

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 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, Stephen Wagner, James Rakoski (left at 7:32 P.M.); Mayor Shane Nickerson; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette; William Meyers President Riverside Homeowners Association.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 9, 2014 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 Jill Nickerson; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

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

Guests: William Meyers President Riverside Homeowners Association requested the recycling be picked up regularly and the birm on Hannibal Street, by the dumpster, needs to be fixed.

Reports:

(A) **NPHS Student:** Dr. Al Lindner, principal of North Penn High School, is working on recruiting a new NPHS representative.

(B) **Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) V.I.B.E. 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. is working with The Anderson Group on a three (3) phase community branding project, costing \$17,000.00, which was recommended in the mini-comprehensive plan. Vice-President Jill Nickerson requested \$6,500.00, from Borough, to begin the process in June. Motion was made by Paul Hosszu to approve spending \$6,500.00 to begin the community branding; second Stephen Wagner.

President Thomas Bogaczyk requested a roll call:

Roll Call: Yes – Paul Hosszu, Jolene Hall, James Rakoski, Stephen Wagner,
Jill Nickerson.

No – Thomas Bogaczyk, Jerome Ogden

Motion carried.

Financial reports on campaign monies, being collected by V.I.B.E. for Borough projects, were requested by Council. Reports are also needed for Borough auditors.

(C) **Mayor:** Nothing to report.

Reports:

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

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

Officer Krape was introduced to Councilmembers.

Installing engine / jake brakes signs on old Rt. 15 was discussed. PennDOT already approved the placement of signs North of Taber Street to the Rt. 15 / I99 overpass on North Williamson Road. Possibility of contacting PennDOT requesting extension of area that could be posted.

Three (3) signs requested for Island Park: "Park Closed – 10:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M."
Motion was made by Paul Hosszu to order signs; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

Department to start processing citations by emailing each to CNet in Harrisburg. Harrisburg forwards the information to Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), which allows the local Magistrates access to the filed citation. Blossburg Police Department is the first to use this process in the county. The program being used was purchased through local donations.

(E) Police Committee: Nothing to report.

(F) Borough Manager:

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

Resolution No. 5 Road Right-of-Way Agreement / Resolution with Regency Marcellus Gas:

PVR name changed to Regency Marcellus Gas Gathering, LLC. Regency Marcellus Gas Gathering, LLC Temporary Road Right-of-Way Option Agreement, to use the old landfill access road, is the same as when Agreement was with PVR. New Resolution is because of name change. Motion to pass Resolution No. 5 was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

Regency Marcellus Gas Gathering, LLC would like an Agreement with the Borough to put gas / water lines on old landfill property, east of old landfill driveway. Payment would be \$25.00/ft., but Councilmembers would like to negotiate this price. Motion to negotiate Agreement was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

2013 Unconventional Gas Well Fund Usage Report:	\$ 50,890.00 New garage at Island Park
	\$ 40,797.00 New F350 Borough Truck
	\$ 26,800.00 Updated Comprehensive Plan
	\$118,487.00 Total Fund Usage

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

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(H) Recreation:

Island Park Master Plan first meeting was held on April 24, 2014. Next meeting will be held on May 28, 2014. at 6:00 P.M. in the Recreation Building on Island Park.

Reports:

Lifeguard Certification classes will be held at Island Park pool starting May 26, 2014 to June 1, 2014.

Pool to open June 1.

Island Park River Walk: Wash outs along trail need repaired.

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

Fire Department would like the entrance driveway to building paved, at the Borough's expense. Cost of paving is 240' x 20' blacktop – for 4" BCBC and 1-1/2" top will cost \$19,000.00. Motion to pay for paving the Fire Department driveway entrance was made Jill Nickerson; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

(J) Library: Parking lot needs repaired. The cost will be \$14,000.00. The Borough crew would excavate the sinkholes and fill them back in. Mr. Lloyd suggested after the repair work is completed, that the areas are allowed to settle for one (1) year before the paving is done. Motion to have Borough crew do the repair work, pave, and pay for the Library parking lot was made Jerome Ogden; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

Upcoming fundraisers: June 8, 2014 – Super Bingo
 June 15 – 21, 2014 – Flamingo
 July 27, 2014 – Garden Party

(K) Street Committee: Members to schedule a meeting to make plan for replacing sections of sidewalks in town.

A list of 2014 proposed streets for tar & chipping was reviewed. Total miles and cost: 1.04 miles at ± \$40,900.00.

4,000 Gallons – E-Oil:	\$12,000.00
200 Tons – 1B Stone:	\$ 6,400.00
250 Tons – Blacktop:	\$15,000.00
Contractor Equipment:	\$ 7,500.00

Motion to accept 2014 proposed street repairs was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

(L) Shade Tree Commission: In April, eleven Main Street replacement trees were planted.

(M) Budget: Nothing to report.

(N) Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA): Replace R & G Well actuators later this month.

Councilmembers to attend next BMA meeting, as guests, on June 3, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Southern Tioga School District (STSD) Plans:

Last month students received letters stating which school they are to attend next year (Liberty or Mansfield). Now Board is offering students a choice of what school they would like to attend, but they need to find their own transportation.

2. Borough Code of Ordinances – Update:

Keystone Publishers sent completed “Final Draft”. Councilmembers reviewing information for changes.

3. Condemned Properties Update: 101 Post Street – Nothing to report.

4. New Electrical Service Behind the Downtown Monument:

Stoudt’s Electric completed design. Service will have a main panel with spider box extenders, which will have 24 electrical connections. Cost to be approximately \$5,000.00. Borough crew will install conduit to control box area after Coal Festival.

5. Update Comprehensive Plan:

Final Comprehensive Plan is in review for 45 days. A Public Hearing is being advertised. Public Hearing to be held June 11, 2014 at 6:00 P.M., before the Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Letter from North Central Sewage Agency:

Contacted the Borough asking for a donation to help cover the cost of digitizing past records. *(Update: Tioga County Commissioners have already paid for North Central Sewage Agency request.)*

2. Great Design Award:

The Blossburg Borough to be honored with the Great Design Award by the Pennsylvania Wilds Planning Team at the Champion of the Pennsylvania Wilds Awards event on May 15, 2014. The award is presented to organizations making significant contributions to develop outdoor recreation by economic development and conservation goals.

3. Social Media Policy:

Councilmember Jill Nickerson presented a Facebook Policy for Councilmembers to review and to discuss at the June Council Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

22nd ANNUAL BLOSSBURG STATE COAL FESTIVAL, ISLAND PARK, MAY 21 – MAY 24, 2014.

Tioga County Commissioners Meeting on May 27, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Island Park Recreation Building.

ADJOURNMENT: President Thomas Bogaczyk closed the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Building Council Room.

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

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary