

# BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## August 13, 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 (absent, Jerome Ogden), Jolene Hall, Paul Hosszu, Stephen Wagner (left at 7:26 P.M.), (absent, James Rakoski); Mayor Shane Nickerson; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett (left at 6:50 P.M.); Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Gregory Cummings Larson Design Group; Elisabeth Miranda Blossburg Memorial Library; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the July 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 Jolene Hall; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

**Bills:** Bills to be paid on motion of Stephen Wagner; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

**Guests:** Gregory Cummings, PE Project Manager – Water/Wastewater Engineering of Larson Design Group. Mr. Cummings was attending the meeting to observe.

### **Reports:**

(A) **NPHS Student:** Nothing to report.

### (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:** Nothing to report.

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

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

Addition to Police Report: District Magistrate Fines Total - \$915.54.

Police Department plans to reinstate the 10:00 P.M. curfew for kids under 18 years old.

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

**Reports:**

**(F) Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

2015 Financial Requirements & Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pension Plans (MMO's):  
Police - \$21,719.00 / Non-Uniform - \$35,452.00.

The first Upper Tioga River Regional Authority meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2014 in the Covington Township Building. Probability that Authority will be asking for "seed" money.

A Watershed Meeting was held on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hillside Road & Gun Club. Agenda: Bob Hedlin and Lori Maloney presented proposal for treatment plan at Fallbrook Creek. Grant has been submitted, with the operation and maintenance of the facility to be done by the Blossburg Authority.

Borough crew is working on a new football score board footer. Materials, equipment, and labor to be reimbursed by a Ward Manufacturing Grant.

Construction on new Borough garage is progressing. Robert Martin and Nickerson Construction are helping with the construction.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

**(H) Recreation:**

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

Island Park River Walk: Nothing to report.

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

1993 E1 Pumper Rescue was purchased to replace the 1987 Engine that is to be sold.

**(J) Library:** Elisabeth Miranda is the new Director of Blossburg Memorial Library. Ms. Miranda reported on upcoming community events.

**(K) Street Committee:** Members to schedule a meeting to make a plan for replacing sections of sidewalks in town. Councilmember Jill Nickerson is working on details.

Tar & Chipping is done.

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

**(M) Budget:** A 2015 Budget Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 4:30 P.M. with the following day as an alternative meeting date.

Motion was made by Stephen Wagner to purchase a used single axle dump truck, under the cost of \$35,000.00, through an Internet auction starting on August 27, 2014; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

**Reports:**

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

BMA are getting cost figures for recirculation pumps at secondary clarifier, at the STP.

Discuss agreement with Southwestern Energy Production Company regarding clean up to Taylor Run in area of old reservoir to allow trout migration upstream.

Sewer utility rate increase to start in March 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

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

Keystone 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 – Property to be appraised.

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

Work to start next week. Hoping to have all work completed so electric is available for the Fall Festival in October.

5. **Social Media Policy:**

Borough Solicitor reviewed and recommended removing the last sentence.

6. **Ordinance No. 439: Organize a Joint Municipal Authority – Upper Tioga River Regional Authority:**

An ordinance signifying the intention and desire of the Blossburg Borough Council to organize a joint Municipal Authority, authorizing the creation of the Upper Tioga River Regional Authority. Setting forth proposed articles of incorporation and authorizing the execution thereof; appointing and fixing the terms of the first members of the Board of Directors of such authority, authorizing all other necessary action; and repealing all inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances. Motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Zoning Hearing Board:** Lynne Thompson, 127 Carpenter Street (letter of resignation received, replacement is needed). 5 yrs. – Term ending 2018. #1 Replacement to be Stephen Hall, 111 Main Street. Motion of Jill Nickerson; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor. If Mr. Hall does not accept ZHB position - #2 Replacement to be Robert Frederick, 331 Granger Street. Motion of Jill Nickerson; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Festival at Blossburg Legion on August 30, 2014 starting at 11:00 A.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Thomas Bogaczyk closed the meeting at 7:36 P.M.

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for September 10, 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.**

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Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary