

## Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees Meeting of December 22, 2021

Present: Mayor Mark Falsone, Trustees: Gail Harrington, Mike Didas, and Marco Falsone.  
Excused: David Poole. Others present: Clerk/Treasurer: Donna Wollschleger, DPW Supervisor: Brian Rayburn.

The meeting was opened at 5:32 with the pledge to the flag.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November 23, 2021 meeting were approved as amended.

**Privilege of the floor:** none

### Mayor's report:

1. The Mayor and Town Supervisor Wille attended a presentation at RIT with the group of students presenting the Trails from Boughton Park to Veterans Park. The estimate of the project was \$1.5 million. There is no plan at this time, but the Town may be looking into grants to cover some of the cost to complete the project. The Village would only be liable for a very small portion where the trail would go through the Village.
2. There was a Facebook post that Corey Yorks from our DPW department helped someone put air in her tires at Quicklee's. She just wanted to let the community know we have a good group of guys working in the Village.
3. The security camera system is all up and running.
4. Roslyn Duncan has resigned from the Zoning Board. The Mayor asked the Board if they know of anyone who might be interested to have them contact him.
5. The Mayor reported that Clerk Wollschleger received a letter from the Tracy Jong Law Firm requesting a 30 day waiver on behalf of Cheap Charlie's Restaurant LLC, located at 8 Elm for a new Liquor license. The Board discussed it and agreed with the waiver. The Clerk was told to send the letter approving the waiver.

### Clerk/Treasurer report:

1. A motion was made by Trustee Harrington, seconded by Trustee Falsone to approve the following transfers.

## TRANSFERS-DECEMBER 2021

TO:		FROM:		
A201	MUNI ACCT	A202	SAVINGS	\$ 482,922.01
A9040.8	WORKERS COMP	A1990.4	CONTINGENT	\$ 810.00
F201	MUNI ACCT	F202	SAVINGS	\$ 328,385.43
F9040.8	WORKERS COMP	F1990.4	CONTINGENT	\$ 54.00
F1920.4	MUNIPAL ASSOC	F1990.4	CONTINGENT	\$ 104.00
G201	MUNI ACCT	G202	SAVINGS	\$ 139,379.32
G9040.8	WORKERS COMP	G1990.4	CONTINGENT	\$ 54.00
				<b>\$ 951,708.76</b>

2. Abstract #7 (vouchers 195-234, TA-9-11) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$24,079.04; water fund \$10,835.10; sewer fund \$14,661.50; and TA \$334.49. The clerk and DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. **Trustee Didas motioned, Trustee Harrington seconded, and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.**
3. Financial reports ending November were submitted for review.
4. Clerk Wollschleger has completed workers comp paperwork for an employee who slipped and fell on the ice at the sewer plant on 12/9/21 and broke his leg. He is out of work till further notice.

**CEO report:**

1. Monthly report was submitted for review. Discussions were held. Trustee Harrington wondered why a complaint from 2016 for Lucas was removed from the list. She wonders if the infraction was fixed.

**Public hearing was opened at 6:00**

**Public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2021:** the public hearing was opened regarding the 2021/2022 tax cap limit at 6:00pm and the Mayor waived the reading of the notice. No one was present from the public and no written or phone comments were received. There was discussion among the Trustees and the Mayor that it is in the Village's best interest to approve to exceed the 2% tax cap limit if needed. This does not mean that the Village will exceed the tax cap but gives the authority to if needed in the upcoming budget. The budget would still have to be approved by the Village Board.

**Public works report: by DPW Supervisor Brian Rayburn**

**Water:**

1. Surveying has been completed for the State Street water project. Preliminary drawings are being prepared now and once they are complete; Rayburn will review them for any needed changes. Once complete they will go to the Health Department for approval. Rayburn expects the project to move quickly next spring.
2. The annual watershed inspection report will be going out next week.
3. The annual DEC reports including the water withdrawal report and the certification of flow management report will both be going out in January.

**Sewer and WWTP:**

1. There were a few electrical repairs that needed to be done in the WWTP after the recent high winds and brown outs. These repairs were done by DPW staff.

**Streets and Equipment:**

1. No news on the vehicles that were ordered.

**Misc:**

1. An employee fell at the WWTP on black ice in the driveway. He sustained a broken leg near the ankle. We will have work available for him if/when he is able to return on light duty. This same employee was also out for a couple weeks due to Covid just before breaking his leg.
2. An employee went out today for hand surgery. He will return in a week or two.
3. Budget is ongoing.
4. Trustee Didas asked who puts up the lights on the trees at the Village 4-corners and Pickle Park for the tree lighting celebration. Rayburn told him that was a collaboration from the Rotary, Lions club and Extreme Tree and Landscape. Didas said he received comments that the trees need more lights to make them look better. It was mutually agreed but the Village has no control over it.

### **Public Hearing for the Tax Cap override was closed at 6:10**

**Mayor Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Harrington to adopt Local Law #1 2021 to override the tax cap for the year commencing June 1, 2022.** A roll call vote was necessary to pass Local Law #1 2021, to exceed the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021 tax cap. Roll call vote: Trustee Falsone-Yes, Didas-Yes, Harrington-yes, Mayor Falsone-Yes. The law was duly adopted at 6:11 pm.

**Village Engineer:** none

**Standing committees:** none

**Special Committees:** none

**Unfinished Business:**

**New business:**

1. The Mayor asked Rayburn to follow up on the two remaining Frontier lines to see if either or both can be eliminated. Rayburn stated he will work on it next week. Wollschleger will send him copies of the bills. His concern is the communication to plant equipment.
2. The Mayor wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Adjournment:** The January meeting will be the fourth Wednesday, January 26, 2022. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Falsone seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wollschleger  
Clerk/Treasurer