

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

October 18, 2010

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; Second Vice-President Jill Nickerson; Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, Jeffrey Everett, Mark Bowne, Roger Bunn; Mayor John Backman; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; (absent, Chief Joshua McCurdy (sick)); Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Corey Snyder NPHS Student Representative; Caryl Snyder; Cheryl Clarke Sun Gazette; Rebecca Hazen Wellsboro Gazette.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 20, 2010 meeting were accepted on motion of Jill Nickerson; second, Mark Bowne. All in favor.

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

Bills: Bills to be paid on motion of Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

Guests: Mrs. Caryl Snyder attended the meeting as moral support for her son, Corey Snyder. He is the new Council North Penn High School Student Representative.

Reports:

A) NPHS Student: All Councilmembers welcomed Corey Snyder to the Council meeting.

Corey Snyder reported Homecoming Week was sponsored by Student Council and was a success.

(B) KCC: The Kiwanis raised \$6,200.00 for new doors and bathroom repairs. The repairs should be completed by winter.

(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.

The October 17, 2010 Fall Festival was a success. The hayride, which was sponsored by American Legion William B. Wilson Post 572, was enjoyed by 446 riders.

Skate Park: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Grant resources are requesting additional/required information in order to process another payment.

(D) Mayor: Mayor Backman directed Chief McCurdy to register for schooling on Weights and Measures.

The tree roots on Main Street are causing sidewalk problems.

Reports:

(E) **Police:** Chief McCurdy was absent, because he had a cold.

Everyone has received a copy of the Police Report.

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

At the August 16, 2010 Council Meeting, Councilmember Thomas Bogaczyk questioned the number of nonpayment drive off complaints from the Kwik-Fill. As a deterrent, cameras are being installed.

Use of Electronic Read Out Speed Signs: No information received.

Countywide DUI Task Force: Nothing to report.

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

(G) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Jill Nickerson; second, Roger Bunn. All in favor.

A tailgate lift was purchased and mounted on the back of a borough pickup truck. The lift will be used when picking up recycling and other heavy objects.

A check was received in the amount of \$73,080.00 for the subsurface Gas Lease. Parcels under the lease are: Island Park – 25 acres, Union Cemetery – 3.04 acres, Old Landfill – 8.5 acres.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(I) **Recreation:** No meeting.

Pool: Contractor will complete Punch List next spring.

Main Line came to start up check the new pool heater and show borough crew how to winterized pool.

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

Benefit: Family portraits will be taken at the Blossburg Fire Department on October 23, 24, November 6, 7, 13, 14. The \$10.00 fee buys a 5" x 7" photograph and a CD so you can print more photos.

October is National Fire Safety Month. Department will test home smoke alarms. Smoke alarms that are outdated or faulty will be replaced, free of charge, due to the generosity of Bloss Hardware.

(K) **Library:** Library meeting is tonight.

Book sale is going on this month.

Reports:

(L) Street Committee:

Borough Solicitor is still reviewing Hamilton Township Ordinance limiting truck traffic on streets. Mr. Barrett has questions on where to place weight limits.

(M) Budget:

Proposed 2011 Budget: \$687,625.00 Revenues/Expenses.
Borough: 5.807 Mills – Fire: .568 Mills – Library: .250 Mills. Effective rate: 6.625 mills.

No tax increase.

A motion to advertise the proposed 2011 Budget was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

(N) Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):

Selected old water lines to be replaced within next few years.

1mg water tank was inspected. Inside of water tank needs to be repainted sometime in future.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Project is still in the planning stages.

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

Terry Osborn resigned from the School Board. He had 20 years of service. A motion to make a donation to the Blossburg Memorial Library in Mr. Osborn's honor was made by Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Jeffery Everett. All in favor.

2. Borough Code of Ordinances – Update:

Keystone Publishers submitted a Preliminary Editorial Report on October 5, 2010. Input is needed from Council, Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board. A meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. at the KCC Building on Island Park.

3. Gas Leases (Borough's & Residents): Nothing to report.

4. Condemned Properties Update:

Davis Street property owner responded to Borough letter. Owner will secure home. His plans are to either gut home and remodel or tear down by end of year,

Schuylkill Street property owner was notified by Borough Solicitor to apply for Demolition Permit. No response was received. Borough Solicitor is to file papers by end of week.

Other property owners needing to be notified on the conditions of their homes are: A home on Nevins Street and a home located on Main Street, which had a fire inside it.

OLD BUSINESS:

5. Sidewalk Repair Letter:

Borough Solicitor and Code Officer are to review letter and give final approval.

6. Engine Brake Ordinance (Jake Brake Ordinance):

Bill Houpt from PennDOT was here to evaluate area roads. Three roads are eligible for engine (Jake) brakes signs. Road requirements are speed limit < 55 mph, downhill grade < 4%, no history of runaway truck crashes or rear-end crashes involving a truck. Borough needs about nine (9) signs @ \$63.00 each + posts @ \$30.00 each. Mr. Houpt will send paperwork to Borough Office.

7. New Flood Plain Ordinance:

New Flood Plain Ordinance needs to be adopted by end of 2010.

Borough's Flood Plain Ordinances were sent to Erica Tomlinson, Watershed Specialist at Tioga County Conservation District, for her review.

8. Landlord / Tenant Registration Ordinance:

Councilmembers need to review and bring back comments at next month's Council meeting. Motion to table Ordinance until next month was made by Jill Nickerson; second, Roger Bunn. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Participation in Tioga County Multi-Hazard Mitigation:

Mary Guimond, Tioga County Hazard Mitigation Planner is requesting support / participation in the planning process of the Tioga County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2010. The purpose of a Hazard Mitigation study is to identify hazard areas before they happen.

Motion was made by Jeffrey Everett to participate in the Tioga County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2010; second, Roger Bunn. All in favor.

2. Blossburg Borough Project Committee:

"The purpose of this committee is to help organize and delegate decisions made by Council. This group will address any ideas discussed during regular monthly meetings, create and monitor plans, and inform council of options."

Project Committee Members: Jill Nickerson, Jeffrey Everett, Mark Bowne and Roger Bunn.

Council had no objections of Project Committee being formed.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. PA Cleanways:

PA Cleanways – Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, in partnership with the Tioga County Conservation District, is planning a survey of Tioga County roads for illegal dumpsites. They are asking for help in a survey they will be doing in Tioga County. Todd Crouch, Program Manager is to be contacted for Blossburg Borough.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010 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.

HYDRAULIC STIMULATION FLUID (HSF™) MANUFACTURING FACILITY GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010 AT 11:00 A.M. OLD ROUTE 15 & BOONE RUN ROAD, BLOSSBURG, PA 16912.

HALLOWEEN IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2010. 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 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2010, 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. PARADE IS SPONSORED BY BLOSSBURG KIWANIS.

ADJOURNMENT: President James J. Bogaczyk closed the meeting at 7.59 P.M.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary