

# BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## June 11, 2012

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:** (absent, Vice-President Jill Nickerson (attending Southern Tioga School Board Meeting)); Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, Jolene Hall, Paul Hosszu, Stephen Wagner, James Rakoski; Mayor John Backman; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; (absent, Chief Joshua McCurdy (sick)); Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) Member Josh Jones; Rebecca Hazen-Witucki Wellsboro Gazette; Myra Kreger; Adam Kotulka; Bev Jones; Kenneth Hughes.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 14, 2012 meeting were accepted on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Jolene Hall. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report accepted subject to audit on motion of Stephen Wagner; second, Jolene Hall. All in favor.

**Bills:** Bills to be paid on motion of James Rakoski; second, Jolene Hall. All in favor.

**Guests:** Myra Kreger, representing Blossburg Ambulance Association attended the meeting inquiring about Council's decision on the Resolution to designate Blossburg Firemen's Ambulance Association as Primary Emergency Medical Services Provider within the Borough of Blossburg. An independent Emergency Responder is planning to start a business in the area. If proposed resolution is passed, the Tioga County 911 Emergency Dispatch would call Blossburg or Liberty Volunteer departments first. Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett counseled Councilmembers the proposed Resolution could be approved. Mrs. Kreger thanked Councilmembers and left the meeting.

Adam Kotulka resides at 119 North Williamson Road. Mr. Kotulka asked Councilmembers, if the Methodist Church lighted sign across from his home, could be put on a timer. The sign is so bright and the glow shows in his home. George D. Lloyd and Jerome Ogden are to assess the situation.

Bev Jones inquired about the progress on name of Miss Daisy Lane and was informed the information has to be presented to the Blossburg Planning Commission and Tioga Planning Commission again. Mrs. Jones reported she did receive a Blossburg Borough Council Meeting agenda, previous to tonight's meeting, so it could be published on the Blossburg website.

### **Reports**

(A) **NPBS Student:** Kelsey Rudinski NPBS Student Representative graduated on June 2, 2012.

(B) **KCC:** KCC Building needs new windows. Cost of new windows will be discussed at the next Budget Meeting.

**Reports**

**(C) Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are held on fourth Wednesday of the month at the Brick Tavern at 6:30 P.M.

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

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

V.I.B.E. Topics: (1) Blossburg Community Yard Sale went well. (2) Blossburg Fall Festival will be held the third Sunday in October.

**(D) Mayor:** Mayor Backman reported the road service markings were painted at the Blossburg interchange by the Kwik Fill.

Memorial Day services to be advertised next year. V.F.W. Post 8730 and American Legion Post 572 will notify Bev Jones to have event advertised on the Blossburg Community Calendar.

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

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

Chief McCurdy was absent.

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

**(G) Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Jolene Hall; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Nothing to report.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

**(I) Recreation:** Ward Manufacturing picnic will be held on June 23, 2012.

Coal Museum building to be delivered in 5 – 6 weeks. A dedication of building will be scheduled after building is established.

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

Borough to designate what will be permitted to use walking trail (bikes, etc.).

Ward Manufacturing donated \$5,000.00 to the Island Park Walking Trail.

Pool: Materials were ordered for Splash Pad. Total cost is approximately \$150,000.00. Bloss Area Pool Association paid the down payment.

**Reports**

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

Councilmember Jolene Hall presented the April Minutes of the Blossburg Fire Department. Paul Hosszu made a motion to accept the Blossburg Fire Department Report; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

(K) **Library:** No meeting.

The annual Library Garden Party fundraiser will be held July 22, 2012 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Hamilton Club.

(L) **Street Committee:**

Discussed proposed "No Parking" along Bloss Mountain Road by Kwik Fill. PennDOT allows local officials to erect "No Parking" signs along state roads. Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to have the Borough Solicitor draft an ordinance on prohibiting parking on a portion of Bloss Mountain Road; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor. This proposed ordinance will be advertised.

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

(N) **Budget:** New diesel International garbage truck, compactor, and recycling unit were ordered. Delivery date will be in 5 – 6 months. Financing: Use Gas Lease Certificate of Deposit to pay for truck. Borrow \$67,250.00 to pay for compactor and recycling unit. Monthly payments would be approximately \$1,200.00 for 5 years. Borough Solicitor needs 60 day lead time for required borrowing clearances from DCNR. Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to start DCNR paperwork and authorize the use of Gas Lease Certificate of Deposit for the financing of new garbage truck; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

New Police car is on hold for now. Possibly will be purchased when / if Natural Gas Impact Fees are disbursed.

(O) **Project Committee:** Nothing to report.

(P) **Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):** Signed agreement for survey of Taylor Run property for possible gas / water line installation along East & South boundaries.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Tonight is the Southern Tioga School District meeting. Vice-President Jill Nickerson is attending the meeting.

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

Received eight copies of the Preliminary Draft along with editorial notes for the Borough Code of Ordinances from Keystates Publishers. Preliminary Draft to be reviewed. Pennsylvania plans to change Borough Code of Ordinances. If State makes changes, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett suggested waiting before Preliminary Draft is reviewed. Borough Solicitor is trying to get an answer on State's action and is to contact Keystates.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**3. Condemned Properties Update:**

(1) Schuylkill Street property – Court Order from Judge Dalton issued. Structure shall either be torn down or sold within 30 days. Sale of property shall be accompanied by notice to the purchaser that the structure must be demolished within 60 days of June 8, 2012. (2) South Williamson Road properties were sold. New owner started to clean up properties. (3) 127 Schuylkill Street – Borough Solicitor is to contact.

Pictures were taken of resident's parcels that are accumulating junk on their properties. On April 24, 2012, letters were sent to these offenders requesting they clean up their properties within 20 days. Chief McCurdy is to follow-up on properties to be cleaned up.

**4. Sidewalk Repair Letter:** Nothing to report.

**5. New Electrical Service Behind the Downtown Monument:**

V.I.B.E. is to re-submit a request, in the fall, to Williamson Road Foundation for funding. Jerome Ogden stated more information is required before monies will be disbursed.

**6. Resolution #7: Blossburg Firemen's Ambulance Association:**

Motion to adopt Blossburg Firemen's Ambulance Association as Primary Emergency Medical Services Provider within the Borough of Blossburg was made by Jerome Ogden; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Rezoning of North Williamson Road properties, South of Dandy Mini Mart:**

Motion was made by Stephen Wagner to have the Borough Solicitor draft an ordinance on the rezoning of North Williamson Road properties, South of Dandy Mini Mart; second, James Rakoski. All in favor. This proposed ordinance will be advertised and a Public Hearing scheduled.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012 AT THE CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HALL, 6 FRANKLIN STREET, LAWRENCEVILLE, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 7:00 P.M. R.S.V.P. BEFORE FRIDAY JUNE 15, 2012.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Thomas Bogaczyk closed the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.**