

Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees Meeting of July 23, 2014

Present were Mayor Mark Falsone and Trustees Dave Conklin, Francis Coleman, Scott Kimball, Clayton Barnard and Public Works Supervisor Brian Rayburn.

Guests included Robin Johnson from RPTS, Emily Palumbos (District Chief of Staff for Brian Kolb), and Aaron Curtis from the Daily Messenger.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

5:30 Privilege of the floor: Robin Johnson addressed the board concerning the newly adopted State legislation for a property tax freeze. She distributed copies of the actual legislation, a time schedule for the process, data specifically for the Village of Bloomfield's tax levy and a power point presentation explaining the intent and process. Highlights of the discussion include:

1. Combined municipal refunds to residents will include village tax savings in the year 2016 and be based upon the 2015/16 village budget
2. Taxpayers eligible for a refund must be Star eligible, have an income less than \$500,000 and not owe any taxes to the State.
3. The village budget must be tax cap compliant, not have a local law enacted for an override and must file a certificate of compliance with the tax levy limit.
4. The actual refund will be the difference between the tax amount of the present year minus the tax amount of the previous year. This amount will discount increased taxes due to new construction, or an increase in assessment.
5. To receive a tax refund in year 2, the municipality must adopt a state approved efficiency plan that will yield a savings of 1% per year for the next three years. The plan must be submitted to the State by June 1 of 2015.

5:50 pm Privilege of the floor: Emily Palumbos introduced herself as District Chief of Staff for Brian Kolb's Office and gave a little history of her work background. She is available to assist the village with letters of support for projects and to facilitate any pending projects, especially with the Liquor Authority for winetasting events.

Minutes: The minutes of the June meeting were approved as submitted.

Clerk's report:

1. Abstract #2 (vouchers25-57, HG16, HA1) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$7845.57, water fund \$1460.27, sewer fund \$24,661.17, beautification fund \$8.58, and sewer capital fund \$13,352.72. The clerk and public works supervisor declared that all goods have been received and all services rendered. Trustee Barnard motioned, Trustee Coleman seconded and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.
2. Trustee Coleman motioned, Mayor Falsone seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the amendment to the sewer budget to appropriate \$5770 from fund balance to G81020.2 to cover costs incurred from the storm damage at the WWTP. It is hoped that the costs will be reimbursed through FEMA.
3. Reported on an Ontario Clerks Association workshop attended in Hopewell regarding the Ontario County Veteran's Services Department. Information will be shared with the community in the next newsletter.
4. Reported that the planning board is working on an update of the zoning map.
5. Reported that 7 sets of bid specs have gone to contractors interested in contract #1 and 3 sets of bid specs have gone out to contractors for contract #2 for the sewer capital project.
6. Reported that the AUD has been filed with the State Comptroller's Office, with an apology that the bank reconciliation has an unaccounted-for excess of \$85 that is in the bank but was not on the balance sheets.

CEO report: reviewed the monthly report. The board would like an update on the status of the non-compliant building located at 5 Main St.

Public works report: Brain Rayburn reported:

1. Some fire hydrant maintenance has been completed and several have been painted. More will be painted as time and weather permits.
2. The main line water valve has been repaired in the downtown intersection so that area can be paved when the state is done with the cross walk work.
3. The drawings and contract documents for the sewer plant project have been put out to bid. Bid openings will be on Aug. 14 at 2:00 p.m.
4. All of the road striping is completed.
5. Several road signs have been replaced and more will be done soon. (This is to comply with new sign regulations)
6. Several trees have been replanted this month where trees have been removed in the last year or two.
7. Sidewalk replacements on Oakmount Ave. will be completed by month-end.
8. Reviewed the water line and meter situation at 17 South Avenue. There is a main water line and meter servicing the house which continues underground and serves both apartment dwellings. The rear unit has been vacant beyond one year so the variance has lapsed. The sewer unit charge for this unit can be removed as it no longer can be a dwelling unit and has no certificate of occupancy. The property will continue to be billed for 2 dwelling units until such time as the property owner can insert a T into the main waterline and install a separate meter for the apartment dwelling.

Standing committees/Special Committees: There were no committee reports this month.

New business:

1. Annual audit of the financial records – Trustees Conklin and Kimball will audit the books in the next month or two. The clerk distributed resource materials from the State comptroller’s office to aid in the audit.
2. Park Place drainage – Mark Case of 8 Park Place met with the DPW Supervisor and Mayor to discuss the drainage problems around Elton Park which are causing damage to his property. The project was engineered many years ago and has been postponed in each budget year due to lack of funds. Chatfield Engineers will be contracted to design a plan and cost estimate to repair the road, sidewalk and drainage in that area.
3. Trustee Barnard has requested that the DPW remove the WOLCDC kiosk in front of the Big M grocery store on Maple Ave. as the WOLCDC has dissolved. The kiosk will be returned to the Town of East Bloomfield.

Adjournment: Trustee Coleman motioned, Trustee Barnard seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Conradt
Clerk