

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 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, 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, John Backman, Jackie Smith.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting were accepted on motion of James Rakoski; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report accepted subject to audit on motion of Tim Martin; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

**Bills:** Bill to be paid on motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

**Guests:** John Backman: commented on need for crosswalk at South Williamson Road and Gulick Street. Commented that VFW and Legion have money to spend at the request via letter from the Borough. Commented on muddy ruts located on Island Park that need to be graveled near BBQ pit and baseball field.

Josh Jones: asked question to Borough Manager regarding cost of moving in to new Borough Building at 241 Main Street. Borough Manager George D. Lloyd answered a with a quote of \$35,000.

Jackie Smith: complimented the Borough on behalf of Partners in Progress.

**Reports:**

(A) **Junior Council Person:** requested measurements of wall for students to offer ideas for artwork. Chief McCurdy will get measurements.

(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 October 28, 2018 were received.

V.I.B.E. upcoming events:

Small Town Christmas to be held on November 24, 2018.

Island Park 150 to be held on December 8, 2018.

- (C) **Mayor:** discussed purchase of old Blossburg Hospital property. Explained a gentleman came with a business plan and had met with Clint Owlett 's office. Nothing further has been heard. Invited community members to discuss their aspirations and concerns for the property at a round table discussion to be held on November 29, 2018, 6:00 P.M. at the Blossburg Memorial Library.

Mayor Nickerson thanked the community and newspaper for their continued support and coverage of Blossburg.

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

The Police Report was accepted on motion of Tonya McNamara; second, Tim Martin. All in favor.

District Magistrate Fines Total: \$535.57.

Chief McCurdy expressed positive attendance at the Police Department open house held during the Blossburg V.I.B.E. Fall Festival on October 14, 2018 with over 150 visitors.

Requested to purchase 3 signs stating the Island Park hours closed from 10:00 P.M – 6:00 A.M. Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to purchase the 3 signs; 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 Tonya McNamara; second, Tim Martin. All in favor.

Donation received from Williamson Road Foundation in the amount of \$3,000 to purchase a snow blower attachment. Motion made by Tonya McNamara to purchase the attachment; second, Tim Martin. All in favor.

(G) **Planning Commission Report: Meeting of October 30, 2018**

Motion to approve the subdivision of Jack and Pam Kelly on East Creek Road made by Tonya McNamara; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

**Zoning Hearing Board:** No Meeting.

(H) **Recreation:** Request approval of Circus to be held on June 4, 2019 on Island Park. Motion made by Tonya McNamara; second, Tim Martin. All in favor.

With the resignation of Tom Augustine, Recreation Board recommends Kevin House as replacement. Motion to accept the recommendation made by Jerome Ogden; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

**Playground:** Discussion held to look into contracting out the concession stand services at the Bloss Pool. Plantings will be replaced in the spring by Danes Lawn Care Services. Partners in Progress was thanked for their continued help with keeping the bathrooms clean on the Island.

**Tennis Court:** Recreation Board recommended Ted Stahmen's proposal for improvements to the tennis courts. Ted is looking to purchase 6 new benches, fix fencing issues and replace the gravel walkway with concrete. Council tabled the project for more information.

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

**Island Park River Walk:** Looks good and is well plowed.

(I) **Fire:** Halloween parade was a success. Applied for a federal grant to purchase a gear washer and dryer.

(J) **Library:** The Blossburg Memorial Library board hired a part-time employee and has been working consistently on the Harwood Institute outreach. The basket raffle will continue through Small Town Christmas. Requested the use of the backhoe to help fix an issue with the lights.

(K) **Street Committee:** No Meeting. Discussion of curbs near the green bridge that need to be replaced. Look into a barrier for the part that is open.

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

**(M) Budget:**

Proposed 2019 Borough Budget - \$932,308.00 Revenues/Expenses. Increase in library mileage to 0.5 mills from 0.25. Motion to advertise the proposed 2019 budget was made by James Rakoski; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

2019 Budget to be accepted at the December 2018 Council Meeting.

**(N) Blossburg Municipal Report:**

Engineering group working on new design of plant. Need to purchase nitrogen and phosphorus credits in the amount of \$18,044.25. Will need to continue to buy credits for the next 4 years.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Borough Website:** Nothing to report.
2. **Quickbooks and Diversified Technology Utility Billing Programs:**  
Resolution drafted by Borough Solicitor, Pat Barrett with no action at this meeting.
3. **Consent Agenda:** Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Advertise for 2018 Vehicle Fuel Bids:**

Motion to advertise for vehicle fuel bids by Jerome Ogden; second, Tim Martin. All in favor.

2. **Re-Appointments to Committees and Boards (Last Term Yr. 2018):**

Re-Appointment to Planning Commission: Patrick Marriner and Joshua Wolf (agreed to re-appointment/ 4 yrs. – term ending 2022)

Re-Appointment to Zoning Hearing Board: Stephen Hall (agreed to re-appointment / 5 yrs. – term ending 2023)

Re-Appointment to Shade Tree Commission: William Novitske, Jr. (agreed to re-appointment / 5 yrs. – terms ending 2023)

Re-Appointment to Blossburg Municipal Authority: Michael Stoudt (agreed to re-appointment / 5yrs. – term ending 2023)

Re-Appointment to Blossburg Recreation Board: Tom Dickinson and Tom McNamara (agreed to re-appointment / 5 yrs. – term ending 2023)

Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to approve all re-appointments to Committees and Boards; second, Time Martin. All in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Meeting called for personnel reasons on 11/13/18 (no action taken) and during council meeting.

Resignations: Borough Council received verbal resignations from Borough Secretary/Treasurer Mary Signor and Assistant Joann Davis on 11/13/18.

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Mary Signor by James Rakoski; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Joann Davis by James Rakoski; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Advertisement: Borough Council will advertise for new Borough Secretary/Treasurer in the Wellsboro Gazette and PennySaver.

Motion was made to advertise for position by Tim Martin; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Appoint: Request to appoint Borough Manager, George D. Lloyd as acting Borough Secretary / Treasurer and Petty Cash checkbook Signer due to the resignation of Mary Signor. Motion made by James Rakoski; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018 AT THE PENN WELLS HOTEL, WELLSBORO, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7,2018.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Jolene Hall closed the meeting at 7:43 P.M.  
Motion of Tonya McNamara; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Council Room.

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George D. Lloyd, Acting Borough Secretary