

Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees Meeting of January 28, 2015

Present were Mayor Mark Falsone and Trustees Francis Coleman, Dave Conklin, Scott Kimball, Clayton Barnard. Stephen Wayne was also present.

Excused were DPW Supervisor Brian Rayburn and Clerk Kathy Conradt.

Minutes were taken from a taped recording of the meeting.

The meeting was opened at 5:30 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

5:30 Privilege of the floor: Stephen Wayne has a concern for the sewer billing process for the Holloway House Restaurant during the winter months when it is closed. He feels that sewer service should be billed during the quarter that it is received and not a quarter in advance as the restaurant is charged sewer for the months of Jan., Feb., and March when the restaurant is closed. The water/sewer billing process was discussed and the trustees feel that a report would be helpful for exactly how the sewer billing process works for accounts that have seasonal water shut off.

Minutes: the minutes of the December meeting were accepted as submitted.

Mayor's report: The village has made a 50% down payment for a street clock to be placed on the southwest corner of Main St. and Maple Ave. The goal is to have the clock installed prior to the Memorial Day parade. The bank has given a verbal approval for an easement and to contribute funding. Contributions from other sources will also be sought.

Clerk's report: Mayor Falsone reported

1. Board reviewed monthly financial statements for December.
2. Abstract #8 (vouchers 251-281, HG23&24) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$23,819.00, water fund \$3407.76, sewer fund \$6741.62, sewer capital Fund \$3933.72 and trust and agency \$6766.24. Prior to the meeting, the clerk and public works supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. Trustee Barnard motioned, Trustee Coleman seconded and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.
3. Trustee Conklin motioned, Trustee Kimball seconded and it was unanimously carried to make the following transfers and amend the budget: in the general fund \$2524 from A1990.4 Contingent to A5010.4 in the amount of \$2503 to pay Chatfield for the Park Place project and to A8540.4 in the amount of \$21 and to amend the general fund budget such that \$14,290 will be appropriated from the Rte. 444 reserve towards the purchase the street clock.
4. The planning board will review a special use permit for apartments in the upstairs of 4 E Main St. in the Village Center District.

CEO report: the board received and reviewed the annual report for 2014 and the monthly report. It was noted that there is a violation form 2009 that is still not in compliance and although the Village DPW was partially responsible for delays, six years seems an excessive time frame for compliance.

Public works report: Mayor Falsone reported

1. Some preliminary work for phase 1 of the sewer capital project construction has started.
2. Winter projects such as plowing and cleaning have begun and will continue.

Standing committees/Special Committees: no reports

Unfinished business: none

New business:

1. Election: Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Coleman seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Cheryl Hall and Gail Harrington as election inspectors for the March 2015 election.
2. Preliminary work has begun on the budget and due to the need for road projects to be done in the next budget year, it will be necessary to exceed the tax cap of 1.48%. A local law will be drafted for the next meeting when the preliminary budget will be presented to the board for review.

Adjournment: The February meeting will be on the fourth Wednesday, Feb. 26. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Conklin seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Conradt, Clerk/treasurer

