

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 6, 2014

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

As required by the Borough Code, Mayor Shane Nickerson called Blossburg Borough Council Reorganization Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

Attendance: Councilmembers Thomas Bogaczyk, Jill Nickerson, Jerome Ogden, Jolene Hall, Paul Hosszu, Stephen Wagner; Mayor Shane Nickerson; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; (absent, Tylia Porter NPHS Student Representative); Blossburg Borough Tax Collector Dorothy Rakoski; William Meyers President Riverside Homeowners Association; John E. Backman, and William Nickerson, Sr.

Oath: Mayor Shane Nickerson administered the Oath to newly elected Councilmembers and Tax Collector:

Councilmembers: Thomas Bogaczyk, Jerome Ogden, Jolene Hall, and James Rakoski
Tax Collector: Dorothy Rakoski

Each elected 4-year terms. All terms were result of the elections.

According to the requirements of Borough Codes, the Mayor conducted the election of Council President and Council Vice-President:

Nomination Council President: Thomas Bogaczyk; motion of Jill Nickerson; second, James Rakoski.
All in favor.

Nomination Council Vice-President: Jill Nickerson; motion of Stephen Wagner; second, Paul Hosszu.
All in favor.

Newly elected President Thomas Bogaczyk presided over the other elections and appointments.

Appointment of Borough Solicitor: Patrick J. Barrett, III; motion Jill Nickerson; second, Stephen Wagner.
All in favor.

Appointment of Borough Engineer: William S. Bray; motion Jill Nickerson; second, Stephen Wagner.
All in favor.

Appointment of Borough Secretary-Treasurer: Mary Signor; motion Jill Nickerson; second, Stephen Wagner.
All in favor.

Appointment of Tax Collector for the collection of LST (Local Services Tax): Dorothy Rakoski; motion Jill Nickerson; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

Depository for Blossburg Borough: First Citizens Community Bank (FCCB); motion Jill Nickerson; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

Vehicle, Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier: Gannon Associates; motion Jill Nickerson; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

Committees of Council: President Thomas Bogaczyk read the appointed list of Committees of Council. Motion to accept appointments as presented and remove KCC was made by Jill Nickerson; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor. Jill Nickerson proposed adding V.I.B.E. to Committees of Council. The addition of V.I.B.E. will be discussed at the February Council Meeting.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

GARBAGE: REDEVELOPMENT: SEWER: WATER:

Thomas Bogaczyk	307 Granger Street	570-638-3688
Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-638-2586
Paul Hosszu	115 Seymour Street	570-404-6368
Stephen Wagner	117 North Williamson Road	570-404-6485

BUDGET:

Jerome Ogden	262 South Williamson Road	570-638-2296
Thomas Bogaczyk	307 Granger Street	570-638-3688
Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-638-2586
James Rakoski	133 North Williamson Road	570-638-3056

STREETS & ROADS: PROPERTY & BOROUGH EQUIPMENT:

Jerome Ogden	262 South Williamson Road	570-638-2296
Thomas Bogaczyk	307 Granger Street	570-638-3688
Stephen Wagner	117 North Williamson Road	570-404-6485
James Rakoski	133 North Williamson Road	570-638-3056

LIBRARY:

**(Blossburg Memorial Library Meetings are held Quarterly – Jan-April-July-October
3rd Monday of Month in the Blossburg Memorial Basement at 4:00 P.M.)**

Jolene Hall	111 Main Street	570-638-3565
James Rakoski	133 North Williamson Road	570-638-3056

POLICE:

Jerome Ogden	262 South Williamson Road	570-638-2296
Thomas Bogaczyk	307 Granger Street	570-638-3688
Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-638-2586
Jolene Hall	111 Main Street	570-638-3565

FIRE:

**(Blossburg Fire Department Meetings are held the 4th Monday of Month in the
Blossburg Fire & Ambulance Building at 7:30 P.M.)**

Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-638-2586
Jolene Hall	111 Main Street	570-638-3565
Paul Hosszu	115 Seymour Street	570-404-6368

RECREATION:

Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-638-2586
George Lloyd	205 South Williamson Road	570-638-2836
Jolene Hall	111 Main Street	570-638-3565
Stephen Wagner	117 North Williamson Road	570-404-6485

MONUMENT:

Jerome Ogden	262 South Williamson Road	570-638-2296
Thomas Bogaczyk	307 Granger Street	570-638-3688

SHADE TREE COMMISSION:

Jeffrey Everett	331 South Williamson Road	570-638-3554
William Novitske, Jr.	230 South Williamson Road	570-638-2455
Robert Kelly	127 Main Street	570-638-0319
James Rakoski	133 North Williamson Road	570-638-3056

VACANCY BOARD:

Anthony Lupkowski (Chairman)	209 Ruah Street	570-638-2306
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PROJECT COMMITTEE:

Jill Nickerson	217 Parkhurst Street	570-638-2586
Jolene Hall	111 Main Street	570-638-3565
Stephen Wagner	117 North Williamson Road	570-404-6485
James Rakoski	133 North Williamson Road	570-638-3056

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 6, 2014

Council President Thomas Bogaczyk called the Blossburg Borough Council regular meeting to order at 6:45 P.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 11, 2013 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 Paul Hosszu; second, Jolene Hall. All in favor.

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

Guests: William Meyers President Riverside Homeowners Association presented a written request to have the birm on Hannibal Street, next to the cottages, repaired.

Reports:

(A) **NPBS Student:** Tylia Porter was absent.

(B) **KCC:** Remove from agenda.

(C) **Committee Business Development:**

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

No meeting was held in December.

(D) **Mayor:** Mayor Nickerson's first day on job. Nothing to report.

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

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

Officer Frank Levindoski is scheduled for police duties this month. Officers Brague and Crape will be on Police Schedule in two (2) weeks. Chief is waiting for their psychological testing to be completed.

The Police Department's SUV was involved in an accident on December 19, 2013. The vehicle has been in the repair shop and should be back in use by next week.

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

(G) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Nothing to report.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

Reports:

(I) Recreation:

Working on Blossburg Area United Fund mailers.

Island Park River Walk: Jerome Ogden thanked George D. Lloyd for plowing the walking trail.

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

Elections of officers were held:

- Shawn Carey, Chief
- Stephen Hall, 1st Assistant
- Charles Irwin, 2nd Assistant
- Jolene Hall, President
- Rick Steward, Vice-President
- Belinda Barnes, Secretary
- Danielle Irwin, Treasurer

Richard Williams, was contacted, and he is not interested in the position of the County Emergency Management Coordinator. Stephen Hall is interested in the position. Motion was made by Jill Nickerson to appoint Stephen Hall as Blossburg's County Emergency Management Coordinator; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

(K) Library: The next meeting will be held on January 19, 2014.

(L) Street Committee: Nothing to report.

(M) Shade Tree Commission: A Public Hearing to be held on January 22, 2014 at the KCC Building at 6:30 P.M. Agenda will be the Main Street trees.

(N) Budget:

Proposed 2014 Budget: \$895,101.00 Revenues/Expenses. (No tax increase.)
Borough: 5.807 Mills – Fire: .568 Mills – Library: .250 Mills.
Effective rate: 6.625 mills.

After reopening and reviewing the 2014 Budget, no changes were made.

(O) Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA): Nothing to report.

BMA meeting will be held tomorrow night.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Southern Tioga School District (STSD) Plans:

Two (2) board members have resigned. Any person wishing to apply should have their "Letter of Interest" in by January 24, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. Borough Code of Ordinances – Update:

All requested information and changes have been submitted to Keystate Publishers. Keystate Publishers to complete a “Final Draft” and send to Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett. After Mr. Barrett’s review, the updated Borough Code of Ordinances will be advertised.

3. Condemned Properties Update:

- (1) 127 Schuylkill Street – Property was sold to local contractor.
- (2) 101 Post Street – Condition of property was checked by independent contractor on December 10, 2013. Contractor will do a report on his findings. Mr. Barrett reported the house can be saved, but there are concerns about age of roof and mold. Borough Solicitor will do a Title search, send a registered letter to the property owner / mortgage holder, and file through the court. Lien is already on property.
- (3) 134 Taber Street – Property owner plans to raze house in next few months.

4. New Electrical Service Behind the Downtown Monument:

Stoudt’s Electric is working on 200 AMP design. Cost to be approximately \$5,000.00. To date, V.I.B.E. has received \$4,500.00 in donations.

5. Update Comprehensive Plan:

The next scheduled meeting with RETTEW is scheduled on January 8, 2014 at 4:30 and will be held at the Blossburg Memorial Library. The initial draft is to be reviewed at this meeting.

6. Update on Hiring Office Assistant:

Eighteen applicants applied. In reviewing the letters and resumes, six (6) applicants are to be scheduled for an interview.

7. Road Right-of-Way Agreement with PVR:

PVR Partners requested a Temporary Road Right-of-Way Option Agreement, in the amount of \$6,310.00, to use the old landfill access road. The road will be maintained by PVR Partners. Motion to sign Agreement, subject to Borough Solicitor’s approval was made at the November 13, 2013 Council Meeting. Mr. Barrett reviewed Agreement and recommends some language changes be made and a new Resolution be prepared.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pedestrian Sign:

Mayor Nickerson requested a pedestrian sign be place at the south side intersection of Carpenter Street and Main Street. Councilmembers agreed to purchase and place the sign.

2. Emergency Number Notification:

Mr. Lloyd is to contact Denny Colegrove Emergency Management Coordinator, Tioga County Department of Emergency Services on 911 emergency, to review call out system over Police / Fire frequency and test of 911 call outs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH'S DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014 AT THE WREN'S NEST RESTAURANT, 102 WEST WELLSBORO STREET, MANSFIELD, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY JANUARY 10, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: President Thomas Bogaczyk closed the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

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

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary