

# BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## May 13, 2015

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Council President James Rakoski 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, Thomas Bogaczyk, Jolene Hall, Paul Hosszu, (absent, Stephen Wagner (activity with his children)); Mayor Shane Nickerson; (absent, Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett); (absent, Chief Joshua McCurdy (leg injury)); Corporal Robert Scott; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Jason Przybycien Wellsboro Gazette.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April 8, 2015 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 Jill Nickerson; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

**Bills:** Bills to be paid on motion of Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

**Guests:** None present.

### **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.

The Community Yard Sale and the Appreciation Dinner were both a success.

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

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

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

Addition to the Police Report: District Magistrate Fines Total - \$1,331.80.

Chief McCurdy is off work and on Worker's Compensation, because he hurt his leg while on duty. The injury required surgery.

Corporal Scott is attending a Motor Carrier Safety Administration Program, North American Standard Inspector (MCSAPNAS) in Harrisburg.

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

**Reports:**

**(F) Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Paul Hosszu; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

The Upper Tioga River Regional Authority (UTRRA) has \$36,000.00 promised of the \$42,000.00 required for the water study (to confirm that existing permitted and soon-to-be permitted water sources are adequate to supply water to the new service areas).

The Fall Brook AMD Treatment Projects Ground Breaking Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2015 from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Hillside Rod & Gun Club.

St. Mary's bridge is scheduled to be repaired in October 2015.

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

Zoning Hearing Board: A meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. to review request from resident Amber Wetzel, 122 Morris Street, to board and train one (1) dog at a time in her home. A Special Exemption is required.

**(H) Recreation:**

**NEW 2015 ISLAND PARK POOL RATES**

	<u>Single</u>	<u>Family</u>
<b>Regular/Season Rate Starting June 1</b>	<b>\$105.00</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>
<b>Early Bird Rate up to May 31</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>
<b>Daily Rates:</b>	<b>\$2.00 Students</b>	
	<b>\$4.00 Adults</b>	

**Pool opens June 2, 2015.**

**Pool Times:**

**Monday – Friday 12:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

**Saturday and Sunday 12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**Pool is closed at 6:00 P.M. on Monday and Wednesday for Water Aerobics – 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

**Luau Party every Friday night – 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

**Pool parties may be scheduled on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday – 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

New public restrooms are now open. They are located on Northeast side of new borough garage.

Borough Manager George D. Lloyd discussed Dale Martin's preliminary plan for planting trees at Island Park. Pete Herres recommended Dale Martin. The four (4) trees, three (3) sugar maples and one (1) red oak, are in approximate location where trees were removed. Williamson Road Foundation allocated \$4,000.00 for removing dead and damaged trees and the planting of new trees. Motion to move forward with the preliminary plan for planting trees at Island Park was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Jill Nickerson. All in favor.

**Reports:**

Jones Foundation Grant of \$8,500.00 was received to assist with the expenses for installation of new donated pool slide. Construction is to start this fall and should be finished for opening of pool in 2016.

Island Park River Walk: A special thank you to all of the volunteers that work on the walking trail. Their labors have not gone unnoticed.

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

Department had a four (4) year audit on their State Fire Relief funding. No finding were found.

(J) **Library:** A shed is to be put at the library. Shed will be used to store used books.

Board discussed interchangeable membership cards. These cards could be used at other local libraries.

(K) **Street Committee:** A list of 2015 proposed streets for tar & chipping was reviewed. Total miles and cost: 1.86 miles at ± \$53,182.00.

6,894 Gallons – E-Oil:	\$20,682.00
200 Tons – 1B Stone:	\$ 6,000.00
400 Tons – Blacktop:	\$22,000.00
Contractor Equipment:	\$ 4,500.00

Motion to accept 2015 proposed street repairs was made by Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

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

(M) **Budget:** Mr. Lloyd made contact with Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative (PMHIC), a Self-Funded Insurance Company that can offer the same health benefits / coverage that employees have now. Councilmembers to review information and will decide on new policy in June. This plan is highly recommended and the Borough has the potential to save money participating in PMHIC.

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

Discussed increasing water rates 3% or 4% in January 2016. BMA members to discuss in June.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

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

Keystone Publishers sent completed "Final Draft". Attorney William Stokes is reviewing Final Draft. Mr. Lloyd to meet with Attorney Stokes on a few additional items: (1) 1 way streets (St. Mary's and Granger). (2) No snow or grass put onto streets. (3) A survey of property must be included in sale of any real estate in the Borough. (4) Hamilton Township Police Protection.

Nothing to report. Mr. Lloyd has been working on Floodplain Ordinance.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**3. Condemned Properties Update:**

101 Post Street. Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett drafted a Petition for Appointment of Conservator.

Contractor is to inspect and estimate cost to renovate home. Contractor also must be willing to appear in court to testify. Also, Borough is to inspect house.

**4. Floodplain Ordinance:**

Mr. Lloyd working on Floodplain Ordinance with Borough Engineer William S. Bray and Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett. Deadline to have ordinance done is July 16, 2015.

Ordinance should be ready to adopt in June.

**5. Worker's Compensation:**

A Worker's Compensation meeting was held to discuss Worker's Compensation policies concerning Fire & Ambulance members. Councilmembers felt the meeting was very productive. Injured Fire & Ambulance members are to have a doctor's release before returning to volunteer services with the department. Also, Fire & Ambulance are to submit a schedule of their planned activities.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Bid Opening for 2007 Dodge Charge (Old Police Car):**

Received one (1) bid as advertised:

Frederick Dale Yungwirth, 224 Granger Street, Blossburg, PA 16912:

2007 Dodge Charger - \$500.00

Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to accept bid for the 2007 Dodge Charger in the amount listed above; second Thomas Bogaczyk. All in favor.

Motion to junk 1997 Plymouth van was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

**2. Blossburg Improvement Association (BIA):**

The BIA requested the Borough to be the borrower of \$108,000.00, for Bloss Holiday Market and Post Office façade work on downtown plaza. BIA would like a tax free loan rate and would make loan payments. The reason for loan is BIA doesn't want to use all of their assets. Motions were made by Jerome Ogden to allow loan request contingent on BIA providing Borough collateral; second, Thomas Bogaczyk, agreement to be drawn up by Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett. All in favor.

**3. Cleanup of Trash on Taber Street:**

A thank you will be sent to Elizabeth Gross and Bronwynne Kotulka for picking trash along Taber Street.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL BLOSSBURG STATE COAL FESTIVAL, ISLAND PARK, MAY 27 – MAY 30, 2015.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** President James Rakoski closed the meeting at 7:24 P.M.

Motion of Thomas Bogaczyk; second, Paul Hosszu. All in Favor.

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Blossburg Borough Building Council Room.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT JAMES RAKOSKI, AT END OF COUNCIL MEETING.  
NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN. PERSONNEL ISSUES DISCUSSED.**

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Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary