

# BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## July 16, 2007

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, James Holleman, Cheryl Bubacz, James Bogaczyk, Thomas Bogaczyk; (absent, Mayor John Backman); (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); (absent, Chief Ronald Steffen (Dr. Appointment)); Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; V.I.B.E. President Bev Jones; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 14, 2007 meeting were accepted on motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, James Bogaczyk. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report accepted subject to audit on motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

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

**Guests:** None present.

### **Reports:**

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

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

Thomas Bogaczyk reported the organization's regular checking account balance is \$269.00. The gas utility billing has increased. There were two (2) building rental cancellations. Mr. Freeberg is concerned about lack of funds to pay building expenses.

(C) **Committee Business Development:** Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) V.I.B.E. meetings are held second Wednesday of the month.

V.I.B.E. Minutes for June 20, 2007 were printed from the Internet and copied for Councilmembers.

Bev Jones reported Attorney David Bogaczyk has applied for an application under the Main Street Façade Program. Dr. Ollock's Dentist Office façade is completed and is due payment from the Main Street Façade Program. Robert Martin, owner of the Bloss Hardware, is still interested in having an old-style mural of downtown Blossburg painted on the south wall of his store.

(D) **Mayor:** Mayor Backman was absent tonight.

(E) **Police:** Chief Steffen was absent, because of a doctor appointment.

Everyone has received a copy of the Police Report.

Councilmember Raymond Kaminski questioned the "Total Hours Worked" in June by Officer McCurdy. Borough Secretary Mary Signor mentioned that perhaps the hours included a vacation check Officer McCurdy received in June.

**Reports:** The Police Report was accepted on motion of Tonya McNamara; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

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

(G) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, Tonya McNamara. All in favor.

The Borough Manager George Lloyd had nothing to report.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: No Meeting.

(I) **Recreation:** George Lloyd reported on the "Shade Tree Plan for Island Park" as proposed by Shade Tree Commission and approved by the Recreation Board.

- 1) Plant pine trees behind visitors football bleachers for memorial. One board to be placed on pool for recording names. Room available for \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ more trees.
- 2) Replant white pine trees in areas where old trees are removed.
- 3) Donate memorial benches to park when trees not wanted.

A motion was made by James Bogaczyk to accept the "Shade Tree Plan for Island Park"; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

On Island Park there are trees planted that were dedicated to or in memory of certain people. Each tree had a nameplate on a board by each tree. Some of these boards are missing for whatever reason. There are some trees that are missing nameplates. Mr. Lloyd and Mary Signor to research or contact a few people to find the missing names.

Rented portable toilets were approved for use **only** during busy functions on Island Park.

The new design for the Bob & Marian Jones sign that is located on the football bleachers is being worked on.

Lifeguard wages were increased, because of the new Pennsylvania minimum wage increase.

Councilmembers suggested the new walking path on Island Park be marked with signs.

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

No Councilmember attended the meeting.

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

There will be no meeting in July.

(L) **Library:** The Blossburg Memorial Library Summer Reading Program is still going on.

**Reports:** The annual Library Garden Party fundraiser will be held on July 22, 2007 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.

A used book sale is scheduled for October 15 – 20, 2007. It will be held at the old ambulance building located next to the Acorn Market.

The library is looking into new computers, which will be purchased through proposed grants.

(M) **Street Committee:** Roads were oiled today. Tar and chipping will begin next week.

(N) **Budget:** Nothing at this time.

(O) **Blossburg Municipal Authority:** Borough Manager George Lloyd reported well drilling sites details are still being worked on.

Water project on Schuylkill Street to start in next two (2) weeks, depending on work schedule.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Minor Sub-Division/Cul-D-Sac:**

The Borough Manager to get information to the Borough Solicitor so this deed of dedication can be finished.

2. **Additional Railroad Property:**

Tax Sale for old railroad property of 6.72 acres, purchased by the Borough. The wrong property was assessed. Mr. Barrett sent a letter to the Tioga County Tax Office, identifying the property lots and including the Borough's request to have these lots tax-exempt.

3. **Electric System Assessment:**

The Penelec major line replacement project is completed in the Blossburg area.

4. **Cell Tower Ordinance:** Borough Solicitor contacted Attorney Bill Stokes to discuss the cell tower issues.

5. **Engine Brakes Ordinance:** Borough Solicitor is working with State Representative Matthew Baker on PennDOT correspondence.

6. **Home Grant:** Martha Lloyd Home site located on South Williamson Road is completed.

Remove from agenda. Motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, Raymond Kaminski. All in favor.

7. **Building Permit Fees:** The Borough Solicitor did draft ordinance to lower the square footage of buildings needing inspections from 1,000 sq. ft. to 600 sq. ft. Borough Manager George Lloyd to contact Labor & Industry.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**8. Outside Wood Burning Stoves:**

Borough Solicitor received Tioga Borough's new "Wood Fuel Burning Appliance Ordinance". Copies were made and handed out to Councilmembers to review for next meeting.

- 9. Auditor:** The 2006 Blossburg Municipal Authority audit was completed on June 5, 2007. The 2006 Blossburg Borough audit was completed and returned on June 29, 2007.

Remove from agenda. Motion of Raymond Kaminski; second, Thomas Bogaczyk.  
All in favor.

**10. Streetlights for the Blossburg Exit / Interchange:**

Mr. Lloyd to check with Mike Stoudt on a better lighting solutions for the Taber Street entrance off old Rt. 15.

Mr. Lloyd checked with PennDOT in Montoursville on the streetlights request for the Blossburg exit / interchange, but had no response. It was suggested that Guy Mahosky, Manager of Tioga County PennDOT, also be contacted.

- 11. Phelps Property on Davis Street:** The grass was cut by a borough employee. The current owner of the property is being determined through the local banks.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**THE ANNUAL LIBRARY GARDEN PARTY FUND RAISER WILL BE HELD ON JULY 22, 2007 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.**

**TIOGA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TCDC) 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 30, 2007 AT MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY, ALUMINI HALL STUDENT CENTER, 31 SOUTH ACADEMY STREET, MANSFIELD, PA. SOCIAL RECEPTION 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOORS). PROGRAM & ENTERTAINMENT 7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. (ROOM 307). R.S.V.P. BY JULY 18, 2007.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Jerome Ogden closed the meeting at 7:19 P.M.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2007 at 6:30 P.M.