

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 10, 2014

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Council President Thomas 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 Jill Nickerson; Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, Jolene Hall, Paul Hosszu, (absent, Stephen Wagner), James Rakoski; Mayor Shane Nickerson; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); Chief Joshua McCurdy; Corporal Robert Scott; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette; William Meyers President Riverside Homeowners Association; Mataya Nickerson.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting were accepted on motion of Jolene Hall; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Report accepted subject to audit on motion of James Rakoski; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

Bills: Bills to be paid on motion of Jolene Hall; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

Guests: William Meyers President Riverside Homeowners Association thanked Council for the purchase of the engine / jake brake retarder signs, which were placed North of Taber Street to the Rt. 15 / I99 overpass on North Williamson Road, and installing the stop sign on the corner of Mill and Hannibal Streets. The signs are serving their purpose well.

Mr. Meyers asked about the home located at 110 Diehr Street and if it was vacant. He stated the land would make ideal additional parking for Riverside residents. Borough Manager George D. Lloyd reported the home may be vacant, but owners are being billed for water, sewer, and sanitary utilities.

The pedestrian sign that was located at the corners of McIntyre and Main Streets and the pedestrian sign located at the corners of Carpenter and Main Streets were hit by vehicles. Mr. Lloyd is to repair both signs, if not fixable, Councilmember Jerome Ogden would like both signs replaced with new ones.

Reports:

(A) **NPHS Student:** Nothing to report.

(B) Committee Business Development:

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

V.I.B.E. Minutes were not available from the Internet.

V.I.B.E. projects: (1) A Small Town Christmas that was held on November 29, 2014 was a success. (2) "Light Up the Holidays" judging will be held on December 17, 2014. (3) January 26, 2015 an Appreciation Dinner will be held for all V.I.B.E. donors.

Reports:

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

(D) **Police:** Everyone has received a copy of the new detailed Police Report.

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

Addition to the Police Report: District Magistrate Fines Total - \$624.14.

(E) **Police Committee:** Nothing to report.

(F) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Paul Hosszu; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

Tioga County GIS Department sent a letter to offer their services in creating zoning data and subsequent zoning maps for our municipality, at no cost.

Upper Tioga River Regional Authority (UTRRA) meeting minutes were included in Councilmembers December's monthly packets and all future UTRRA information and correspondence will be included in Councilmembers monthly packets.

On November 25, 2014 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) held a Community Coordination and Outreach (CCO) Meeting in Tioga County. Mayor Shane Nickerson, Councilmember Paul Hosszu, and Borough Manager George D. Lloyd were in attendance. Borough Engineer William S. Bray to review the preliminary digital FIRM and make any corrections. If no delays, the digital FIRM will be published and become effective in mid-2015. Council must advertise and pass a revised Floodplain Ordinance by July 16, 2015, or flood insurance will not be available for residents.

Main Street benches and coal car planters are to be removed and stored, at Island Park, over winter.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(H) **Recreation:**

Blossburg Area United Fund to stuff envelopes for donation campaign on January 27, 2015 at the Victoria Theater.

A pool slide for Island Park Pool is to be purchased and donated by MCRJ (Jeremy Jones). Borough crew is to install.

Island Park River Walk: Nothing to report.

(I) **Fire:** No Financial Report or Minutes were received.

The old rescue truck was hit by a vehicle while at the scene of an accident on new Rt. 15 / I99. Department is waiting for insurance adjuster's decision if repairable or totaled.

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

Reports:

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

(L) **Shade Tree Commission:** Nothing to report.

(M) **Budget:**

Proposed 2015 Budget: \$946,492.00 Revenues/Expenses. Increase Borough taxes by ½ mill. Borough: 6.307 Mills – Fire: .568 Mills – Library: .250 Mills. Effective rate: 7.125 mills.

Borough Occupation / Per Capita Tax to remain the same.

A motion to accept the 2015 Budget was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Jerome Ogden. All in favor.

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

Monitoring well to be drilled at Taylor Run with production well specs, so can use as mechanical backup if hit more good water. Work to be done the week of December 16, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Southern Tioga School District (STSD) Plans:** Nothing to report.

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

Keystone Publishers sent completed "Final Draft". Councilmembers reviewing information for changes. Attorney William Stokes is reviewing Final Draft, also.

3. **Condemned Properties Update:** 101 Post Street. Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Motion to advertise the 2015 Tax Ordinance:**

Motion to advertise the 2015 Tax Ordinance was made by Jerome Ogden; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

2. **2015 Fuel Bids (Coverage Period: January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015):**

Received as advertised:

<u>Williams Oil & Propane:</u>	Diesel Winter Mix -	\$2.4782 per gallon
	Diesel Summer Mix -	\$2.4782 per gallon
	Unleaded Medium Grade -	\$2.3227 per gallon
<u>Superior Plus Energy Services:</u>	Diesel Winter Mix -	\$2.0981 per gallon
	Diesel Summer Mix -	\$2.4530 per gallon
	Unleaded Medium Grade -	\$2.4830 per gallon

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to accept Williams Oil & Propane Unleaded Medium Grade bid; second, Jolene Hall. All in favor.

Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to accept Superior Plus Energy Services Diesel Winter and Diesel Summer Mix Bids; second, Jolene Hall. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014 AT THE PENN WELLS HOTEL, WELLBORO, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: President Thomas Bogaczyk closed the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Building Council Room.

Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary