

# BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## September 10, 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, Jolene Hall, Paul Hosszu, Stephen Wagner, James Rakoski; Mayor John Backman; Borough Solicitor Patrick Barrett; (absent, Chief Joshua McCurdy (sick)); 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; Andrew, Shirley and Jeffrey Benson; Bev Jones; Kenneth Hughes.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the August 13, 2012 meeting were accepted on motion of Stephen Wagner; second, Jolene Hall. All in favor.

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

**Bills:** Bills to be paid on motion of Jerome Ogden; second, Jolene Hall. All in favor.

**Guests:** Andrew, Shirley and Jeffrey Benson, 123 Schuylkill Street, presented pictures of 127 Schuylkill Street verifying the accumulated tires / junk that is on the property. Council stated they are aware of the residence / property condition and they are working on and will continue to work on, but the process takes a long time. The Benson family thanked Council and left the meeting.

### **Reports:**

(A) **NPHS Student:** School just got back in session from summer break.

(B) **KCC:** The KCC Building windows have been caulked and painted.

### (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.

Fall Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 21, 2010 from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The new and updated Blossburg business directory should be finished in October.

(D) **Mayor:** Many events are scheduled for Blossburg Fall Festival, including a hayride. A portion of insurance coverage for hayride will be sponsored by American Legion William B. Wilson Post 572. Motion was made by Jerome Ogden to pay balance of hayride liability insurance coverage; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

**Reports:**

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

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

Chief McCurdy was absent.

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

(G) **Borough Manager:**

Borough Manager Report accepted. Motion of Jolene Hall; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

Tioga County will be the lead agent for the 2013 – 2017 National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) cycle, Umbrella Bridge Inspection Program. Tioga County Commissioners are requesting an agreement, as required by Act 44, to enable Tioga County to make the necessary inspection arrangement of the Borough's bridges, including reimbursing the county 20% local share of the inspection cost. Motion was made by James Rakoski to sign the agreement; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority (NTSWA) is no longer accepting electronics such as computers, printers, copiers, televisions, etc. in the landfill starting November 1, 2012. Any resident having an electronic item for disposal should contact the Borough Office for a "Special Pickup".

A letter was received from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) about a Large Industrial Mineral Permit, in Hamilton Township, that was filed in their office. The application was filed by Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. The proposed mining location will be located West of Taylor Run watershed and East of Bellman reservoir. William B. Street will be the access road. Concerns or issues, along with information supporting comments associated with the proposed project, are encouraged to be sent to DEP. Borough Manager George D. Lloyd and Borough Engineer William S. Bray are working on a response letter, which is to be received by DEP in 30 days. Motion was made by Paul Hosszu to draft an environmental comments letter; second, Stephen Wagner. All in favor.

(H) **Planning Commission:** Meeting of August 28, 2012.

A request was received from Shawn Carey to store damaged vehicles at 219 South Williamson Road. Planning Commission will reconvene meeting after consulting with Zoning Solicitor William Stokes about the junkyard definition.

Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting.

(I) **Recreation:** No meeting.

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

Pool (Splash Pad): Borough crew is working on.

(J) **Fire:** Department purchased new "Jaws of Life" at the cost of \$40,000.00. BFD had \$15,000.00, from fundraisers and donations, to put toward the purchase price. The balance was borrowed. Organization is still asking and receiving donations for this equipment.

**Reports:**

(K) **Library:** Annual Book Sale starts Sunday, October 21, 2012 from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and will continue until October 27, 2012, during regular Library hours.

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

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

(N) **Budget:** Budget Committee met on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. and discussed revenues. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

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

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

BMA is reviewing information on proposed natural gas line installation along South and East boundaries of Authority property.

Richmond Township and Mansfield are looking for sources of water. Blossburg Water Company is checking to see if Blossburg could supply some of their water needs.

**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 is attending the meeting.

Council President Thomas Bogaczyk sent a letter to STSD Board of Education in support of continuation of the North Penn High School. Also, Mr. Bogaczyk addressed the Board of Education at the September 4, 2012 meeting.

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

Recent adopted ordinances were sent to Keystate, so they can 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.

(2) 219 South Williamson Road – New owner has sent in a request to Planning Commission to ask permission for the storage of damaged vehicles on property. (3) 127 Schuylkill Street – Borough Solicitor and Borough Manager are to working on.

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

**4. Sidewalk Repair Letter:** Waiting until spring to send out letters.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

5. **New Electrical Service Behind the Downtown Monument:** Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **2012 Halloween Trick-or-Treat Date:**

The Blossburg Borough will hold Halloween on Wednesday, October 31, 2012. The parade is at 4:30 P.M. – starting by the former Blossburg Ambulance Building located at the corner of Hannibal and Morris Streets. The parade will proceed West on Hannibal Street – then turn right onto Main Street and proceed North to the new Fire & Ambulance Building, 324 Main Street, where the judging of costumes will take place. Halloween hours are Wednesday, October 31, 2012, 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

2. **STSD Homecoming Activities – Parade on October 5, 2012:**

A letter was not received for Council's approval on the upcoming Homecoming activities.

Council gave Borough Manager George D. Lloyd permission to authorize activities when and if a request is received.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**TCDC's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meet Our Member Mixer on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at the Deane Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Main Street, Wellsboro, PA. 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

**TIOGA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012 AT THE KNOXVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER (FORMER GERTRUDE CASE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL), 301 EAST MAIN STREET, KNOXVILLE, PA. R.S.V.P. BY SEPTEMBER 12, 2012.**

**TRAINING SESSION ON BOROUGH CODES IS FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. R.S.V.P. BY SEPTEMBER 20, 2012.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED BY BOROUGH SOLICITOR PATRICK BARRETT AT 8:10 P.M. RECONVENED 8:38 P.M. PERSONNEL ISSUES DISCUSSED. NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Thomas Bogaczyk closed the meeting at 8:39 P.M.

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.**