

# BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## September 14, 2009

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Council President Jerome Ogden called the Blossburg Borough Council regular meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Fire & Ambulance Building, 324 Main Street, Blossburg, PA.

**Attendance:** Vice-President Thomas Bogaczyk; Councilmembers (absent, James Holleman), Cheryl Bubacz, Jill Nickerson, James Bogaczyk, Jeffrey Everett; Mayor John Backman; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; (absent, Chief Ronald Steffen); Corporal Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; David Thompson, Sr. KCC Committee and Chairman of the Coal Festival; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette; Cheryl Clarke Sun Gazette; Richard "Rusty" Taylor and David Hedrick Williamson Land Company; Approximately two dozen Local Residents.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the August 17, 2009 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:**

Blossburg resident Patrick Hull reported graffiti is on the stop sign located at the North end of Main Street.

Lewis Cretsinger, owner of rental property in Blossburg, questioned the use of jake / engine breaks in town. Council President Jerome Ogden stated this issue was discussed a while back. After months of research, it was found that PennDOT was reluctant to do anything about the engine brakes. Mr. Ogden suggested maybe a follow-up could be done on this subject.

**Ordinance No. 421 – Zoning Change to Heavy Industrial:** The adoption of this ordinance was scheduled under Old Business – No. 3. Council President Jerome Ogden moved this part of the agenda ahead for discussion, due to the fact; most of the people attending were present because of the proposed zoning change.

Similar to the August 17, 2009 Council Meeting, Councilmembers and people attending had a lengthy discussion on their views / concerns with the request for reclassification of zoning submitted by the Williamson Land Company.

President Jerome Ogden closed the discussion session at 7:18 P.M.

Thomas Bogaczyk made a motion that the proposed Ordinance No. 421, be adopted, to have Tax Parcel 02-07 A00-015A, consisting of 10.13 acres located on Bloss Mountain Road presently zoned as Commercial to rezoned Heavy Industrial; second, James Bogaczyk.

Roll Call:	Yes –	Jeffrey Everett, Thomas Bogaczyk, Jerome Ogden, James Bogaczyk
	No –	Jill Nickerson
	Abstain –	Cheryl Bubacz

(Mrs. Bubacz works for the legal firm which represents Williamson Land Company.)

Motion carried.

**Reports:**

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

(B) **KCC:** David Thompson, Sr. stated he had nothing to report.

(C) **Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) V.I.B.E. meetings are held on third Wednesday of the month in the community room of the Blossburg Memorial Library at 6:00 P.M.

V.I.B.E. Minutes for August 26, 2009 were printed from the Internet and copied for Councilmembers.

Councilmember Jill Nickerson reported on V.I.B.E. topics:

V.I.B.E. will be sponsoring the Fall Festival this year. Festivities are scheduled for October 24, 2009 at the Riverside Plaza from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. V.I.B.E. has insurance to cover the event. The usual hayride will not be possible this year, due to the high cost of insurance (1 day event is \$500.00).

**Skate Park:** Mrs. Nickerson is working on propose plan.

(D) **Mayor:** Mayor Backman reported there was a power brownout. Some homes on South Williamson Road and downtown businesses had equipment damaged. Councilmember Thomas Bogaczyk asked Mayor Backman to get the date and time of this outage and he would contact Jody Place at Penelec.

The sidewalk on Hannibal Street needs repaired.

Mayor Backman asked property owners to cut weeds alongside of highway, streets, and sidewalks adjoining their property.

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

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

Councilmember Thomas Bogaczyk reported delivery trucks are parking in the fire lane at Riverside Plaza. Police Department is to enforce the "No Parking".

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

(G) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of James Bogaczyk; second, Cheryl Bubacz. All in favor.

Borough Manager George Lloyd had nothing to report.

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

**Reports:**

Zoning Hearing Board: Meeting of September 2, 2009.

Reviewed and approved John Murphy's sign variance request for Murphy-Grabowski Trailer Park that is located on Gulick Street.

**(I) Recreation:**

Pool Bids were submitted to Borough on August 25, 2009.

A letter was received from the Bloss Area Swimming Association stating "The Bloss Recreation Board and the Bloss Area Swimming Association would like to recommend that the Borough accept the Base Bid (\$547,500.00) and Alternative 5 (\$24,000.00) for the pool heater submitted by Main Line Commercial Pools, Inc."

Two pool bids were received as advertised:

Main Line Commercial Pool, Inc.:	Main pool, zero access, water features -	\$547,500.00
	Pool heater -	\$ 24,000.00
Boyer Swimming Pools, Inc.:	Main pool, zero access, water features -	\$660,375.00
	Pool heater -	\$ 26,997.00

Motion was made by Cheryl Bubacz to accept Main Line Commercial Pool, Inc. bid; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

Noted: New pool design will require an additional lifeguard.

On October 3, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at Island Park Football Field there will be a marching band competition hosted by North Penn. Ten bands are scheduled to compete. Mansfield University Band will be one of the bands.

**(J) Fire:** A Financial Report and copy of minutes were received.

The installing of quick nozzle connectors to fire hydrants and painting of hydrants to be reviewed by Blossburg Municipal Authority.

**(K) Television:** On August 1, 2009 Williamson Television Co. was sold to Blue Ridge Communications. It will be approximately 3 – 4 months for all lines to be installed and the system to be upgraded.

Remove from agenda. Motion of Cheryl Bubacz; second, James Bogaczyk. All in favor.

**(L) Library:** No meeting.

**(M) Street Committee:** 1B stone from tar & chipping swept up.

A request was made to have stop sign installed on Bleker Street.

**(N) Budget:** A budget meeting was scheduled for October 8, 2009 at 4:30 P.M.

**Reports:**

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

Hamilton Township is receiving their water from Blossburg Borough. Morris Run Filter Plant is now out of service. BMA is looking into purchasing some of the plant's equipment to use at Bellman Water Treatment Plant and Rod & Gun Well.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Minor Sub-Division/Cul-D-Sac:** Nothing.

2. **Blossburg Memorial Repairs:**

Repairs have not started yet. The contractor is two weeks behind with their other jobs.

3. **Ordinance No. 421 – Zoning Change to Heavy Industrial:**

Discussed and adopted earlier.

A meeting is scheduled with PennDOT on September 24, 2009 in Montoursville to discuss traffic census / ramp lighting problems.

4. **Unightly Properties:** At last month's meeting a few properties were discussed regarding their condition / appearance. These properties are being cleaned up.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Request to Hold Block Party on Morris Street:**

Loretta Frost, 140 Main Street submitted a request to have the road from the intersection of Nevins Street to Bleker Street blocked off for the purpose of holding a Block Party on September 26, 2009 from 2:00 P.M. to end . Motion to allow Ms. Frost's request was made by Jill Nickerson; second, Cheryl Bubacz. All in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. **TIOGA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TCDC) 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MEET OUR MEMBER MIXER WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 AT SEABROOK HOUSE WEST, 355 CHURCH STREET, WESTFIELD, PA. 5:00 P.M TO 7:00 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY SEPTEMBER 9, 2009.**

2. **TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 AT THE KNOXVILLE COMMUNITY CCENTER (FORMER GERTRUDE CASE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL), EAST MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 7:00 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009.**

3. **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009 HOMECOMING PARADE AT 6:00 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Jerome Ogden closed the meeting at 8:02 P.M.

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.**

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Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary