

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 9, 2009

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Council President Jerome Ogden 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; Councilmembers Cheryl Bubacz, (absent, Jill Nickerson (STSD School Board Meeting)), James Bogaczyk, Jeffrey Everett, Mark Bowne; (absent, Mayor John Backman (STSD School Board Meeting)); (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); (absent, Chief Ronald Steffen); Corporal Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette; Roger Bunn and Leighton Hill.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 12, 2009 and October 26, 2009 meetings were accepted on motion of Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Cheryl Bubacz. All in favor.

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

Bills: Bills to be paid on motion of James Bogaczyk; second, Cheryl Bubacz. All in favor.

Guests: None present.

Reports:

(A) **NPHS Student:** No student present.

(B) **KCC:** Borough is overseeing maintenance on building.

Paul Hosszu is new local Kiwanis President. Mr. Hosszu offered his help where/when needed.

(C) **Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are held on third Wednesday of the month in the community room of the Blossburg Memorial Library at 6:00 P.M.

V.I.B.E. Minutes for October 28, 2009 were printed from the Internet and copied for Councilmembers.

Skate Park: Blacktop surface is completed. Parking lot is in. Cleanup around parameter needs to be done. A weather shed/lean-to for skateboarders may be constructed.

(D) **Mayor:** Mayor Backman was absent, because he was attending the Southern Tioga School District School Board Meeting. STSD School Board Meetings are held the same day and time as Blossburg Council Meetings.

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

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

Reports:

Officer Jeffrey Perry was introduced as a possible new part-time patrolman for the Police Department. Officer Perry presently works part-time for Gaines Township. Councilmembers interviewed Officer Perry. A motion was made by Cheryl Bubacz to hire Officer Jeffrey Perry, part-time, for the Blossburg Police Department; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

(F) Police Committee: Nothing further to report.

(G) Borough Manager:

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

Two (2) new homes are being constructed in the Kaminski Subdivision.

Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) is providing training for newly elected Municipal Officials. The two closest schedule dates and locations are: January 29 & 30, 2010 – Tioga County, Penn Wells Hotel, Wellsboro and February 19 & 20, 2010 – Lycoming County, Holiday Inn, Williamsport. Councilmember Mark Bowne and Roger Bunn are interested in attending the classes. Both men are to let Borough Secretary Mary Signor know which dates are best for them.

PennDOT is currently designing plans for the rehabilitation of bridge behind the Blossburg Gulf station.

Mr. Lloyd and Mary Signor met with the Blossburg Ambulance & Fire Department to discuss the pandemic of the Swine (H1N1) Flu. Both departments were to contact their local officials as to what could happen if the H1N1 would take over emergency personnel responders. Both departments are taking all precautionary measures to prevent exposure. Both the regular flu and H1N1 vaccines are in low supply. At the present time Governor Rendell has not declared a State of Emergency.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(I) Recreation:

Pool contractors found concrete buried underground from old pool. Borough employees are removing the old concrete.

Main Line submitted their first invoice for work completed at the pool. The invoice amount is \$58,950.00, which is due November 17, 2009. Motion to pay first request was made by James Bogaczyk; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

Fortuna submitted a request for non-surface rights under Island Park. Ward Manufacturing has signed with the company. Councilmembers suggested this request be reviewed by Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett.

(J) Fire: A Financial Report and copy of minutes were received.

Fourth Monday of month – November 23, 2009 nominations for new officers will be held.

The new Fire & Ambulance Building event sign is completed.

(K) Library: No meeting.

Reports:

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

(M) **Budget:** Proposed 2010 Budget: \$650,138.60.00 Revenues/Expenses.
Borough: 5.807 Mills – Fire: .568 Mills – Library: .250 Mills. Effective rate: 6.625 mills.

Increase of .300 Borough mills will be used to cover maintenance expenses for Island Park.

A motion to advertise the proposed 2010 Budget was made by Thomas Bogaczyk; second, James Bogaczyk. All in favor.

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

1998 Mack tandem truck and 1996 JD loader was purchased from asset auctions in the amount of \$50,300.00. BMA agreed to pay ½ of tandem truck and loader.

BMA to write a letter to Southern Tioga School District in support of keeping North Penn High School open.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Minor Sub-Division/Cul-D-Sac:** Nothing.

2. **Councilmember James Holleman Died on October 6, 2009:**

Donation to be made to Blossburg Memorial Library in Mr. Holleman's memory.

Remove from agenda. Motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

3. **Southern Tioga School District Plans for Closing North Penn High School:**

No response was received from STSD.

Councilmembers will keep going with full support in keeping North Penn High School open.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Advertise for Vehicle Fuel Bids:** Motion to advertise for vehicle fuel bids was made by Cheryl Bubacz; second, James Bogaczyk. All in favor.

2. **Re-Appointments to Committees and Boards (Last Term Year 200):**

Re-Appointment to Planning Commission: Stephen Wagner, 117 North Williamson Road (agreed to re-appointment); Motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

Re-Appointment to Zoning Hearing Board: Anne Metarko, 132 Gulick Street (agreed to re-appointment); Motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

Re-Appointment to Blossburg Municipal Authority: Benjamin F. Jones, 390 Granger Street (agreed to re-appointment); Motion of James Bogaczyk; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment to Recreation Board: Lisa Frederick, 331 Granger Street (agreed to re-appointment); Motion of James Bogaczyk; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

3. Permission to Purchase Turkeys for Borough Employees for Thanksgiving:

A motion to purchase turkeys for Borough employees for Thanksgiving, the cost to be split with the Blossburg Municipal Authority, was made by Jeffrey Everett; second, Cheryl Bubacz. All in favor.

4. Former Councilmember Brian Laverty Died:

Donation to be made to Blossburg Memorial Library in Mr. Laverty's memory.

5. Request to Block Off Lynd Street (Next to Bear "A"):

Shaun Donahue, 144 Davis Street submitted a request to block off Lynd Street, next to the Bear "A", on November 14, 2009 from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. to hold a pig roast and auction benefit for Connie Leone. Motion to allow Mr. Donahue's request was made by Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. ROUTE 15 COALITION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009 AT FRY BROTHERS TURKEY RANCH, 27 STATE ROUTE 184, TROUT RUN, PA.**

11:00 A.M. – PENNDOT ROUTE 15 RIBBON CUTTING.

12:30 P.M. – ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT: President Jerome Ogden closed the meeting at 7:14 P.M.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary