

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 2013

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Vice-President Jill Nickerson 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, President Thomas Bogaczyk (in Florida)); Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, (absent, Jolene Hall, Paul Hosszu (sick)), Stephen Wagner, James Rakoski; Mayor John Backman; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Kelly Stemcosky Wellsboro Gazette; Kenneth Hughes.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 11, 2013 meeting were accepted on motion of Jerome Ogden; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

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

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

Guests: Kenneth Hughes was attending tonight's meeting for observation.

Reports:

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

(B) **KCC:** Problems with mice setting off alarm system in KCC Building.

(C) **Committee Business Development:**

Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) meetings are held on fourth Wednesday of the month at the Brick Tavern at 6:30 P.M.

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

V.I.B.E. Officers are: President – Heidi Jones, Vice President – Jill Nickerson, Secretary – Josh Jones and Treasurer – Kelly Rossell.

V.I.B.E. upcoming events: (1) April 27, 2013 Blossburg Community Yard Sale. (2) August 10, 2013 Slezzy BBQ for V.I.B.E. (3) October 20, 2013 Fall Festival. (4) November 30, 2013 Small Town Christmas.

(D) **Mayor:** Mayor Backman reported no weddings were officiated by him in January, February, and March 2013.

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

The Police Report was accepted on motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

2007 Dodge Police Car was repaired from December 6, 2012 accident and painted all black. Sensors on vehicle are now being repaired.

Reports:

It was discussed at 2013 Budget Committee meetings the need to have a third part-time police officer. The other two part-time police officers have full-time jobs, so scheduling police coverage can be difficult at times. Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to hire part-time police officer, Lisa DeLange, at the wage of \$9.00 / hr.; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

(F) Police Committee: Nothing to report.

(G) Borough Manager:

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of James Rakoski; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

Nothing to report.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: No Meeting.

(I) Recreation: Nathan McNamara was hired as Pool Manager for 2013 season.

Advertising for Pool Lifeguard Positions. Deadline for applications is April 24, 2013.

As his Senior Project, Blake Doane, raised \$1,075.00 for Island Park Restroom renovations.

Island Park User Agreement Between Borough of Blossburg and Southern Tioga School District: Council accepted the following at last month's meeting: Term of five (5) years from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018, for the sum of \$75,000.00, to be paid \$15,000.00 annually, on or about July 1st of each year. STSD Directors decided at their last meeting that a termination clause was needed in the Island Park User Agreement.

ADDENDUM: "Either party to the User Agreement may give the other written notice of termination of the Agreement sixty (60) days prior to July 1st of each year of this Agreement."

Motion to accept ADDENDUM to Island Park User Agreement was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

Young Lungs at Play: Information was included in Council Packets on "Young Lungs at Play / This is a tobacco-free zone". All Councilmembers agreed making Island Park smoke-free was an excellent plan. An ordinance needs to be written and adopted to enforce Island Park as a tobacco-free area. Motion was made by Stephen Wagner to have Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett write up an ordinance instituting Island Park as a tobacco-free zone; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

Walking Trail: Ward Manufacturing to start their pipe project, which will include some areas by the Walking Trail.

Pool (Splash Pad): Pool to open same day school closes.

(J) Fire: No minutes or Financial Report were received.

(K) Library: No meeting. Next meeting is on Monday, April 15, 2013.

Library upcoming events: (1) May 19, 2013 Bingo to be held at the Blossburg Fire Hall.

Reports:

(2) July 28, 2013 Garden Party to be held at the Hamilton Club.

(L) **Street Committee:** Borough Manger is looking at roads / streets needing tar & chipping this year and has a list almost completed to present to Council. Street Committee will review list before next Council Meeting.

(M) **Shade Tree Commission:** A meeting is to be scheduled so members can review sidewalks.

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

(O) **Project Committee:** Nothing to report.

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

Nine (9) sewer manholes were repaired. Week of April 29, 2013, another company will be in town to televise leaking sewer laterals that Borough Crew found.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Southern Tioga School District (STSD) Plans:

On May 13, 2013 the Southern Tioga School District Board is to vote on closing Blossburg Elementary. Vice-President Jill Nickerson requested the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for May 13, 2013 be re-scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2013. Councilmember Jerome Ogden stated he would agree to change the meeting, so Councilmembers wanting to attend the School Board meeting on May 13 could. Motion to re-schedule and advertise the Regular Council Meeting to May 6, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. was made by Stephen Wagner; second, James Rakoski. All in favor.

2. Borough Code of Ordinances – Update:

A “Final Draft” letter was received, with Keystate Publishers recommendations and changes. Councilmembers to review items. A meeting will to be set-up to discuss.

3. Condemned Properties Update:

- (1) 219 South Williamson Road – Property owner is starting to take down structure.
- (2) 127 Schuylkill Street – Jeffrey McFall is trying to purchase.
- (3) 101 Post Street – Condition of property to be evaluated and mortgage holder to be contacted.

4. **Sidewalk Repair Letter:** Councilmembers decided to have the Street Committee and the Shade Tree Committee meet together to discuss tree roots lifting borough sidewalks, consequently making the sidewalks uneven and hazardous. Mr. Lloyd is to schedule the meeting.

5. New Electrical Service Behind the Downtown Monument:

Nothing to report. Stoudt’s Electric is working on design for Josh Jones.

6. Update Comprehensive Plan:

Council decided to amend existing Comprehensive Plan. Three (3) companies were contacted. Council is in the process of meeting with these companies.

OLD BUSINESS:

7. Talisman Agreement to Use Borough Streets:

Talisman would like permission to access surrounding areas by using Borough streets. A Road Maintenance Agreement with Talisman is being negotiated.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sale of Surplus Equipment – Bid Opening for Equipment: Received two (2) bids as advertised:

Mansfield Fleet Service, Inc., 14519 Route 6, Mansfield, PA 16933 and Dane J. Kurzejewski, Dane's Lawn Care, 2093 North Williamson Road, Covington, PA 16917.

	Minimum Bid Accepted:	Mansfield Fleet:	Dane's Lawn Care:
1985 Mack Garbage Truck	\$2,000	\$2,785	
1985 Ford Single Axle Dump	\$1,000	\$1,285	
1986 International 10 Wheel Dump Tk.	\$1,500	\$2,285	\$1,650
1989 GMC Truck Chassis	\$1,000		
2003 Ford Victoria Car	\$ 600		

Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to accept Mansfield Fleet's bids for the three (3) pieces of equipment and in the amounts listed above; second Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

The 1989 GMC truck Chassis and the 2003 Ford Victoria Car will be advertised / auctioned on the internet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013 AT THE ELKLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE HALL, PARKHURST STREET, ELKLAND, PA. SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY APRIL 12, 2013.

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH SPRING CLEANUP WEEK OF APRIL 29, 30, MAY 1, 2, 3, 2013.

**BLOSSBURG BOROUGH ISLAND PARK SPRING CLEANUP TIME MAY 11, 2013.
RAIN DATE: MAY 18, 2013 – STARTING TIME: 8:00 A.M.**

ADJOURNMENT: Vice-President Jill Nickerson closed the meeting at 7:24 P.M.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.