

# **PUBLIC HEARING**

## **August 13, 2012**

**Attendance:** President Thomas Bogaczyk; Councilmembers Jerome Ogden (arrived at 6:15 P.M.), James Rakoski, Stephen Wagner, Paul Hosszu; Mayor John Backman; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Bev Jones; Kevin Kling.

AS ADVERTISED A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2012 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE BOROUGH BUILDING, 245 MAIN STREET, BLOSSBURG, PA. THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING CODE GIVING THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS REGARDING ORDINANCE CHANGES TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOSSBURG.

Ordinance No. 434: Consider adopting an ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Blossburg Borough. Section 1 – amends the Official Zoning Map to change the zoning classification from R - 1 (Residential) to C - 1 (Commercial) for Tax Parcels #02-01.04-031-000; and #02-01.04-032-000. Section 2: Contains a savings clause. Section 3: Contains repealer provisions. Section 4: Provides for an effective date for the ordinance after enactment.

Properties to be re-zoned are located East and South of the Dandy Mini Mart.

No objections were noted.

Hearing closed at 6:15 P.M.

# BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## August 13, 2012

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:** (absent, Vice-President Jill Nickerson (attending Southern Tioga School Board Meeting)); Councilmembers Jerome Ogden, (absent, Jolene Hall (attending Southern Tioga School Board Meeting)), Paul Hosszu, Stephen Wagner, James Rakoski; Mayor John Backman; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; Chief Joshua McCurdy; Borough Manager George D. Lloyd; Borough Secretary Mary Signor; Blossburg V.I.B.E. (Visions in Business and Entertainment) Member Josh Jones; Rebecca Hazen-Witucki Wellsboro Gazette; David Hedrick Hydro Recovery; Eric Kann Hawbaker Engineering, LLC; Kevin Kling; Bev Jones; Kenneth Hughes.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the July 9, 2012 meeting were accepted on motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

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

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

**Guests:** David Hedrick and Hawbaker Engineering of State College representative Eric Kann did a presentation on the proposed Hydro Recovery Frac Wastewater Plant expansion. The parcels of land where development is to occur was recently zoned I – 1 (Heavy Industrial). Mr. Hedrick explained the construction / storage expansion would be done in phases and 25 new employees would be employed. Due to the additional traffic coming in and out of the Hydro Recovery Frac Wastewater Plant, Councilmembers reiterated the importance of a traffic signal at the intersection next to the Kwik Fill on Old Route 15.

Kevin Kling provided Mayor Backman with the statistics of the construction, persons, and total work hours that were involved in the refurbishing of the baseball fields on Island Park. Councilmembers commended Mr. Kling on his supervision and dedication to the completion of the baseball fields.

### **Reports:**

(A) **NPHS Student:** School is out for summer break.

(B) **KCC:** Paul Hosszu is to paint KCC Building windows when the weather gets cooler.

### (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.

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

**Reports:**

(D) **Mayor:** Mayor Backman gave a "Memorandum" to Councilmembers in reference to Marriage Ceremonies.

"Pursuant to the newly passed Borough Code, ARTICLE X-A, Section 1005 (b) Marriage Ceremony Fees."

"It is my intent to continue to perform marriage ceremonies. Although the new Borough Code allows for a fee of one hundred fifty dollars. (\$150) I choose to charge no fee for this public service. I will, however, accept donations to defray my expenses."

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

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

The \$5,000.00 Department of Community and Economic Development Police Grant was finalized and sent in for "Closeout Approval".

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

(G) **Borough Manager:**

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

Formalities on the naming of Miss Daisy Lane are completed and ready for signatures.

Local Cub Scout Pack 2059 from Arnot and Boy Scout Troop 69 from Blossburg were invited to participate in the 2012 Opening Ceremonies of the Little League World Series that is being held in Williamsport, PA on August 16, 2012. Along with the honor of participating in the ceremonies, the Troop Leaders requested a police escort out of town. All Councilmembers agreed to allow the police department to escort the Scout motorcade out of town.

2013 Financial Requirements & Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pension Plans (MMO's):  
Police - \$13,715.00 / Non-Uniform - \$33,453.00. These amounts are increased compared to 2011.

(H) **Planning Commission:** Meeting of July 31, 2012.

Two (2) requests were reviewed: (1) Hydro Recovery expansion. Approved, subject to Borough Engineer review. (2) Reviewed Eric Johnson's request for a new home sewer connection on Johnson Heights Street. Mr. Johnson will be utilizing one (1) of two (2) sewer connections received from Dandy Mini Mart properties that were made into parking lots. Approved. Paperwork will be submitted to DEP.

**Zoning Hearing Board:** Meeting of August 1, 2012.

Zoning Hearing Board denied Doug Broughton's variance request for a rear setback from 35' to 20'. Mr. Broughton has 30 days to appeal ZHB decision.

**Reports:**

(I) **Recreation:** \$8,500.00 was received from the Jones Foundation.

Southern Tioga School District was billed for payment of \$15,000.00 on the lease of Island Park facilities.

Walking Trail: Borough crew is working on, as time allows.

Pool: Borough crew has started work on Splash Pad. Received drain boxes so work on piping has started. Two (2) concrete pits were set. Then a 6' x 7' slab will be poured to finish the 13' x 13' base.

(J) **Fire:** Department is asking and receiving donations for “Jaws of Life.”

(K) **Library:** Nothing to report.

(L) **Street Committee:** PennDOT to start paving Main Street in September.

The crosswalks to be done first.

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

(N) **Budget:** A tentative date of Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. was scheduled to start the 2013 Budget.

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

(P) **Blossburg Municipal Authority (BMA):** Smoke testing was done on Main Street businesses. Some infiltration areas were found.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Southern Tioga School District (STSD) Plans for New North Penn High School:**

Tonight is the Southern Tioga School District meeting. Vice-President Jill Nickerson and Councilmember Jolene Hall are attending the meeting.

Council discussed the closing of Morris Street, between Carpenter and Hannibal Streets. If this portion of street was closed, this land would give the School District more property for parking. A letter is to be sent to the Southern Tioga School District Attorney stating Council's proposal and also inquire about the STSD intent of building or the renovation of the school.

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

Borough Solicitor was in contact with Keystate Publishers. New adopted ordinances are to be sent to Keystate and they will incorporate into the New Borough Code from Pennsylvania.

**3. Condemned Properties Update:**

(1) Schuylkill Street property – Court Order from Judge Dalton issued. Property was sold. New owner was notified that the structure must be demolished within 60 days of June 8, 2012.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

(2) South Williamson Road – New owner is to be contacted requesting a timeline for demolition of structures on properties. (3) 127 Schuylkill Street – Borough Solicitor and Borough Manager are to review.

Chief McCurdy is evaluating offenders that are accumulating junk on their properties.

4. **Sidewalk Repair Letter:** Letters are to be sent.

5. **New Electrical Service Behind the Downtown Monument:**

No quotes were returned. Stoudt's Electric is waiting on scope and pricing on the Penelec side. Penelec Designer Ryan Roof is out of the area working on reestablishing power to recent storm regions.

6. **Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 219 – Prohibiting Parking on Bloss Mountain Road:**

**Ordinance No. 433:** Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 219 enacted September 13, 1972 as amended (Borough Code Chapter XV Part 3, §33) prohibiting parking on a portion of Bloss Mountain Road (also known as State Route 2005).

No parking shall be allowed at any time on the following locations: (1) Beginning at the intersection of State Route 2026 (also known as the access road to State Route 15) and Bloss Mountain Road (also known as State Route 2005) on the west side south for a distance of 706 feet. (2) From the intersection of Boone Run Road and Bloss Mountain Road (also known as State Route 2005) on the east side of Bloss Mountain Road (also known as State Route 2005) southward 540 feet and northward 215 feet.

Motion to adopt this ordinance, as advertised, was made by Paul Hosszu; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

7. **Zoning Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map:**

**Ordinance No. 434:** Zoning Ordinance amending the Zoning Map – to change the Zoning Ordinance Classification from R – 1 (Residential) to C – 1 (Commercial) for tax parcels #02-01.04-031-000; and #02-01.04-032-000. Motion to adopt this ordinance, as advertised, was made by Jerome Ogden; second, Paul Hosszu. All in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Hydro Recovery LLC – Expansion:**

Motion was made by Paul Hosszu to a approve Hydro Recovery, LLC land development request, subject to Borough Engineer review; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**NEW BLOSSBURG COAL MUSEUM DEDICATION WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2012, 5:30 P.M. AT ISLAND PARK.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Thomas Bogaczyk closed the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.**

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Mary C. Signor, Borough Secretary