

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

October 10, 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: Vice-President Jill Nickerson; Pro Temp Tonya McNamara; Councilmembers (absent, Jerome Ogden (ill), Timothy Martin), James Rakoski, Paul Hosszu; Mayor Shane Nickerson; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Junior Council Person Eion Hicks-Lee; Chief Joshua McCurdy; Corporal Robert Scott; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Officer Ronald Warren; Natalie Kennedy Wellsboro Gazette; Joshua Jones; Unisatvti Hicks-Lee; Julia Brooks.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 12, 2018 meeting were accepted on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

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

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

Guests: Joshua Jones questioned if there is a total cost of moving Borough Office from 245 Main Street to 241 Main Street. Borough Manager George D. Lloyd will have these totals available for the November Council meeting. Mr. Jones asked when the new Borough Office sign, and the payment drop off box will be installed. Mr. Lloyd reported both are being designed.

Ms. Julia Brooks asked about sidewalk repairs in the borough. Ms. Brooks walks daily and has fallen several times and does have a list of sidewalks she feels needs repaired. Mayor Nickerson reported he is looking into funding for a sidewalk replacement program.

Reports:

(A) **Junior Council Person:** Corporal Robert Scott suggested having mural painted on the hallway wall by the Police Department. Council to look at ideas from senior art teacher before a decision is made.

(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.

The minutes from the July 25, 2018 and August 22, 2018 meetings were received.

V.I.B.E. proposed upcoming events: November 24, 2018 – Small Town Christmas
December 8, 2018 – 1.50 Mile Run at Island Park
Joseph Bubacz is organizing the event.

(C) **Mayor:** Mayor Nickerson reported a Police Department Open House will be held on October 14, 2018.

October 1, 2018 the Blossburg Home Page started broadcasting.

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: \$527.12.

Department qualified for the use of firearms.

(E) **Police Committee:** A Police Committee meeting was held on September 25, 2018.

The following topics were discussed:

- (1) The body cameras trial is over. First year cost is \$4,882.00, with an additional \$18,000.00 over a five (5) year period. New cameras are required every two years. Department to send out letters requesting donations to help cover cost. Motion to purchase the body cameras was made by Paul Hosszu; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.
- (2) Police Committee recommends Officer Ronald Warren be move from part-time to full-time. Officer Warren has his own Health Insurance, so Borough will not need to add him onto Borough polices. Motion to hire Officer Ronald Warren full time was made by James Rakoski; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.
- (3) Discussed security cameras on Island Park. Subject to be brought up at Recreation Board.

(F) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of James Rakoski; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

Vehicular Career Day will be held on October 23, 2018 at Blossburg Elementary School from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Grades include kindergarten through 6th graders and all 4th graders from across the district. This event is designed to help students become more aware of careers available to them.

(G) **Planning Commission:**

Meeting of September 25, 2018 – no quorum. Bob Kelly, Henry Bartlett, George D. Lloyd and Surveyor looked over rough sketches for two (2) subdivisions. Final maps to be presented at October meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(H) **Recreation:**

The minutes from the July 30, 2018 meeting were received.

Barbeque pit is repaired and in use.

Troop 69 requesting permission to have a “Haunted Trail” on October 27, 2018 from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. for elementary age children and 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for older children and adults. Trail will begin at the Little League Field and end behind the Blossburg Borough building. Motion to approve Troop 69 request was made by Tonya McNamara; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Reports:

Playground: Some plantings need replaced.

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

Island Park River Walk: Nothing to report.

(I) **Fire:** The BFD minutes dated August 27, 2018 were received.

No Financial Report was received.

(J) **Library:** Meeting is next week.

Library Board is interviewing for part-time librarian.

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

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

(M) **Budget:** A 2019 Budget Meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2018 at 4:30 P.M.

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

The Grant was declined for Taylor Run water line.

Passed Resolution for new sewer plant preconstruction Line of Credit. The closing is on October , 2018 at Wellsboro.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

2. **QuickBooks and Diversified Technology Utility Billing Programs:** Nothing to report.

3. **2018 Halloween Trick-or-Treat Date:**

The Blossburg Borough will hold Halloween on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. The parade is from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Halloween hours are 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

4. **Council Meeting Items to be e-mailed:**

Starting January 2019 all Council Meeting items will be e-mailed prior to the regular scheduled monthly meetings. Tonya McNamara passed out information on Consent Agenda for a Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution No. 5 2019 Blossburg Police Pension Plan Act 600:**

Annual requirement for record: Resolution for Police Pension Fund stating if necessary for officers to pay into the Pension or not. No payment required for 2019. Motion to adopt Police Pension Fund Resolution was made by James Rakoski; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

2. **Permission to Purchase Thanksgiving Turkeys for Borough Employees:**

A motion to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys for Borough employees was made by Tonya McNamara; second, James Rakoski. All in favor. The cost to be split with the Blossburg Municipal Authority.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHS DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018 AT THE WESTFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH CENTER, 155 MAPLE STREET, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 429 EAST MAIN STREET, WESTFIELD, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018.

FALL FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 14, 2018 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 7:08 P.M.

Motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Tonya McNamara. All in Favor.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the new Blossburg Borough Building Council Room, 241 Main Street.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary