

Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees Meeting of June 24, 2020

Present: Mayor Mark Falsone, Trustees: Dave Conklin, Gail Harrington, Don Bowe and David Poole. DPW Supervisor Brian Rayburn, Clerk/Treasurer Donna Wollschleger, and the Village Assessor Don Collins

Regular monthly meeting of June 24, 2020 opened at 5:30 with the pledge to the flag.

Privilege of the floor: Don Collins

1. Don explained to the Board that the owners of the Elms want to subdivide the property located at 170 Heartwood Lane. This property was once divided and they merged the two properties together to create The Elms townhouses. They are trying to secure funding for the remainder of the property to continue building and need the 3 units that are built to be subdivided off the lot. The issues are that there were variances issued on the project and do they now have to start over with new variances? Do they need variances for each division if it is split? The Mayor advised them prior to the meeting that we would have to consult with our attorney on this.
2. Don was also contacted by the owners wanting to get their taxes lowered. John Barry is asking him to lower the assessment on the property at 170 Heartwood Lane. Don explained how he came up with the assessment of 1.8 Million and that it was actually on the low end of the scale. Don also reached out to another appraisal company out of Buffalo that deals with these kinds of developments for their appraisal. Don did not tell them the number he came up with but they gave him a range of numbers and Don was at the low end of it. Don explained to the owners of the property that they failed to come to grievance during the proper time frame and according to the Law he could not look at changing the assessment at this point until March 2021. The Board agreed.

A brief discussion was held after Don Collins left the meeting at 6:05.

Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were approved as amended.

Mayor's report:

1. We received our first payment from NYS for the UV project for the first application that was submitted. We received almost \$100K.
2. COVID update we are still functioning at 100%. The Town Hall is still not open.
3. We received an email from RGE asking if we wanted to convert our street lights over to LED. It would cost of about \$11K and would pay for itself in less than 6 years. A discussion was held. The Mayor reached out to NYSEDA to see if any grants were available. He has not heard back from them.

Poole made a motion, seconded by Harrington to sign the conversion with RGE to convert our street lights to LED and pay half now and the other half when the lights are complete. All in favor.

Clerk/Treasurer report:

1. Abstract #13 (vouchers 421-434) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$22,785.50; water fund \$5917.68; sewer fund \$974.57. Abstract #1 (vouchers 1-30), HB 6, TA 1-2) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$15,398.44; water fund \$9531.88; sewer fund \$8586.17; Capital Sewer Project \$582.50 and TA \$381.00. The clerk and the DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. The board also reviewed and signed abstracts #11-April and 12-May which the Mayor reviewed and approved because we did not meet in person due to COVID-19. Conklin motioned, Poole seconded and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.
2. Tax collection update: 53% has been collected as of today 6/24/20.
3. Donna is working on End of Year which is due by 7/31. She doesn't believe it will be completed by the next board meeting which is 7/22/20.

CEO report: The monthly report was submitted for review and discussion.

Public works report:**Water:**

1. There was a struggle for a few days last week keeping up with water production due to the high demand because of the heat. We are back on track now.
2. DPW replaced a main line valve and a fire hydrant near 49 East Main Street and installed two new water services for the town.
3. We have started painting fire hydrants that are needed.

Sewer and WWTP:

1. The new UV system is working great. It is much more labor intensive than Brian anticipated however it is doing its job. With each new process that is added to a WWTP, the plants "score" goes up. We are currently a grade three plant with only one level in the state above us. We should see during the next DEC inspection if the UV system adds enough points to make us a grade 4 plant. Should we become a grade four plant, all of our operators will need to return to school, be retested and recertified.
2. We had two sewer plugs during the month.

Streets and Equipment:

1. They are heavy into summer work now. Brian anticipates doing some blacktop and shoulder work next week and then on to some drainage projects.
2. The crosswalk signs have arrived but Brian has not yet had a chance to look at them.
3. There is no update on the two vehicles that are on order.

Village Engineer: None

Village Attorney:

1. The Mayor has been in touch with the Mr. Bryson in regards to the Elms and the split of the property located at 170 Heartwood Dr.

Standing committees: no reports

Special Committees: Joint Comp Plan:

Unfinished Business: none

New business: none

Adjournment: The July meeting will be the fourth Wednesday, July 22, 2020. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Conklin seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wollschleger,
Clerk/Treasurer