

# BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## March 15, 2010

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Council President James J. 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:** (absent, Vice-President Thomas Bogaczyk (in Florida)); Second Vice-President Jill Nickerson; Councilmembers (absent, Jerome Ogden), Jeffrey Everett, Mark Bowne, Roger Bunn; Mayor John Backman; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; (absent, Chief Joshua McCurdy (sick)); Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) Member Josh Jones; Cheryl Clarke Sun Gazette; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette; Mike Jerzak.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February 1, 2010 and March 1, 2010 meetings were accepted on motion of Jill Nickerson; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report accepted subject to audit on motion of Jeffrey Everett; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

**Bills:** Bills to be paid on motion of Jeffrey Everett; second, Roger Bunn. All in favor.

**Guests:** None present.

**Reports:** Mike Jerzak was attending tonight's meeting for observation.

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

**(B) KCC:** Borough Manager George Lloyd received a suggested list of KCC building repairs from Kiwanis members.

The KCC checking is to be closed out. All revenues and expenditures will be distributed through the Blossburg Borough General Fund.

**(C) Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are held on fourth Wednesday of the month in the KCC Building on Island Park at 6:00 P.M.

V.I.B.E. Minutes for February 24, 2010 were printed from the Internet and copied for Councilmembers.

V.I.B.E. member Josh Jones reported "Blossburg V.I.B.E. officers met on March 9, 2010 to restructure the V.I.B.E. action teams to better align with today's economic and current initiatives. V.I.B.E. has organized the action teams into five (5) core areas: Economic Restructuring, Communication and Promotion, Design, Youth Involvement, and Community Vitality."

V.I.B.E. members discussed the need to keep their lines of communication open to current and potential members. The website and a new Facebook Fan Page have been created to help with "better communication and engagement with community members who use different mediums for receiving news."

The Fall Festival date has been set for October 17, 2010.

The Community Yard Sale has been set for May 22, 2010.

**Reports:**

**Skate Park:** The Blossburg Borough and Borough Councilmembers strongly encourage the use of helmets while utilizing the Skate Park.

(D) **Mayor:** Mayor Backman stated many sidewalks in the Borough are in need of repair and others could cause some dangerous situations. Blossburg Police Department is to do a survey of borough sidewalks. Property owners with a sidewalk needing repair will be contacted.

The 15 year Master Plan Update, which was done in 1994-1995 by Marvin A. Brotter Consulting Services, has expired.

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

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

Chief McCurdy was sick tonight, so he was not present to discuss the Police Report.

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

(G) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Jill Nickerson; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

Mr. Lloyd received a letter from PennDOT informing Blossburg Borough's local public officials of a proposed project to microsurface the pavement on S.R. 15 starting at Bloss Mountain and ending at the Tioga River. The work is scheduled for spring 2010.

United States Census 2010 information was received. 2010 Census Timeline: Key Dates are as follows:

Mid-March 2010: Post card sent to all households announcing that Census forms will be coming soon.  
Mid- to Late March: Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.  
April 1, 2010: Census Day  
May – July 2010: Census enumerators visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.  
December 2010: By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President for apportionment.  
March 2011: By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

(H) **Planning Commission:** No meeting.

**Zoning Hearing Board:** A meeting was held on February 9, 2010 and March 9, 2010 to discuss St. Andrews Church & Hall being made into apartment buildings. Convert the church into six (6) apartments and the hall into three (3) apartments. ZHB declined request.

(I) **Recreation:**

A meeting was held on February 22, 2010.

Election of officers was held. All officers remain the same.

Southern Tioga School District "User Agreement" for Island Park expires July 1, 2010.

**Reports:**

United Fund monies were disbursed in the amount of \$9,100.00 to the following: Blossburg Memorial Library - \$1,600.00, Little League - \$1,000.00, Blossburg Fire Department - \$2,000.00, Blossburg Ambulance Association - \$1,000.00, Food Pantry - \$500.00, Blossburg Recreation - \$2,500.00, V.I.B.E. - \$500.00. The balance in account is \$885.00.

Copies of the Recreation Budget for Park, Pool, and Recreation Building were presented to Council.

Pool: Western Surety Company (Bond) was contacted on project deficiencies. They want to meet on March 22, 2010,

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

Councilmembers Jeffrey Everett and Roger Bunn attended the monthly meeting.

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

(L) **Street Committee:** Nothing to report.

Street Light problems should be reported to the Police Department.

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

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

Water material to replace Carpenter Street water line was received.

Engineer is working on plan to lower phosphorus and nitrogen from Sewer Treatment Plant.

**Morris Run Sewer Line – Blake Road:** A motion was made by Jeffrey Everett to modify / extend Hamilton Township Agreement for the purpose of installing a sewer line on the Blake Road; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Southern Tioga School District Plans for Closing North Penn High School:**

Council meetings will remain the same and be held the third Monday of each month.

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

Meeting with Keystate Publishers, Inc. was held on March 9, 2010. Options with brief summaries as follows:

Option 1: This option provides supplement or replacement pages for the existing Code of Ordinances to will incorporate the ordinances noted above into the text of the Code. It will also provide the code in an electronic format, usable on a stand alone CD, loadable to any LAN or WAN, and posted to the world wide web for as long as Keystate supplements the Code. Total price is \$1,065.00.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Option 2: Codify existing ordinances, including necessary research to identify all enactments, and legal review. It will also provide the code in an electronic format, usable on a stand alone CD, loadable to any LAN or WAN, and posted to the world wide web for as long as Keystate supplements the Code. Unlimited consulting conferences. Total price is \$5,250.00

Mr. Lloyd is to contact previous references that hired Keystate Publishers to verify their quality of work.

**3. Gas Leases (Borough's & Residents):**

Borough Manager George Lloyd is waiting for information from Fortuna to possibly have all Blossburg residents join together in a community beneficial gas lease agreement.

**4. Mansfield Request on YMCA for Blossburg to be a Participant:**

Councilmember Jill Nickerson is working on.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Condemned Properties Update:** One property the Borough Solicitor is working on. The other property is up for Sheriff Sale.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED BY BOROUGH SOLICITOR PATRICK BARRETT AT 7:39 P.M.  
RECONVENED 7:59 P.M. POSSIBLE LITIGATION DISCUSSED. NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1. TIoga COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHs DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010 AT THE BLOSSBURG FIRE & AMBULANCE BUILDING, 324 MAIN STREET, BLOSSBURG, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 7:00 P.M.**
- 2. TIoga COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TCDC LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST AT THE PENN WELLS HOTEL, 62 MAIN STREET, WELLSBORO, PA ON THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2010 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M. (BUFFET OPENS AT 7:30 A.M.). R.S.V.P. & PAYMENT DUE BY MARCH 26, 2010.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** President James J. Bogaczyk closed the meeting at 8:13 P.M.

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.**