

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

July 10, 2006

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Council Vice-President Tonya McNamara called Blossburg Borough Council meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street.

Attendance: (absent, President Jerome Ogden (out of town)); Councilmembers Raymond Kaminski (late), James Holleman, James Bogaczyk, (absent, Cheryl Bubacz, Thomas Bogaczyk (both were out of town)); Mayor John Backman; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); Chief Ronald Steffen; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Charles Freeberg KCC Committee.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 12, 2006 meeting were accepted on motion of James Bogaczyk; second, James Holleman. All in favor.

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

Councilmember James Bogaczyk thanked Borough Secretary Mary Signor for including the Treasurer's Report in the Council packets. Councilmembers were able to review the report before the meeting.

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

Guests: None present.

Reports:

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

(B) **KCC:** Charles Freeberg reported the organization's regular checking account balance is \$525.00.

There are two (2) rentals for the building scheduled for the up coming month.

Partners in Progress will be done renting the building on August 14th.

The funding is bad for the KCC building. The organization is considering increasing the rental rates. Councilmembers asked Mr. Freeberg for a budget of the KCC building, so the Council Budget Committee can review.

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

V.I.B.E. Minutes for June 21, 2006 were printed from the Internet and copied for Councilmembers. The next V.I.B.E. meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. at the Blossburg Memorial Library.

The minutes from the June meeting included a Treasurer's Report.

Tonya McNamara presented a financial report for the Main Street Program. After reviewing the report, Councilmembers had questions and pointed out needed corrections. Mrs. McNamara is to get more information and make corrections to report for next Council meeting.

Mayor Backman is concerned about the condition of Wood Building on Main Street and asked if Mr. Wood will be participating in the Grant Program.

Reports:

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

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

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

Chief Steffen and Corporal McCurdy passed the IS – 700 training class.

The Borough received correspondence from The Department of Community and Economic Development offering IS – 700 – The National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction. “This course will provide local elected officials with the opportunity to obtain the training, testing, and certification necessary to meet the federal requirements and maintain their community’s eligibility for federal disaster preparedness assistance.” Also, this training is available on-line at no cost through the FEMA web site (www.fema.gov/nims/). Chief Steffen to check into training for public officials.

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

(G) **Borough Manager:**

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED BY COUNCILMEMBER JAMES BOGACZYK AT 7:17 P.M.
RECONVENED 7:28 P.M. PERSONNEL ISSUES DISCUSSED.

Matt Domines from the Pennsylvania Governor’s Center for Local Government Services telephoned to report the Blossburg Borough will not have a chance on the UCC Grant monies, for the Code Office, from the Pennsylvania Governor’s Center for Local Government Services, because two (2) other communities have programs in area.

The Department of Labor and Industry are requesting information on Main Street Program to determine if prevailing wage rates have to be paid. Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett to review.

Mr. Lloyd has received reports / complaints regarding tractor-trailers parking on Borough streets. Chief Steffen to notify the drivers of the trucks that this is not permitted on borough streets. These large trucks are only allowed to use Borough streets when delivering merchandise.

(H) **Planning Commission:**

Meeting of June 27, 2006.

Reviewed and recommended approval for Daniel Harman to build deck into rear setback off his property. Also, recommended subdivision of Davis Street property.

Zoning Hearing Board: A meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2006. The Zoning Board will review request to operate a PC repair at Kevin Shelman residence located at 317 Granger Street.

Reports:

(I) **Recreation:** Blossburg Pool Association is looking into replacing the pool in the next couple of years.

A new Southern Tioga School District Lease for use of Island Park for school activities is due. Committees need to meet and review.

(J) **Fire:** No report received.

Fire Committee Members did not attend meeting.

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

No report, because Jerome Ogden was not here tonight.

There will be no meeting in July.

(L) **Library:** No report, because Thomas Bogaczyk was not here tonight.

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. Price is \$25.00 / couple and \$15.00 / single.

(M) **Street Committee:** Tar and chipping of Borough streets and roads to start this week.

(N) **Budget:** The Borough Manager is checking with other municipal insurance companies for comparable rates.

2007 Budget meeting to begin in September.

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. 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:** Ordinance is done and is ready to review.
5. **Building Permit Fees / Rental Inspections:** Borough Solicitor to meet with the Borough Manager.
6. **Cell Tower Ordinance:** Borough Solicitor working on zoning changes.

Nextel is still only doing correspondence to install a cell tower at the Granger Street property.
7. **Outdoor Burning Ordinance:** The Borough Solicitor to is modify ordinance per Committee suggestions.
8. **Engine Brakes Ordinance:** The Borough Solicitor to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Replacement for Janford McCauley – Shade Tree Commission:

Janford McCauley unexpectedly passed away. The Borough Manager to review list and present names for Mr. McCauley's replacement.

A motion was made by Tonya McNamara to make a donation in Mr. McCauley's memory to the Blossburg Memorial Library; second, James Holleman. All in favor.

2. Hiring Two (2) New Employees:

On July 18, 2006 from 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. the Blossburg Municipal Authority will be having interviews, from the applicants that applied and tested, for the hiring of a new employee. The Borough Manager would like to hire two (2) people. One for the Blossburg Municipal Authority and the other for the Blossburg Borough. Councilmembers are ask to set in on the interviews.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. TIOGA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TCDC) 13th ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 31, 2006 AT THE PENN WELLS HOTEL, 62 MAIN STREET, WELLSBORO, PA. THE SOCIAL RECEPTION IS 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. THE BANQUET DINNER & PROGRAM IS 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. THE COST IS \$25.00 MEMBER - \$35.00 NON-MEMBER. PRE-REGISTRATION & PAYMENT BY JULY 18, 2006. TELEPHONE (570) 724-8232 VOICE.**
- 2. THE ROUTE 15 COALITON ANNUAL MEETING: RIBBON CUTTING FOR MARKET STREET BRIDGE, WILLIAMSPORT WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006. THE RIBBON CUTTING IS AT 10 A.M. NEAR THE MARKET STREET BRIDGE. THE ANNUAL MEETING IS AT THE GENETTI HOTEL, 200 WEST 4th STREET, DOWNTOWN WILLIAMSPORT AT 11:00 A.M. RSVP BY JULY 6, 2006. TELEPHONE (800) 359-7340.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting will not adjourn as there are some items to be completed. The meeting dismissed at 8:10 P.M., by Vice-President Tonya McNamara, to reconvene July 19, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary

Borough Council Meeting continued from July 10, 2006 –
Reconvened July 19, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the Borough Building, 245 Main Street,
Blossburg, PA.

Attendance: President Jerome Ogden; (absent, Vice-President Tonya McNamara); Councilmembers
(absent, Raymond Kaminski), James Holleman, Cheryl Bubacz, James Bogaczyk, Thomas Bogaczyk; Mayor
John Backman; Borough Manager George Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor.

Hiring Two (2) New Employees:

On July 18, 2006 the Blossburg Municipal Authority had interviews for the hiring of a new employee.

The five (5) applicants were:

Chad Roupp, 134 Maple Hill Road, Blossburg, PA
David Grinnell, 100 Sebring Lane, Liberty, PA
Jarrett Arbobast, Blossburg, PA
Jeff Baker, Mansfield, PA
Robert Kuzneski, 265 Gulick Street, Blossburg, PA

The two (2) that were selected are Chad Roupp and David Grinnell.

Motion was made by James Bogaczyk to hire Chad Roupp for the Blossburg Municipal Authority and
David Grinnell for the Blossburg Borough; second, Cheryl Bubacz. All in favor.

The other three applicants names will be kept on file for one (1) year in case any future positions
become available.

Richard Phelps: Richard Phelps is terminated, as a Borough employee, as of July 17, 2006.

The Borough Manager is working on a two-day garbage route pickup schedule.
Garbage days will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays by Fall.

Municipal Insurance Rates:

Borough Manager received municipal insurance quotes from Gannon and H.A. Thomson. Mr. Lloyd will
be contacting other insurance companies for additional quotes.

Oiling of Roads: Complaints from residents about oil getting on vehicles after the oiling of roads. Every
precaution was taken when the roads were oiled, but it rained afterwards bringing the oil
to the top, making the roads a mess. The Borough Manager told the people that
complained, to send him the information of their vehicle damage to the Borough, and he
will submit to the Borough's insurance company.

IS – 700 – The National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction:

A letter was received from the Tioga County Emergency Services stating they would be assisting Tioga
County with sponsoring the classes for the upcoming deadline. The first scheduled date is July 31,
2006. One class is at 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. The other is at 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Councilmembers
interested in the July 31 classes are: Mayor John Backman, President Jerome Ogden,
Councilmembers James Holleman, James Bogaczyk, Thomas Bogaczyk and Borough Manager
George Lloyd. The other Councilmembers are to contact the Borough Office as to when they are
interested in attending the other scheduled classes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **POOL ASSOCIATION MEETING ON AUGUST 7, 2006 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE ISLAND PARK POOL.
THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE POOL.**

ADJOURNMENT: President Jerome Ogden closed the meeting at 6:58 P.M.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2006 at 6:30 P.M.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary