

# BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## April 11, 2011

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Council President James J. 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 Thomas Bogaczyk; (absent, Second Vice-President Jill Nickerson (attending STSD – School Board Meeting)); Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, Jeffrey Everett, Cheryl Bubacz, Roger Bunn; Mayor John Backman; (absent, 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; (absent, Corey Snyder NPHS Student Representative); Rebecca Hazen Wellsboro Gazette; Dave Jones; Bev Jones; Kenneth Hughes.

**Oath:** Mayor John Backman administered the Oath to newly appointed Councilmember Cheryl Bubacz. Mrs. Bubacz is Mark Bowne's replacement and will be fulfilling Mr. Bowne's term, which ends on December 31, 2011.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 14, 2011 meeting were accepted on motion of Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

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

**Bills:** Bills to be paid on motion of Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Roger Bunn. All in favor.

**Guests:**

Dave Jones, Bev Jones and Kenneth Hughes were attending tonight's meeting for observation.

Jerome Ogden announced the distribution of \$6,500.00 from the Williamson Road Foundation. There were three requests and awards: 1) George D. Lloyd / Blossburg Recreation Board - \$1,000.00. Funds to be used for a handicap accessible fountain on Island Park. 2) Jill Nickerson / Walkway on Island Park - \$4,500.00. 3) Deb Everett / Island Park Pool - \$1,000.00. In November 2011, Williamson Road Foundation will be advertising for application requests. All funding is geared towards community projects.

**Reports:**

(A) **NPHS Student:** Corey Snyder was absent.

(B) **KCC:** Approximately \$2,700.00 improvements were done on building. New doors were installed and restrooms repaired.

(C) **Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are usually held on fourth Wednesday of the month in the KCC Building on Island Park at 7:00 P.M.

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

V.I.B.E. member Josh Jones had no updates to report. No meeting was held in March.

**Reports:**

**Skate Park:** Nothing to report.

Workers are waiting for warmer weather to finalize required projects.

**(D) Mayor:** Mayor Backman reported he received a letter from Hydro Recovery, LP. The Hydro Recovery, LP letter was sent to clarify issues on the expressed concerns about the perspectives and views the Tioga County Commissioners have relating to pending water requests and other matters relative to the operations at the Blossburg Treatment Facility.

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

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

**Use of Electronic Read Out Speed Signs:** PennDOT officials are to forward information to Chief McCurdy. Information should be available for the next Council meeting.

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

**(G) Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Jeffrey Everett; second, Roger Bunn. All in favor.

Borough Manager George Lloyd presented a map for the proposed road location of Granger Street extension. The area of right-of-way and cul-de-sac, are lands of three (3) property owners: David and Beverly Jones – 0.335 Acre; Raymond and Amy Nybeck – 0.112 Acre; Benjamin and Laurie Jones – 0.039 Acre. An amendment of the Blossburg Borough street plan ordinance would be required. Proposed new street name “Miss Daisy Lane”. Motion to move ahead with new street extension and proposed name was made by Jeffrey Everett; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

Mr. Lloyd questioned if a company named Keystone Collections Group was appointed by the Tioga County Tax Collection District to serve as the earned income tax and local services collector for all taxing authorities within the TCTCD. Keystone would be replacing Pennsylvania Municipal Services (PA MS). A letter was received stating the above and asking for EIN and bank account numbers. Before the requested information is sent, verification is needed. Mayor Backman confirmed Keystone was appointed and is legit.

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

**Zoning Hearing Board:** No meeting.

**(I) Recreation:**

Total United Fund monies: Door to Door - \$4,334.91. Ward Mfg. Match - \$4,309.00. Business - \$1,670.00. Total: \$10,313.91. Some letters were received requesting monies. Total Disbursements were \$9,300.00: Library - \$1,600.00, Salvation Army - \$500.00, Recreation - \$3,000.00, Little League - \$1,200.00, V.I.B.E. - \$500.00, Food Pantry - \$500.00, Blossburg Fire Department - \$1,000.00, and Blossburg Ambulance - \$1,000.00 leaving a balance of \$1,111.19.

George Lloyd reported a local resident would like to have their gazebo donated to Island Park. He thought possibly placing the gazebo near the new walking trail. Motion to accept and move gazebo to Island Park was made by Jeffrey Everett; second, Cheryl Bubacz. All in favor.

Reports:

**NEW 2011 ISLAND PARK POOL RATES**

|                                     | <u>Single</u>   | <u>Family</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Regular/Season Rate Starting June 1 | \$75.00         | \$150.00      |
| Early Bird Rate up to May 31        | \$60.00         | \$125.00      |
| Daily Rates:                        | \$2.00 Students | \$4.00 Adults |

Pool opens on last day of school.

**Pool Times:**

|                   |                        |   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Monday – Friday   | 12:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. | } | Adult Swim             |
| Saturday & Sunday | 12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. |   |                        |
|                   |                        |   | 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M. |

Since pool will be heated, going to try adult swim nights to see if any interest.

**Proposed adult swim nights:      Monday & Wednesday  
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

**(J) Fire:**      A Financial Report was received.

Councilmembers Jeffrey Everett attended the meeting.

**(K) Library:**      The next quarterly meeting will be held on April 18, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

**(L) Street Committee:**

A list of 2011 proposed streets for tar & chipping was reviewed. Total miles and cost: 0.91 miles at ± \$17,941.00. (3,826 Gallons – Oil: \$13,391.00 182 Tons – 1B Stone: \$4,550.00). Motion to accept 2011 proposed streets for tar & chipping was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

A discussion was held on the increase of truck traffic on Taber Street, which is a borough street. Councilmembers suggested installing “Local Delivery Only” signs. Motion made by Thomas Bogaczyk, to check with the Borough Solicitor in regards to having signs installed; second Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

**(M) Shade Tree Commission:**

Shade Tree Commission, some Councilmembers, Carol Tama and George Lloyd met with Vincent Cotrone – Urban Forester, Penn State Cooperative Extension and Steve Hoover – Tioga County DCNR Service Forester for the purpose of examining ornamental trees in front of Blossburg Borough Office, east side of Main Street and Island Park trees. Findings: 1) Trees in front of Borough Office are dangerous. Recommendations are to take them down and replace with Japanese lilac trees. 2) The trees on East side of Main Street are approaching their life expectancy. Recommendations are to trim trees and fix sidewalks. This step will give the Borough another 3 – 4 years, before something needs to be done. 3) The trees on Island Park. Recommendations are to do regular inspections, to look for hazardous trees. Include taking pictures and keeping the report on file at the Borough Office. One white pine should be cut down.

Jeffrey Everett made a motion to have the trees in front of the Borough Office removed and replaced with Japanese lilac trees; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

**Reports:**

(N) **Budget:** 2011 Revenue / Expenditure printed and copied for Councilmembers. Councilmember Roger Bunn requested a meeting to review year-to-date budget figures. A meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 4:00 P.M.

(O) **Project Committee:** Committee is working on newsletter.

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

BMA needs to update their Drought Contingency Plan. The original Drought Contingency Plan was dated 1986, revised March 2006 and newly revised April 2011. Thomas Bogaczyk made a motion to accept the new revised Drought Contingency Plan; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Nothing at this time.

The Community is still being encouraged to support and keep updated on the decisions regarding repairs or new construction on the Blossburg schools.

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

Nothing at this time.

Preliminary Editorial Report was reviewed with Keystate Publishers on November 30, 2010. New report with changes should be sent to Borough soon.

3. **Condemned Properties Update:**

(1) Schuylkill Street property owner has a Demolition Permit. (2) The home located on Main Street, is up For Sale. Contract is under a realtor.

4. **Sidewalk Repair Letter:**

Borough Solicitor and Code Officer are to review letter and give final approval. Property owners requiring sidewalk repairs will be notified in the spring. Also, Borough owned sidewalks will be included on list needing repairs.

5. **Reduce Speed Limit on Old Rt. 15:**

A letter is to be sent to PennDOT, requesting a lower speed limit on Bloss Mountain Road (old Rt. 15), starting from B & D Transfer and ending at North Williamson Road, just before Main Street green bridge.

6. **New Flood Plain Ordinance:**

New Flood Plain Ordinance was reviewed and approved by Councilmembers. The "draft" Flood Plain Ordinance was sent to Tioga County Conservation. FEMA to review by April 1, 2011.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Drought Contingency Plan:**

Discussed earlier.

Remove from agenda. Motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

**2. Coal Festival Parade Permit:**

Blossburg State Coal Festival will be held May 25 – 28, 2011. PennDOT Parade Permit paperwork will need to be sent in by the Borough Secretary. Motion to apply for parade permit was made by Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011 AT THE PARKHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON MAIN STREET IN ELKLAND. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 7:00 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY APRIL 18, 2011.**

**TIOGA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TCDC LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST AT THE PENN WELLS HOTEL, 62 MAIN STREET, WELLSBORO, PA ON THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M. (BUFFET OPENS AT 7:30 A.M.). R.S.V.P. & PAYMENT DUE BY APRIL 12, 2011.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** President James Bogaczyk closed the meeting at 8:04 P.M.

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.**

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Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary