

# BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## October 10, 2011

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Council President Thomas Bogaczyk called the Blossburg Borough Council regular meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

**Attendance:** Vice-President Jill Nickerson; Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, Jeffrey Everett, Cheryl Bubacz, Roger Bunn, (absent, Jolene Hall (vacation)); Mayor John Backman; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) Member Josh Jones; Rebecca Hazen Wellsboro Gazette; Bev Jones; Kelsey Rudinski NPHS Student Representative; Katie Rudinski; Paul Hosszu; Kenneth Hughes.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting were accepted on motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

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

**Bills:** Bills to be paid on motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

**Guests:** Katie Rudinski, Paul Hosszu and Kenneth Hughes were attending tonight's meeting for observation.

### **Reports:**

(A) **NPHS Student:** Kelsey Rudinski attended tonight's meeting to be introduced as Junior Council Person. Council welcomed Ms. Rudinski and acknowledged they are looking forward to monthly reports on North Penn's activities and events.

### **Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Junior Council Person Program:**

**Resolution No. 4 2011:** Motion to approve Participation in the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Junior Council Person Program was made by Cheryl Bubacz; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett acknowledged the Junior Council Person will not receive compensation. The Junior Council Person will be permitted to attend all meetings of Council, but will not be allowed to attend executive sessions.

Junior Council Person will be added to mailing list of all Council items.

(B) **KCC:** Paul Hosszu is President of Kiwanis. Painting outside of KCC Building is proposed. KCC has already done a lot of inside work to the building.

### (C) **Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings were usually held on fourth Wednesday of the month in the KCC Building on Island Park at 7:00 P.M. Meetings are still being held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, but are now being held at the Brick Tavern at 6:30 P.M.

V.I.B.E. Minutes were not available from the Internet.

**Reports:**

Josh Jones reported V.I.B.E. elections were held. Officers are: President – Heidi Jones, Vice President – Jill Nickerson, Secretary – Josh Jones and Treasurer – Kelly Rossell.

Fall Festival is scheduled October 16, 2011 from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. V.I.B.E. will be teaming up with Blossburg Elementary School Team (BEST). Many events are scheduled, including a hayride. Insurance coverage for hayride to be sponsored by American Legion William B. Wilson Post 572.

Skate Park: The Skate Park is ready to be inspected by Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) on October 18, 2011.

(D) **Mayor:** Nothing to report.

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

The Police Report was accepted on motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

Councilmember Roger Bunn asked about the drug problems listed on the Police Report. Mr. Bunn is troubled that drug activities are happening in our community. Councilmember Jill Nickerson reported she has been approached by several concerned residents asking if a "Crime Watch" group could be set up for the Blossburg area. Mrs. Nickerson will check into what needs to be done for setting up this group.

The Police Department sends in a report to Penelec on streets lights when they are out or not working correctly. Some lights seem to take awhile to get repaired. Council President Thomas Bogaczyk requested the Street Light Repair List be forwarded to him and he will contact Jody Place at Penelec to see why the lights aren't being repaired.

Use of Electronic Read Out Speed Signs: Remove from agenda. Motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, Jeffrey Everett.

(F) **Police Committee:** Nothing further to report.

(G) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

Ms. Grace Hill, 101 Hannibal Street, requested to be put on tonight's agenda, but she didn't show up this evening. Ms. Hill wanted to discuss sewer backing up into her home. Ms. Hill did attend the Blossburg Municipal Authority meeting on October 4, 2011. At the meeting, Authority members did discuss a few solutions to help Ms. Hill's home sewage problems.

Discussed at the September 12, 2011 Council meeting was the Blossburg Fire Department Wi-Fi outage, which happened during the major flooding on September 8, 2011. Accurate rain fall measurements could not be monitored. A reliable system was to be looked into. The Borough was contacted by an Indigo representative. Indigo would be willing to provide free service if they acquire a contract to put their equipment onto the cell tower located on the Benjamin Jones property. A small antenna installed onto the Fire Department building, is all that would be needed, for emergency communication.

South Mountain Sludge Project by Kyler Environmental will start the spreading of biosolids on old mined areas in November. South Williamson Road and William B. Street will be the access roads.

**Reports:**

**(H) Planning Commission:** Meeting of September 27, 2011.

Planning Commission met with Sam Scarantino from Quad 3 Group to discuss North Penn High School and Blossburg Elementary School. Over the next two years, they will renovate the Elementary School and do the new construction of the High School. The last step will be demolition of the old buildings and then build the new gym and shop.

**Zoning Hearing Board:** No meeting.

**(I) Recreation:**

The 2011 – 2012 Island Park User Agreement payment of \$14,000.00 was received from Southern Tioga School District.

Recreation Board members and volunteers to meet on October 25, 2011 – 7:00 P.M., at the North Penn High School, to work on mailing letters requesting donations for the Bloss Area United Fund.

**Walking Trail:** Borough crew is working on, as time allows.

**Pool:** Main Line Pools submitted Invoice #9 for the 5% held back on work completed at the pool. The invoice amount is \$30,261.86. All work is completed.

Potential \$29,500.00 in penalties for Main Line Pools, because Island Park pool was not ready by May 17, 2010. Additional consulting / engineering costs paid by Borough, because of bad construction performed by Main Line Pools: \$18,787.90.

To be discussed in Executive Session tonight.

**(J) Fire:** No Financial Report was received.

Councilmember Cheryl Bubacz reported that Jolene Hall is to check into several listed "unclaimed properties (checks)".

Department is still working on Junior Firefighters issues.

Selective Insurance – Worker's Compensation activity schedule coverage needs to be answered. When all is completed, an ordinance must to be passed.

**(K) Library:** A meeting is being held tonight.

Library Board to be contacted on possibly changing their meeting time, so Council Library Committee Members would be able to attend the Library Board meeting.

**(L) Street Committee:** A meeting is set for October 13, 2011 at 12:30 P.M. to look at installing storm Drains, on White Street, for the use of sump pump discharges.

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

**(N) Budget:** A budget meeting was scheduled for October 13, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. The Liquid Fuels Budget will be separate from the General Fund Budget this year.

**Reports:**

(O) **Project Committee:** Newsletter is to be mailed with water bills. Both should be in the mail by October 17, 2011.

(P) **Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):** Authority is acquiring prices for 6" pump.  
Received Source Water Protection Plan to review.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Southern Tioga School District Plans for New North Penn High School:** Discussed earlier.

2. **Borough Code of Ordinances – Update:**

Received eight copies of the Preliminary Draft along with editorial notes for the Borough Code of Ordinances. Preliminary Draft to be reviewed in November.

3. **Condemned Properties Update:**

- (1) Schuylkill Street property owner has a Demolition Permit. Property owner hasn't started work yet.
- (2) South Williamson Road properties were sold. Some improvements have been noticed.

4. **Sidewalk Repair Letter:** The Borough Solicitor to review and approve letter. Letter to be reviewed with Code Official Michael Stoudt. A letter to be sent in the fall to alert properties owners for spring repairs.

Tabled until next Council meeting.

5. **Review New Employee Applications:** Nothing to report.

6. **New Electrical Service Behind the Downtown Monument:** Nothing to report.

7. **Borough Building Upgrades:** Contractor was contacted. Contractor will see if window work can be scheduled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Request for Scouts to Camp Overnight on Island Park on October 14, 2011:**

Request is for the same night of Homecoming / Football activities. Plans are to setup at 5:00 P.M. and leave after breakfast, approximately 10:30 A.M.

Motion to approve request was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Cheryl Bubacz. All in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Tioga County Association of Boroughs Dinner Meeting will be held Thursday, October 13, 2011 at the Bear Track Tavern, 203 East Main Street, Westfield, PA. Social Hour beginning at 6:00 P.M. followed by Dinner at 7:00 P.M.**

**Halloween is Monday, October 31, 2011. The parade is at 5:00 P.M. – starting by the former Blossburg Ambulance Building located at the corner of Hannibal and Morris Streets. The parade will proceed West on Hannibal Street – then turn right onto Main Street and proceed North to the new Fire & Ambulance Building, 324 Main Street, where the judging of costumes will take place. Halloween hours are Monday, October 31, 2011, 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED BY BOROUGH SOLICITOR PATRICK BARRETT AT 7:37 P.M. RECONVENED 7:59 P.M. PROPOSED LITIGATION DISCUSSED.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Thomas Bogaczyk closed the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.**

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Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH "SPECIAL" COUNCIL MEETING  
October 24, 2011**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED BY BOROUGH SOLICITOR PATRICK BARRETT AT 6:33 P.M.  
RECONVENED 6:40 P.M. PROPOSED LITIGATION DISCUSSED.**

**Island Park Pool Payment:** Motion to pay \$24,000.00 "Final Payment" to Main Line Commercial Pools was made by Cheryl Bubacz; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**October 27, 2011 – Budget Meeting at 1:00 P.M.**

**November 2, 2011 – Budget Meeting at 5:00 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Thomas Bogaczyk closed the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.**

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Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary