

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

June 21, 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: Vice-President Thomas Bogaczyk; Second Vice-President Jill Nickerson; Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, Jeffrey Everett, Mark Bowne, Roger Bunn; Mayor John Backman; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett (vacation)); Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) Members Tonya McNamara and Josh Jones; Cheryl Clarke Sun Gazette; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 17, 2010 meeting were accepted on motion of Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Mark Bowne. All in favor.

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

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

Guests: None present.

Reports:

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

(B) **KCC:** Nothing to report.

(C) **Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are usually 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 April 28, 2010 and May 19, 2010 were printed from the Internet and copied for Councilmembers.

V.I.B.E. topics:

(1) Welcome/Directional Signage: Tonya McNamara reported there is approximately \$1,300.00 left from Scarnati funding. Mrs. McNamara made a proposal of adding small signs that use symbols to direct visitors around town and to the Island Park. Two of these signs would be attached on both sides of the Welcome Sign located at the North end of Main Street. A few additional signs would be positioned around town. The Welcome Sign horizontal riders are 12" x 70". Vertical post signs size are 48" x 12". Motion to proceed with Mrs. McNamara signage proposal was made by Jeffrey Everett; second Jill Nickerson. All in favor. (2) Josh Jones is working on an updated deployment layout for the new Wi-Fi equipment that was purchased from Open-Mesh. (3) Fall Festival is scheduled for October 17, 2010. A database of vendor contact information is being created.

Skate Park: Money is available to build the pavilion for the Skate Park.

Reports:

(D) **Mayor:** Mayor Backman had nothing to report at this time.

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

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

Chief McCurdy reported there were no problems during the Coal Festival.

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant/Loan Assistance:
Police Car Grant/Loan: The cost is approximately \$34,000.00 for a Ford Explorer with V8 motor. Price does not include decals or radio installation. Councilmembers discussed possibly getting additional quotes from other dealerships. Motion to submit United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant/Loan Assistance Application was made by Jeffrey Everett; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

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

(G) **Borough Manager:**

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

A letter was received from Rev. A. Michele Somevile, Pastor, New Visions Parish and Blossburg First United Methodist Church, and on behalf of the Blossburg Area Ecumenical Ministerium, cancelling "A Night in Bethlehem" scheduled for July 11, 2010 at the Blossburg Riverside Shopping Plaza. The event is being rescheduled for December 5th and 12th at the Blossburg Memorial Library Community Room and parking lot.

Through the efforts of Jerome Ogden, Blue Ridge Communications donated a 20KW generator to the Blossburg Borough. The generator was once used by Williamson Road Television Co., Inc. Michael Stoudt and Borough Manager George Lloyd are working on removing the generator from the present location and installing it at the Borough Building.

The First Baptist Church is holding Summer Vacation Bible School. For safety purposes, tonight and for the remaining of this week, a section of Carpenter Street will be blocked off.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: A meeting was held on May 26, 2010.

Reviewed and approved:

Conversion of single family dwelling to two (2) apartments on North Williamson Road.

Dr. Stephen Ollock request a change in use for the St. Andrews Hall located at 116 Seymour Street into dental offices. The St. Andrews Church to remain the same.

(I) **Recreation:**

Councilmember Jeffrey Everett stated a drinking fountain is needed on Island Park and restroom facilities need to be upgraded. A discussion was held on both items. Councilmembers requested these two items remain on the agenda.

Reports:

A request was received to hold a 5K Run Pool Fundraiser on August 7, 2010. In 2009 5K Run had approximately 24 runners. This year 48 runners are expected. Motion to allow request to hold 5K Run Pool Fundraiser was made by Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

Lewis and Clark Circus will be performing on Island Park Thursday, July 1, 2010. There will be two (2) shows – 5:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. This event is a fundraiser for the Pool Association and the Blossburg Fire Department.

Raymond Nealen will be teaching summer tennis classes at Island Park for ages 5 and up. Classes to start July 6, 2010, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Classes will end the first week in August.

Tennis Courts: "The people in Mansfield who are trying to raise the money for this apparently have some "angle" who is willing to put up the money so the courts can be ready by this fall for the tennis programs." The Borough will do about \$4,000.00 in work removing and putting the fencing back around the courts, so paving equipment can be brought in. Council President James Bogaczyk announced that the Blossburg American Legion Post 572 wants to donate \$2,000.00 toward the cost, so the Borough can get the tennis courts repaired and in order for \$2,000.00. Stuart Lisowski Excavation will mill down the cracks and repair the base for between \$16,000 and \$17,000.00. The total costs for repairs, including new topcoats, will be \$34,000.00 to \$36,000.00. Motion to start work on the tennis courts was made by Jill Nickerson; second, Mark Bowne. All in favor.

Pool: Work is progressing with no problems. Pool should open by the third week of July.

Main Line submitted Invoice #4 for work completed at the pool. The invoice amount is \$63,900.00. Motion to pay Invoice #4 was made by Jeffery Everett; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

(J) Fire: A Financial Report was received.

Department is working on a logo and a Public Survey Questioner on Department's Performance.

(K) Library: No report.

Flamingo Fundraiser is going good.

(L) Street Committee:

Started the tar and chipping on Hannibal Street. Finish the other streets on July 6, 2010.

Motion made by Mark Bowne to have an ordinance prepared for No Parking along west side of Ruah Street from Hannibal Street to Lynd Street; second, Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor. Information to be forwarded to Borough Solicitor.

Working on letters to homeowners with sidewalks needing repaired.

Hawbaker Engineering had a traffic engineer evaluate the intersection at Boone Run Road and North Williamson Road, where the proposed Hydro Recovery Frac Wastewater Plant is to be constructed, for a traffic signal. There are no findings; intersection is not eligible for a traffic signal.

Reports:

Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett to review an ordinance from Hamilton Township, limiting truck traffic on their streets. Wellsboro Borough has something similar. Possibly use same ordinance for Taber Street or all borough streets.

(M) Budget: 2011 budget preparation to start in September.

(N) Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):

Grabowski Trailer Park is proposing to expand.

Carpenter Street new water line installation to start soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

The Community is still being encouraged to support and keep updated in the decisions regarding repairs or new construction on the Blossburg schools.

2. Borough Code of Ordinances – Update: Keystate Publishers' to be contacted soon.

3. Gas Leases (Borough's & Residents): Nothing to report.

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

Councilmember Jill Nickerson reported a \$150,000.00 Wellness Room is needed in order for the Y to brand the facility as a recreation center. Motion to donate \$500.00 to Mansfield Borough towards a Wellness Room was made by Jill Nickerson; second, Jeffrey Everett. All in favor.

5. Condemned Properties Update:

Davis Street property was sold. New owner has been in contact with Code Officer Michael Stoudt for Building Permit.

Borough Solicitor is working on Maple Hill property.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bid Opening for John Deere 216: Received as advertised. One bid received.

Bruce Toothaker, 118 South Williamson Road, Blossburg, PA 16912: John Deere 216 - \$201.00

Motion was made by Thomas Bogaczyk to accept Bruce Toothaker's bid for the John Deere 216 in the amount of \$201.00; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

2. FEMA Meeting on Flood Map – June 29, 2010, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., at Tokishi Building, 10 Nypum Lane, Wellsboro:

Mayor John E. Backman, Borough Engineer William S. Bray and Borough Manager George Lloyd to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following people will not be attending the July 19, 2010 Council Meeting:

Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett – Vacation

Borough Manager George Lloyd – Vacation – July 12 – 23, 2010

Council President James J. Bogaczyk – Extended Vacation – Starting on July 5, 2010.

TIOGA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TCDC) 17th ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010 AT MANSFIELD JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL, 73 WEST WELLSBORO STREET, MANSFIELD, PA. SOCIAL RECEPTION 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. PROGRAM, AWARDS & ENTERTAINMENT 7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY JULY 19, 2010.

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

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

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary