

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

October 8, 2014

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, Jolene Hall, Paul Hosszu, (absent, Stephen Wagner (away to CO)), James Rakoski; Mayor Shane Nickerson; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting were accepted on motion of Jolene Hall; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Report accepted subject to audit on motion of James Rakoski; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Bills: Bills to be paid on motion of Jolene Hall; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Guests: None present.

Reports:

(A) **NPHS Student:** Councilmember Paul Hosszu spoke with Principle Al Lindner. Dr. Lindner may have a student that is interested in being a student representative for Council meetings.

(B) **Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are held on fourth Wednesday of the month in the Blossburg Recreation Building at Island Park at 6:00 P.M.

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

V.I.B.E. projects: (1) Working with Anderson Group on Branding Project. (2) October 12, 2014 Fall Festival. The hours will be from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

(C) **Mayor:** Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) is offering a class on Managing a Professional Police Department on November 5, 2014 in Wilkes-Barre at the cost of \$250.00 per person. Mayor Nickerson and Chief McCurdy would like to attend the class. Motion was made by Paul Hosszu to approve Mayor Nickerson and Chief McCurdy to attend PSAB class; second, Jolene Hall. All in favor.

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

The Police Report was accepted on motion of Paul Hosszu; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

Addition to Police Report: District Magistrate Fines Total - \$1,226.15.

Reports:

Wellsboro Borough has a 2013 Ford Explore, with 49,072 mileage up for bid. Chief McCurdy request permission to pursue bidding on vehicle. Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to bid on 2013 Ford Explore that Wellsboro Borough has up for bid; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT THOMAS BOGACZYK, AT END OF COUNCIL MEETING. NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN. PERSONNEL ISSUES DISCUSSED.

(E) Police Committee: Nothing to report.

(F) Borough Manager:

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of James Rakoski; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

The installation of the new football scoreboard on Island Park is completed. Expenses for the scoreboard are to be paid by a Ward Manufacturing Grant.

Borough crew are working on new Borough garage floor and installing insulation.

Three (3) Public Works employees to attend Class A, B Certification for underground fuel tanks.

Watson Trucking in Canton evaluated the single axle truck for needed repairs and they found the truck isn't worth fixing up. Watson Trucking is going to look for a chassis that the box from the current single axle truck could be used on.

The Upper Tioga River Regional Authority will hold their Organization Meeting on October 16, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the Covington Township Building located at 114 East Hill Road, Covington, PA. All are welcome to attend.

A request was received to place William B. Wilson signs on the Main Street coal planters. All councilmembers agreed the signs would look out of place. Councilmember Jill Nickerson remarked the sign was a great design and possibly it could be used elsewhere.

The Laurel Youth Services building on Ruah Street may have been sold.

South Mountain reclaimed area that was being covered with processed biosolids is completed.

(G) Planning Commission: No applications were submitted. No meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(H) Recreation:

Blossburg Area United Fund to start in January.

Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant application is being reviewed. Grant approval to be known by November

Island Park River Walk: River Walk pamphlets to be created and distributed.

Reports:

(I) **Fire:** No Financial Report or Minutes were received.

The 2014 Halloween Parade will be sponsored by the Blossburg Fire and Ambulance Departments.

Paving to start soon on the driveway to Blossburg Fire and Ambulance Departments.

(J) **Library:** Nothing to report.

(K) **Street Committee:** Nothing to report.

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

(M) **Budget:** Second 2015 Budget Meeting was held on Thursday, September 11, 2014. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 4:00 P.M.

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

Water leak monitors were placed on valves in Blossburg and Morris Run. L/B Water took the information from the monitors and found no major leaks.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Southern Tioga School District (STSD) Plans:** Nothing to report.

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

Keystate Publishers sent completed "Final Draft". Councilmembers reviewing information for changes. Attorney William Stokes is reviewing Final Draft, also.

3. **Condemned Properties Update:** 101 Post Street – Bruce Toothaker to cut grass.

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

New electrical service has been completed. Bills to be submitted to V.I.B.E. for reimbursement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed Penelec street lighting, LED lighting vs. current bulbs used by Penelec and the costs effects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014 AT THE BEAR TRACK TAVERN, 203 EAST MAIN STREET, WESTFIELD, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014.

BLOSSBURG FALL FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2014, 12:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. DOWNTOWN.

HALLOWEEN IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2014. 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, NOVEMBER 1, 2014, 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: President Thomas Bogaczyk closed the meeting at 7:47 P.M.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Building Council Room.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary