

Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees Meeting of February 28, 2022

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

The meeting was opened at 5:35 with the pledge to the flag.

Executive Session: At 5:36pm Mayor Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Didas to go into Executive Session to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body a potential real estate transaction and the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. All in favor.

At 6:20 Mayor Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Didas to come out of executive session. All in favor.

Trustee Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Harrington to have Rayburn schedule an inspection of the property and if favorable, give Mayor Falsone permission to negotiate sale terms up to \$60,000. All in favor.

Minutes:

The minutes of the January, 2022 meeting were approved as amended.

Trustee Harrington made a motion, seconded by Trustee Falsone to amend the minutes of the November 23, 2021 meeting.

Privilege of the floor: none

Mayor's report:

1. Holloway House: The property has been up for sale for several years. The current owner is now talking to the ZBA about a special use permit for a potential buyer.
2. Snow plowing concerns: The Mayor received a couple calls from residents about snow plowing concerns. The DPW was made aware of the situations and took care of the concerns as quickly as possible. Rayburn added that just this morning he received a phone call from Quickle's stating that our sidewalk plow, pushed snow back into their driveway. Rayburn went to the location and called Ryan Duvall to come over as he was the one that was plowing the driveway snow onto the sidewalk, therefore, when the sidewalk plow went through it pushed all the snow back into the driveway. Duvall was asked to not plow the snow onto the sidewalk.
3. ZBA: The Mayor advised the Board that we are down a ZBA member so if they know anyone who might have an interest to have them contact him.

4. CEO Annual Inspection: The Village agreed that Jim Kier should do his annual CEO inspection of the Village in the spring.
5. Village Code: Our Village code is now complete and ready for codification and to be put on our website after a public hearing is held, a local law passed, and approval from the county. Wollschleger will notify the paper for a public hearing at the March meeting.

VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD

RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING

ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bloomfield has entered into a project for the codification of local laws, ordinances and certain resolutions of the Village of Bloomfield for the purposes of increasing the effectiveness of village governmental administration, providing for greater public awareness of and access to village legislation and protecting the health, safety and welfare of village inhabitants; and

WHEREAS the proposed codification has been published in loose-leaf form and the Board of Trustees now desires to formally effect the adoption of said codification by enactment of a local law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held by the Board of Trustees with respect to enactment of the following local law, such public hearing to be held on the 23rd day of March, 2022, at 6:15 p.m., in the Municipal Building, Village of Bloomfield, New York. The proposed local law to be considered is as follows:

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 -2022

A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THE LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES AND CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD INTO A MUNICIPAL CODE TO BE DESIGNATED THE "CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD"

Copies of the text of the above-named local law shall be filed in the office of the Village Clerk/Treasurer.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer is hereby directed and authorized to cause public notice of said hearing to be given in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Open Meetings Law and the Village Law of the State of New York.

VOTE OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AYE: 5 (Didas, Harrington, Fasone, Poole Falsone)

NO: 0

6. Memorial Day: The Mayor was approached by Abigail Miller asking if there would be a Memorial Day parade this year. The Board does not see a problem with having one. The Mayor is meeting with the School Superintendent, Supervisors from Bristol, East, and West Bloomfield to discuss.
7. The Mayor received a letter from the property owner at 24 Church St. asking for a 50% reduction for a variance he needs to build on his property. His property is split down the middle by the Town of East Bloomfield and the Village of Bloomfield boundary. Therefore, he needs 2 variances. The homeowner is asking for a 50% reduction to both municipalities. If he wasn't on the line, he would only pay for one variance. Discussions were held and it was agreed that the Village would honor the reduction of the variance from \$180 to \$90.

Clerk/Treasurer report:

1. A motion was made by Trustee Falsone, seconded by Trustee Poole to approve the following budget transfer.

TRANSFERS-FEBRUARY 2022

TO:		FROM:		
G8130.4	WWTP	G8110.2	EQUIPMENT	\$ 6,000.00
				\$ 6,000.00

2. Abstract #9 (vouchers 277-307, TA-14) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$7,916.41; water fund \$3,215.75; sewer fund \$91,154.70; and TA \$99.00. The clerk and DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. **Trustee Didas motioned, Trustee Poole seconded, and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.**
3. Financial reports ending January were submitted for review.
4. Wollschleger stated that the permissive referendum to move the \$15,000 from the sewer reserve was done in December and she will now move the money into the Sewer fund per the motion at the November 23rd meeting.
5. Wollschleger stated she has been very busy working on the budget.

CEO report:

1. January report was submitted for review. No discussions were held.

Public works report: by DPW Supervisor Brian Rayburn

Water:

1. The water project is moving along. The design work has been completed. Rayburn will be meeting with Jon from MRB Group this week to walk the project site and verify the scope of the work.

Sewer and WWTP:

1. The wet weather flow monitoring was conducted last week. 23 different manholes were surveyed in the overnight hours of Tuesday into Wednesday. There was rain and snow melt so there should be very good data. We will have to wait for drier weather to complete the dry weather surveying.
2. There was an unexplained issue at the WWTP two weeks ago where a flow set point in the SCADA System was mysteriously altered at 10:30pm one night causing extreme flooding to the plant. Rayburn noticed the flooding when he checked the plant cameras before he went to bed. Rayburn went in and was able to manually run the plant until morning when he had an IT person come in to help identify the problem. The issue has not happened again. Rayburn suspects a power glitch within the SCADA system itself; or possibly hacking.

Streets and Equipment:

1. Plowing has been ongoing.
2. During the recent rain and snow melt there was no road flooding.
3. Rayburn stated as the weather gets warmer; they will begin spring cleanup and start gearing up for summer work.

Misc: The Mayor asked Rayburn if he had the banner inventory done. Rayburn stated it was done and on his desk.

Village Engineer: none

HR Committee: Wollschleger and Harrington are continuing to work on updating the handbook.

Standing committees: none

Special Committees: none

Unfinished Business: none

New business:

1. The Mayor handed out the proposed budget and highlighted the major changes. The tax rate is proposed to go down from \$2.99/\$1,000 to \$2.46/\$1,000 of assessment. We are proposing to collect approximately \$5,000 less in Village taxes. We will use money from the equipment reserve to pay for the new van and pickup that are on order and replenish the reserve with the revenue we receive from the sale of the van at auction. He is suggesting a larger than usual raise because of the cost of living increase in the last 2 years. He explained even with the cost of inflation on goods and services and raises we will still be collecting less taxes from our taxpayers. We have been seeing an increase in sales tax which will cover the difference. There will not be any increase in water or sewer rates.
2. A public hearing will be held at the March meeting for the budget.

Adjournment: The March meeting will be the fourth Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Falsone seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wollschleger
Clerk/Treasurer