

PUBLIC HEARING
May 8, 2006

AS ADVERTISED A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON MAY 8, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE BOROUGH BUILDING, 245 MAIN STREET, BLOSSBURG, PA. THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING CODE GIVING THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS REGARDING CHANGES TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE. SAID CHANGES INVOLVE TWO (2) PARCELS FROM THE RESIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATIONS TO AN INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION. SAID TWO (2) PARCELS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED BY WARD MANUFACTURING TO BE UTILIZED IN THEIR INDUSTRIAL OPERATION. THE BOROUGH COUNCIL SHALL CONSIDER AMENDING ORDINANCE 244A WHICH HAS BEEN CODIFIED AS CHAPTER XXVIII OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOSSBURG ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL ZONING MAP PURSUANT TO SECTION 202. THE ORDINANCE FOR THESE TWO (2) PARCELS IS TO BE ADOPTED AT THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 8, 2006 AT 6:30 P.M.

Attendance: Council President Jerome Ogden; Vice-President Tonya McNamara; Councilmembers Raymond Kaminski, Cheryl Bubacz, James Bogaczyk, Thomas Bogaczyk; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor.

No public comment. Hearing closed 6:29 P.M.

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 8, 2006

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Council President Jerome Ogden called 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 Tonya McNamara; Councilmembers Raymond Kaminski, (absent, James Holleman), Cheryl Bubacz, James Bogaczyk, Thomas Bogaczyk; (absent, Mayor John Backman); Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Chief Ronald Steffen; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 10, 2006 meeting were accepted on motion of Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Raymond Kaminski. 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 Raymond Kaminski; second, Cheryl Bubacz. All in favor.

Guests: None present.

Reports:

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

(B) **KCC:** Charles Freeberg did not attend tonight's meeting.

(C) **Committee Business Development:** Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment)

V.I.B.E. Minutes for April 19, 2006 were printed from the Internet and copied for Councilmembers.

Councilmembers held a discussion concerning the finances for the Main Street Program. They questioned how much monies were left from the first grant funding and how much and what businesses received matching funding. Councilmember Tonya McNamara is to collect requested information and present a financial report at the next council meeting.

Resolution No. 2 – Motion to accept the Resolution of the Borough of Blossburg authorizing the filing of an application for second-year Main Street Program funds with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$25,000.00, providing Council receives accounting of past grant funding, was made by James Bogaczyk; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

(D) **Mayor:** Mayor John Backman was absent. Borough Manager George Lloyd did the Mayor's Report.

There are complaints on the noise from tractor-trailer trucks using their jake brakes coming off the mountain. The uses of Warning Signs are to be reviewed. Chief Steffen presented a few sample ordinances. If signs are permitted an ordinance will be adopted. The jake brakes complaint to be put on next month's agenda.

The Mayor had a complaint as to rooms being rented out in the home located at 155 North Williamson Road. George Lloyd to send a letter to the owner stating this activity does not comply with Zoning Ordinance.

Reports: There are complaints about owners letting their dogs defecate on the strip of grass by the Holiday Market and The Small Mall and not cleaning up after their pets. This practice is happening throughout the Borough. A motion to proceed with a dog / lease ordinance was made by James Bogaczyk; second, Raymond Kaminski. All in favor.

From May 15 to August 31, 2006 the Green Bridge on Main Street is to be closed for repairs. Detour routes will be posted by PennDOT.

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

The Police Report was accepted on motion of James Bogaczyk; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

Chief Steffen reported The Tioga County Law Enforcement Association is applying for grant monies. If the grant is approved, these monies are to be used for layouts and installing alarm systems on the entrance doors to every Tioga County School. These alarm systems are to prevent unauthorized access into our schools.

The Blossburg Elementary teachers and students, Kindergarten – 6th Grades, are scheduled to assemble at the Blossburg Memorial Monument on May 26, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. to sing the National Anthem and honor local Veterans. "The purpose of the project is to raise awareness of the importance of music in our schools and not only teach the words of our National Anthem to our community, but encourage everyone to sing instead of listening when it is played in the community." The Blossburg Police Department will do traffic control.

Councilmembers questioned the new format of the Police Report. These reports are controlled and coded by the State for liability purposes. Chief Steffen to supply codes to Councilmembers to help in the reading of the Police Report.

(F) Police Committee: Nothing further to report.

(G) Borough Manager:

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Raymond Kaminski; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

The pool is in bad shape and is in need of some serious repairs. The Pool Association is looking into replacing the pool sometime in the near future. The present pool has been in since 1982.

Borough Manager reported the Wellsboro Borough has advertised for helping residents to do sidewalk repairs. He asked Councilmembers if the Blossburg Borough would be interested in doing the same. Councilmembers decided if residents need help in repairing their sidewalks, they are to contact the Borough Manager, and the Borough will charge the resident for any labor and equipment used to remove the old sidewalk blocks.

Spring Cleanup comparison: 2004 was 45 tons
2005 was 29 tons @ \$43.00/ton = \$1,247.00
2006 was 28.18 tons @ \$53.00/ton = \$1,494.00

Reports:

(H) Planning Commission:

No quorum. Meeting was canceled.

Appointment to Planning Commission: Resigning Planning Commission Member Caroline Thomson replacement – Ralph Mundis; motion of Raymond Kaminski; second, James Bogaczyk. All in favor.

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(I) Recreation: James Bogaczyk reported the Recreation members walked Island Park to make suggestions for improvements.

Southern Tioga School District lease expires this year.

The pool rates will stay the same as last year.

The Borough garage needs painted. The Tioga County Probation Department to be contacted to see if they can help.

(J) Fire: No report received.

Raymond Kaminski did not attend the last Blossburg Fire Department meeting.

New snorkel truck here on May 6, 2006.

(K) Television: Board meetings are second Tuesday of month.

Board is still looking for an Executive Secretary replacement.

Channels 3, 51 and Fox are bad.

(L) Library: Thomas Bogaczyk reported new Library Committee Members have been appointed.

The Library will be holding their annual book sale on May 18, 19 & 20, 2006 at the Acorn Market building located on the corner of Hannibal and Morris Streets.

The annual Library Garden Party fund raiser will be held on July 30, 2006 at the Hamilton Club in Morris Run from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

(M) Street Committee: The Borough Manager handed out a list of proposed borough streets he would like to have tar and chipped this year. The total mileage is 1.16. All Councilmembers agreed to have the proposed streets done.

(N) Budget: A proposed increase of ½% / year for employees working over 25 years in the Borough Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Presently there is no retirement credit for employees working over 25 years. This Pension modification will require a resolution. The Borough Solicitor is to review proposed resolution for Council meeting of June 12, 2006.

Reports: The Borough's present insurance company would like the wood stove removed at the Borough garage. Borough Manager is to check with other Municipal insurances companies dealing with wood stoves coverage. Mr. Lloyd is to get figures for 2007 budget.

The backhoe loan is paid. Councilmembers agreed to keep making the loan payment into a Certificate of Deposit, when funds are available, for emergencies. Borough Secretary to keep track of loan deposits.

The NTSWA has a 1985 Mack Truck with compactor for sale at the price of \$3,000.00. Mr. Lloyd would like to purchase the truck for a backup when the other garbage truck breaks down. Motion was made to purchase the 1985 Mack truck with compactor for \$3,000.00 by Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Cheryl Bubacz.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Minor Sub-Division/Cul-D-Sac:** Borough Solicitor is working on Deed of Dedication.
2. **Additional Railroad Property:** Tax Sale for old railroad property of 6.72 acres, purchased by the Borough, was to be sold on September 26, 2005. The wrong property was assessed. Borough Solicitor is working on.
3. **Electric System Assessment:** Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett and Thomas Bogaczyk are working on.
4. **Williamson Commercial Park Access Street:** Borough Solicitor is working on.
5. **Building Permit Fees / Rental Inspections:** New rates to be advertised.
6. **Ward Manufacturing Petition Requesting Zoning Change Ordinance #410:**

Ordinance was reviewed and advertised for tonight's meeting. Motion to adopt an ordinance amending Ordinance 244A, which has been codified as Chapter XXVIII of the Code of Ordinances of Borough of Blossburg adopting an official Zoning Map pursuant to Section 202. The purpose of this ordinance is to change the boundary line of the industrial zone to incorporate two additional parcels removing them from the residential zone. Motion was made by James Bogaczyk; second, Raymond Kaminski. All in favor.

7. **Cell Tower Ordinance:** Borough Solicitor working on zoning changes.

Nextel approached Blossburg Municipal Authority about installing tower on Parkhurst Street water tank. Also, they are also interested in Ben Jones property in the Blossburg Borough.
8. **Outdoor Burning Ordinance:** Appointed Committee suggested amending Garbage ordinance. The Borough Solicitor to is modify ordinance.
9. **TCAB By-Laws:** TCAB would like Council to review by-laws and vote to pass.
10. **Island Park Speeding:** Borough Solicitor reviewed an ordinance in regards to the speeding on Island Park. In the Ordinance the 10 MPH speed limit is covered. Also, a citation could be filed under reckless driving, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution No. 3:**

Resolution for Municipal Pension appointing title or position (i.e. Manager, Secretary, President of Council) to act as the chief administrating officer, rather than using a name. This suggestion came from PSAB (the company that manages the Pensions). Motion was made to appoint the Borough Manager to act as the chief administrating officer was made by James Bogaczyk; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **THE WELLSBORO COMMUNITY CELEBRATES THEIR 200th ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 27, 2006 AT 10:00 A.M. WHERE: "ON THE GREEN". R.S.V.P. BY MAY 1, 2006. PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN STEPHENS AT (570) 724-0774.**
2. **BRADFORD – TIOGA HEAD START OPEN HOUSE ON MAY 10, 2006 AT 5 RIVERSIDE PLAZA, BLOSSBURG, PA. CELEBRATION IS FROM 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**
3. **A RETIREMENT LUNCH IS PLANNED FOR MIKE EGAN ON FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2006 AT THE WREN'S NEST, MANSFIELD, PA. MR. EGAN IS TO MEET MRS. TAMA AT 12:30 P.M. MRS. TAMA WOULD LIKE EVERYONE THERE AHEAD OF TIME. THE COST IS \$13.00 PER PERSON. PLEASE PHONE 662-1093 TO MAKE RESERVATIONS. CAROL TAMA WOULD LIKE AS MANY BOARD MEMBERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO ATTEND.**
4. **14th ANNUAL COAL FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD FROM MAY 24 – 27, 2006 AT ISLAND PARK. VISIT www.blossburgcoalfestival.org OR TELEPHONE (570) 638-3313. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**
5. **THE COAL AND IRON HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BLOSSBURG WILL MEET MAY 21, 2006 AT 2:00 P.M. AT THE BLOSSBURG MEMORIAL LIBRARY.**

ADJOURNMENT: President Jerome Ogden closed the meeting at 8:43 P.M.

Next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2006 at 6:30 P.M.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary