

Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees Meeting of November 24, 2015

Present were Mayor Mark Falsone and Trustees Dan Morley and Scott Kimball, and DPW Supervisor Brian Rayburn. Guest Laura Andolino was also present.

Excused was Trustee Dave Conklin.

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

5:30 Executive Session: Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Kimball seconded and it was unanimously carried to enter into executive session to discuss specific candidates for the positions of deputy clerk/treasurer and deputy clerk. The clerk/treasurer and DPW supervisor were excused from the meeting.

Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Kimball seconded and it was unanimously carried to close the executive session at 5:50 p.m.

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

Mayor's report:

1. Requests for water/sewer penalty waivers:

A. Request from resident on Michigan St. for waiver of penalty for 1 day late

B. Request for waiver from new owner of multiple rental properties as village did not have the correct billing address

C. Request from resident on Main St. that gave correct billing address but the bill was subsequently sent to previous owner in Florida and then forwarded to new owner after the penalty-free period. This was a village clerical error.

D. Discussion: The penalty shall be waived for the Main St. resident as the error is entirely the fault of the village. The resident on Michigan St. and the multiple properties owner have a responsibility to inform the village of a billing address change and to pay the bill within the 30 day penalty-free period, therefore they will be responsible for 75% of the penalty.

2. Sent a letter to Senator Funke requesting funding for Main St. repaving. DPW will collect needed data to submit formal request.

Clerk's report:

1. Board reviewed monthly financial statements for October.

2. Abstract #6 (vouchers 158-194, HG41) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$164,834.03, water fund \$51,400.35, sewer fund \$19,013.54, sewer capital fund \$3238.20, and trust and agency \$8230.0. The clerk and DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. Trustee Kimball motioned, Trustee Morley seconded and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.

3. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Morley motioned seconded and it was unanimously carried to make the following transfers: in the general fund \$20 from A1210.4, to A1010.4 and to amend the budget such that it reflects the BAN for the Park Place project in the amount of

\$200,000 and increases appropriations in A1990.4 for \$6800, to A5010.4 in the amount of \$15,250 and to A5110.4 in the amount of \$75,335 and decreases appropriated highway reserves in the amount of \$102,615; to the water fund \$6000 from appropriated fund balance to F8340.4.

4. The note for the Park Place project closed on Nov. 24. The bids were: 2.5% from Oppenheimer, 1.56% from Bank of Greene County and 1.55% from Roosevelt and Cross. The bid was awarded to Roosevelt and Cross as the lowest bidder.

5. The re-levy of unpaid taxes to the County totaled \$8677.46 for 12 parcels

6:30 Public Hearing: the public hearing for proposed zoning local law #6 of 2015 was opened.

The reading of the legal notice was waived. There were no interested citizens in attendance and no verbal or written comments received. The following was discussed:

1. The CEO has requested an amendment to Section 717 A(4) regarding permitted heights of accessory structures. There are approximately 35 existing structures in the village that are non-conforming and a new application for a structure taller than 15 ft. will be reviewed by the planning board in December. The change would allow accessory structures up to 20 ft. instead of 15 ft. The planning and village boards agreed with the recommendation.

2. Comments and recommendations from the Ontario County Planning Board review were included along with the incorporated changes into the draft law.

3. SEQR: The board reviewed part 2 of the environmental review. Trustee Morley motioned and Trustee Kimball seconded that the adoption of the zoning law will not result in any negative environmental impacts. The roll call vote was: Trustee Morley – yes, Trustee Kimball – yes, Mayor Falsone – yes and Trustee Conklin – excused, and the law was duly adopted as amended.

The public hearing was closed at 6:55 p.m. Trustee Morley motioned and Trustee Kimball seconded the adoption of Local Law #6 of 2015. The roll call vote was: Trustee Morley – yes, Trustee Kimball – yes, Mayor Falsone – yes and Trustee Conklin – excused, and the law was duly adopted as amended.

6:55 Public hearing: the hearing for proposed Local Law #7 addressing the property tax cap was opened. Reading of the legal notice was waived. There were no interested citizens in attendance and no verbal or written comments received. The tax cap is now less than 1%. The budgets are proposed based upon a five year plan, including infrastructure maintenance and equipment purchase schedules.

The public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m. Mayor Falsone motioned and Trustee Kimball seconded the adoption of Local Law #7 of 2015 to authorize a tax levy in excess of the NYS limit. The roll call vote was: Trustee Morley – yes, Trustee Kimball – yes, Mayor Falsone – yes and Trustee Conklin – excused, and the law was duly adopted as amended.

CEO report: the board received the monthly report for Oct./Nov. The CEO cited 6 Bennett Ave. with 2 violations with a court date of Dec 17.

Public works report:

1. The storage tank has been repaired. The mixer is on order and due to arrive. When the water tank was off-line for repairs, the Oakmount pump house was also off-line which caused the pump at the Michigan St. pump house to be over-utilized. The pump may need replacement at an estimated cost of \$6000.
2. The pre-construction meeting for phase two of the WWTP project was held on Nov. 19. Most of the major equipment has 12 to 16 week lead times.
3. We have cleaned our problem sewer main areas to help prevent problems over the winter months.
4. Many small projects were completed this month that were left over from the busy summer. Most of the fall work including brush pick up, clean- up of Pickle Park, streets sweeping, and placement of the holiday banners has also been completed.
5. Village Construction has requested payment of \$12,650 for tack coat on Park Place, which was not included in the original bid. The coating was necessary as the second layer of asphalt was delayed due to a timing problem with re-locating a utility pole. The tack coating was applied in good faith to properly bind the first and second layers which will result in a road of higher quality with a longer useful life. Payment is recommended by the DPW supervisor and village engineer. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Morley seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the payment of \$12,650 to Villager Construction.
6. The Village DPW received a fluoridation award from the CDC for 2014 for maintaining the optimum level.
7. December's work schedule will include getting the new storage barn accessible for the winter and some basic electric in it for a couple of lights and engine heaters on the equipment.
8. The updated five year plan should be completed in the first week of December.

Standing committees: no reports

Special Committees: Comprehensive plan – the final draft will be available in December for review. The trustees agreed that the Town of East Bloomfield should be lead agent for the SEQR.

Unfinished Business:

1. The trustees reviewed a draft public works policy intended to clarify how public works assignments are prioritized and the chain of command. Trustee Morley motioned, Trustee Kimball seconded and it was unanimously carried to adopt the public works policy as presented.

Adjournment: The December meeting will be the fourth Wednesday, Dec. 23. Trustee Morley motioned, Trustee Kimball seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Conradt, Clerk/treasurer

