

Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees Meeting of July 29, 2015

Present were Mayor Mark Falsone and Trustees Dan Morley, Dave Conklin, Scott Kimball, CEO Andy Hall, and DPW Supervisor Brian Rayburn.

The meeting was opened at 5:30 with the pledge to the flag. The board observed a moment of silence for the passing of Trustee Clayton Barnard.

5:30 Privilege of the floor: none

Minutes: the minutes of the June meeting were accepted as amended.

Mayor's report:

1. As there will be an outside audit conducted, there will be no internal audit done this year.
2. Sales tax for this quarter is up 5.44% from this quarter last year.
3. Received an email request from Suzanne Pohorence concerning the creation of a community-wide garage sale. A request for feedback will be included in the next newsletter.
4. Mayor Falsone offered the following proclamation which was seconded by Trustee Kimball and unanimously accepted:

WHEREAS our community wishes to show our sorrow of the passing of Clayton Barnard; and

WHEREAS Clay faithfully served our village for 25 years as village trustee; and

WHEREAS during his tenure as trustee, Clay developed and promoted public service projects too numerous to list; and

WHEREAS Clay demonstrated his concern for the welfare and well-being of his fellow citizens by his actions both in his private life and by his participation in numerous civic organizations as well as in local government; and

WHEREAS the Village of Bloomfield is deeply indebted to Clay for his service to our community; and

WHEREAS Clay's service was given with such devotion that he earned the respect, admiration, and friendship of all of the citizens of our community through his professional leadership and dedication;

NOW THEREFORE in recognition of Clay's many contributions to our community and its citizens, we hereby express our deepest appreciation for his dedication and extend to his family our sincere sympathy upon his passing.

Clerk's report:

1. Board reviewed monthly financial statements for June.

2. Abstract #2 (vouchers 17-50, HA1, HG34-35) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$36,720.95, water fund \$2562.03, sewer fund \$24,209.77, sewer capital fund \$248,042.20, trust and agency \$9399.27, and beautification fund \$8.58. The clerk and DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. Trustee Kimball motioned, Trustee Conklin seconded and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.
3. Trustees reviewed and discussed the AUD. Trustee Morley noted that the total electric costs are high and recommends that solar energy be explored. This will be discussed with Chatfield Engineers.
4. Transfers budgeted in the 2014/15 budget were not done due to the difficult year.

CEO report: the board received the monthly report for July. Andy reported on the following:

1. 6 Bennett Ave. – the time line for compliance is Aug. 13 – a walk-thru by the CEO and Sept. 13 compliance.
2. AGL – NYS DOH has established a timeline for compliance
3. Compliance to zoning and building codes is always sought out first by an informal “friendly” request and followed up by written violations if there is non-compliance. The board supports this “neighbor friendly” approach to code enforcement and thanks the CEO.

6:00 pm Public hearing on TWC franchise renewal: there was no one present from the public and no written or verbal comments received. The board waived reading the legal notice which appeared in the Daily Messenger for two consecutive weeks. Trustee Kimball offered the following resolution which was seconded by Mayor Falsone:

WHEREAS an application has been made to the Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees, County of Ontario, NY by Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC (TWC), a partnership organized under the laws of NYS doing business at 2604 Seneca Ave., Niagara Falls, NY, 14305, and holder of a cable television franchise in the Village of Bloomfield for the approval of an agreement to renew TWC’s television franchise for an additional fifteen (15) years; and

WHEREAS the franchise renewal agreement would bring the franchise into conformity with certain provisions of the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended, and certain court rulings; and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held in the Village of Bloomfield on July 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., and notice of the hearing was published in the Daily Messenger on July 14 and July 21;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees finds that:

1. TWC has substantially complied with the material terms and conditions of its existing franchise and with applicable law;
2. The quality of the TWC service, including signal quality, response to customer complaints and billing practices has been in light of community needs;

3. TWC has the financial, legal, and technical ability to provide these services, facilities, and equipment as set forth in its proposal attached; and

4. TWC can reasonably meet the future cable-related community needs and interests, taking into account the cost of meeting such needs and interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees hereby confirms that this franchise renewal agreement replaces the original franchise last amended on 11/15/04.

The roll call vote was: Trustee Kimball –yes, Trustee Conklin – yes, Trustee Morley – yes, and Mayor Falsone – yes and the resolution was duly adopted.

Public works report:

1. There is a significant problem at the water storage tank on South Avenue. The tank has developed a leak within the piping under the tank or in the tank foundation itself beneath the tank. Identifying where the leak is and the fix itself is beyond our resources and capabilities. Chatfield Engineers will assist and a professional leak detection company has been hired to attempt to find the leak. Repairs are expected to be costly. Price quotes will also be requested from the tank manufacturer, Aqua Store, to provide for a future warranty.

2. There have been some unforeseen pump station problems. For the most part those issues have been repaired.

3. The sewer project is in full swing. Much of the work has been completed and some of the new equipment is in operation. We are already seeing process improvements. Phase two of the project will be out to bid in the near future.

4. Five bids were opened for the Park Place project. Chatfield Engineers recommends the low base bid from Villager Construction. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Kimball seconded and it was unanimously carried to accept the low base bid of \$295,862.50 from Villager Construction for the Park Place project.

5. The Town of Canandaigua has contacted the DPW with regards to a street sweeper. They are in the process of applying for a shared services grant in the amount of \$120,000.00 towards a sweeper and have asked us if we would join them in the grant. If the grant is approved, the balance owed by each municipality for the \$240,000.00 sweeper would be \$60,000.00. This shared services grant is the same as we did with the bucket truck and some other equipment in the past with the town highway department and the school district. The board authorizes Brian to pursue this option.

Standing committees:

1. Water committee – Mayor Falsone appoints Trustee Kimball to serve on the water committee in Trustee Barnard’s place. The water committee will work with the clerk to develop rate schedules for the TEB for 2016 for discussion at the August meeting.
2. Sidewalks – Trustee Morley has begun an inventory of sidewalks and will present his findings at the August meeting.

Special Committees: no reports

New Business:

1. Water/sewer rates for seniors – tabled until August
2. Park Place street lights – tabled until August

Adjournment: The August meeting will be on the fourth Wednesday, August 26. Trustee Morley motioned, Trustee Conklin seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Conradt, Clerk/treasurer