreement is to be for six (6) month trial period. BPD is patrolling Hamilton Township under the old contract. Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett recommends Hamilton Township pass an ordinance for BPD police enforcement, as well.

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

(F) **Borough Manager:**

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

Mr. Lloyd requested to purchase a bucket truck from Robert Martin at the cost of \$3,000.00. Payment would be deducted from the Equipment Savings. Request tabled until next meeting.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

Reports:

(H) **Recreation:** No meeting.

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 November 27, 2017 and the Transaction Report 11/28/2017 to 12/18/2017.

Jolene Hall reported she is not an officer in department this year. Mrs. Hall will request department to continue submitting financial reports to Council.

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

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

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

(M) **Budget:** Nothing to report.

(N) **Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):** Nothing to report.

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:** Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **Ordinance No. 446: 2018 Tax Ordinance:**

Motion that the proposed 2018 Tax Ordinance be adopted as advertised: Borough 6.807 mills / Fire 0.568 mills / Library 0.250 mills, totaling 7.63 mills was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018 AT LAMBS CREEK RESTAURANT IN MANSFIELD, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY JANUARY 19, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting will not adjourn, due to the fact, other business will need to be discussed later in the month.

The meeting was dismissed at 7:27 P.M. by President Jolene Hall, to reconvene January 11, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

Attendance: (absent, President Jolene Hall); Vice-President Jill Nickerson; Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, (absent, Paul Hosszu), James Rakoski, Tonya McNamara, (absent, Timothy Martin); Mayor Shane Nickerson; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor.

1. Southern Tioga School District (STSD):

Motion to accept the Southern Tioga School District Administration Building “Bill of Sale” to the Blossburg Borough in the amount of \$265,000.00. \$165,000.00 due at closing and \$100,000.00 (\$25,000.00 per year for four (4) years) was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

“Note” between the Southern Tioga School District and the Blossburg Borough in the amount of \$100,000.00 (principal). The Blossburg Borough agrees that it will pay the Lender the sum of \$25,000.00 per year for four (4) years. The first annual payment is due and payable on or before January 12, 2019, and subsequent annual payments are due and payable on the same day of each successive year, until paid in full. Motion to accept the “Note” was made by Jerome Ogden; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

2. County of Tioga Tax Collection Agreement January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021:

The office of Tax Collector in the Blossburg Borough has become vacant. When a vacancy in the office of Tax Collector exists, the taxing district may enter an Agreement with the governing body of another taxing district for the collection of taxes. Agreement between the County of Tioga and the Borough of Blossburg has proposed to collect county and borough taxes in such a manner that both governing bodies will benefit from a savings. Motion to accept the County of Tioga County Agreement was made by James Rakoski; second, Tonya McNamara.

3. Appointment of Tax Collector for the collection of LST (Local Services Tax) Keystone Collections Group:

Motion to allow Keystone Collections Group to collect the LST (Local Services Tax) at the rate of 1.95% was made by James Rakoski; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

4. Bucket Truck: Borough Manager asked permission to have Watson Diesel check condition of the bucket truck that Robert Martin has for sale. Motion made by Jerome Ogden; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice-President Jill Nickerson closed the meeting at 10:20 A.M.

Motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Tonya McNamara. All in Favor.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Building Council Room.