

**TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN
REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 7:30 PM**

MINUTES

Regular meeting begins at 7:30 pm or immediately following Closed Session, whichever comes last.

OPENING; ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lance. Those present were Mr. Avery, Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Van Valkenburg, Mrs. Waldron, and Mayor Lance. Also present was Township Clerk, Linda Leidner.

The **FLAG SALUTE** was conducted.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Mayor Lance read the following statement: Notice of this meeting has been sent to two newspapers of general circulation in which notice was given of the date, time, place and general agenda in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This agenda is subject to change by the order of the Blairstown Township Committee before and/or during scheduled meeting.

Resolution No. 2018-115 AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION – for the purpose of discussing Personnel.

Motion to authorize executive session was made by Mrs. Waldron and was seconded by Mr. Avery

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.

All ayes – Motion carried.

Executive Session began at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to close executive session was made at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Waldron and was seconded by Mrs. Dalton.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.

All ayes – Motion carried.

Regular Session began at 7:45p.m.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lance explained that during the Executive Session there was discussion regarding the creation of the position of Director of Public Works. There will be an ordinance to be introduced at the next Township Committee Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Whitman - Walnut Valley Remediation – The initial report from Whitman is still being reviewed.

Proposed Amendment to the “Water” Ordinance – Mrs. Van Valkenburg explained that the water rates are being reviewed. There is a need be separate rates between residential and commercial.

Set date for Social Media Seminar – It was determined that this seminar will be held on a Friday morning 2019. Ms. Sullivan will check with Mr. Semrau as to what dates work for him in January. There are too many date conflicts in November and December.

NEW BUSINESS

Application received from Marty's Reliable Cycle Buck Hill Brews and Views Fall Bike Ride- use of Footbridge Park as starting and ending point and parking for riders. October 29 from 7:30am – 2pm.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dalton to approve the application received from Marty's Reliable Cycle; which was seconded by Mr. Avery.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.
All ayes – Motion carried.

Application from Rotary to hold Halloween Parade on October 31, 2018 from 4pm-6pm- Main Street to Bridge Street to Stillwater Road.

Motion was made by Mrs. Waldron to approve the Halloween Parade to be held on October 31, 2018 from 4pm-6pm; which was seconded by Mrs. Dalton.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.
Abstain – Avery
Motion carried.

November 2018 meeting date change from November 14 to November 7 and possible cancellation of December 26, 2018 meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. Waldron; second by Mrs. Dalton to change November meeting date from November 14 to November 7 due to League of Municipalities and cancel the December 26, 2018 meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.
All ayes – Motion carried.

Discussion – October 24, 2018 Public Forum Meeting Agenda

Mrs. Van Valkenburg gave the members of the Township Committee a draft copy of the power point for the meeting on October 24, 2018. The committee discussed the information and agreed on the items that will be discussed.

FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Paulson- inquired as to what the holdup is for the Township Committee to meet with the committees of the surrounding communities to discuss contributions for the parks and services that Blirstown provides to them.

Cheryl Paulson – suggested having North Warren put the information about the Public Forum Meeting being held there on the lighted sign.

Mrs. Waldron noted that Chris Croucher passed away.

Captain Johnsen will be holding an event here at the Blirstown Municipal Building on October 10 from 4:30pm -7:30pm as part of the Community Forum Series that helps promote positive interactions between police and the public. The public is encouraged to attend.

Mrs. Waldron noted that tomorrow night there is a Board of Education Meeting at the Blirstown Elementary School. Mrs. Waldron, Mrs. Dalton and Captain Johnsen will be in attendance to discuss how the vote was taken for the police security in the school.

Mayor Lance reported that the Historic Preservation Committee set up a table in the foyer to celebrate Helen Hall, the Founder of the Blirstown Historic Preservation Committee.

Saturday is the walking tour of the village area.

Mayor Lance and Mrs. Waldron attended a meeting with CenturyLink, he explained that if you go to the CenturyLink website you can insert your address and see if your home is eligible for faster internet speed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Waldron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Avery. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk