

Regular monthly meeting of March 22, 2023

Present: Mayor Mark Falsone, Trustees: Gail Harrington, Marco Falsone, Mike Didas, David Poole. Others present: Clerk/Treasurer: Donna Wollschleger DPW Supervisor: Brian Rayburn

The meeting was opened at 5:31 with the pledge to the flag.

Privilege of the floor:

Minutes: The minutes from the February 22, 2023 meeting were approved as amended.

Mayor's report:

1. The Mayor had a meeting with Rob Richardson from Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council about getting a grant for Clean Energy Communities sponsored by NYSERDA. We have already completed some of the requirements and are well on our way to receiving a \$5,000 grant for saving energy in the Village. Some examples of what we have completed so far are changing streetlights and lights at the DPW department over to LED.
2. As part of the Clean Energy Communities Grant, we would like to adopt a Unified Solar Permit. The Town has already adopted this, and we should stay consistent with them.

Motion was made by Mayor Falsone, seconded by Trustee Harrington, to adopt Resolution 2023-02 Adoption of the New York State Unified Solar Permit and waive the Reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 5 (Mayor Falsone, Harrington, Didas, Poole, Trustee Falsone) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2023-002 Village of Bloomfield ADOPTION OF THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED SOLAR PERMIT

WHEREAS, The Village of Bloomfield Town Board duly adopted the "NYS Fire Prevention and Building Construction" code to provide minimum requirements to safeguard the public safety; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Bloomfield Code Enforcement Officer, who administers and enforces all provisions of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, the New York State Energy Code, and the Village of Bloomfield Code; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Bloomfield requires the issuance of a building permit for the construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, removal or demolition of any building or other structure; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code regulates the design, construction, installation, alteration and repair of equipment and systems using solar systems; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority has developed a New York State Unified Solar Permit that reduces the cost for solar projects by streamlining municipal permitting processes: and

WHEREAS, The Village of Bloomfield Town Board desires to promote the streamlining of the application process for small-scale photovoltaic system installations under 25 kW in size by

adopting the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and implementing the new procedures,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Bloomfield Village Board hereby adopts the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and procedures for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

RESOLVED, The Village of Bloomfield Code Enforcement Officer is hereby directed to use said New York State Unified Solar Permit application for and procedures in the issuance of building permits for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

RESOLVED, any further actions required of the Village of Bloomfield to affect the foregoing are hereby authorized and the Village of Bloomfield Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any instruments, documents or the like as required to affect the same.

3. The RFQ's for the I & I project have been reviewed and MRB was selected as the top-rated engineer. We are waiting for the proposal from them. We should have it to approve next month.
4. The survey for the St. Peter's property at 44 Main St. is complete. We will be closing soon.
5. The Mayor received another complaint about Bennett Ave. He has contacted Kim Rayburn CEO to look into the violations.

Budget Public hearing: the public hearing was opened regarding the adoption of the 2023-2024 Budget at 6:00 and the Mayor waived reading the legal notice. No one was present from the public and no written or phone comments were received regarding the budget.

6. The Town has contracted with MRB to create plans for a new sewer district and water district. Sewer changes would have to be made before it hits our plant and/or plant upgrades for us to be able to accept it. The Mayor had a conversation with Jay Mitchell about the proposed water district on State Rte. 444 and Jay Mitchell told the Mayor to speak directly to him about this issue not to speak to Town Supervisor Wille.
7. We received our Fiscal Scores based on the Annual Financial Report for the year ending 2022. Our Fiscal Stress is a 3.3 (0-44.9-no designation) and the Environmental Stress is 10.0 (0-29.9-no designation).

Clerk/Treasurer report: by Donna Wollschleger

1. Trustee Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Didas to approve the following budget transfers. All in favor.

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| A1450.4 | ELECTION INSPECTOR | A1450.1 | ELECTION INSPECTOR | \$ 280.00 |
| F8310.4 | ADMIN CONTRACTUAL | F9060.8 | HEALTH INS. | \$ 9,600.00 |
| F8310.4 | ADMIN CONTRACTUAL | F8330.2 | PURIFICATION | \$ 4,500.00 |
| F8340.4 | TRANS & DIST | F8320.4 | SOURCE/SUPPLY | \$ 6,995.00 |
| G8110.4 | ADMIN CONTRACTUAL | G9060.8 | HEALTH INS. | \$ 9,600.00 |
| G8130.4 | WWTP | G8120.4 | SANITARY SEWER | \$ 19,000.00 |

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2. The treasurer reports for February were submitted for review and discussion.
3. Abstract #10 (vouchers 285-324, TA 27) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$33,940.80; water fund \$14,445.07; sewer fund \$17,135.01; and TA \$374.00. The clerk and DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. Trustee Falsone motioned, seconded by Trustee Poole, and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.
4. Donna announced that all candidates from the Village election won. Congratulations to Mayor Falsone and Trustees Harrington and Poole for being re-elected into office. All three candidates were sworn in and signed the Oath book.
5. NYCLASS continues to do well for us. We have accumulated \$40,000 in interest as of this point across all funds.
6. We received our unpaid taxes from the County for last year that were relieved onto County tax bills.

CEO report: by Kim Rayburn

1. February report was submitted for review. Kim is completing the Village wide assessment of properties out of compliance.

The Public hearing was closed at 6:16pm.

Public works report: By Brian Rayburn

Water:

1. We held the water project pre-construction meeting at the end of last month. The contractor has provided all material submittals which have been approved, the staging areas have been identified, and the NYS DOT permit has been received. The contractor has provided a tentative project schedule which shows mobilization of equipment to take place in the first half of April with actual work to begin the third week of April.
2. Brian attended a Town Board meeting two weeks ago. Jay Mitchell stated that he was working on the Rt 444 out of district user situation. Nothing was mentioned about the South Avenue out of district users.
3. Dolco has started construction on an elevated water storage tank for water storage to supplement their sprinkler systems in case of fire. The DPW is overseeing the construction. It is scheduled for completion in the fall.

Sewer and WWTP:

1. RFQ's for the sewer project have been reviewed. MRB has been selected as the engineer for the I&I project.
2. Winter work in the WWTP is nearly complete. The DPW has completed extensive maintenance in the plant this winter.
3. There was a minor sewer plug on Howard Avenue. DPW had to rent a small sewer auger to open this line up (second time we have rented). We have ordered a similar auger with delivery slated for tomorrow so we will own the tool ourselves in case future rentals are not available or if needed at night.

Streets and Equipment:

1. Winter cleanup has started. They will continue to clean up plow damage and street sweeping.
2. All stone has been purchased and hauled in for this year's road construction projects. The stone had to be hauled from Oaks Corners near Geneva this year as they were the closest. Although the budget has not passed yet, we do have money accrued in the CHIP'S program to pay for the stone should the budget approval fail. Brian had to get the stone early as it is in extremely high demand and short supply.
3. Brian put our replacement van out to NYS OGS for bidding twice this month. It was put out in two different configurations to hopefully get bids. We received zero bids on both requests. Vans are simply not available. Brian was able to locate one that shows "in transit" (with no arrival date yet) to a dealer in Utica. He has spoken with the dealer and has secured a "verbal" commitment for this unit. The price shown on the window sticker is \$55,285, however the actual cost could be less, or a little more than that. We won't know until the vehicle shows up. Brian feels at this point, 3 years later and our current van needing work, we should jump on this vehicle should it be available. The Board agreed.

Miscellaneous:

1. Corey Yorks has his CDL permit and is currently taking the driving school in Farmington. Brian is hopeful that he will be done in two weeks. Note: The Village is paying \$3903 for his schooling to get his CDL license and \$20 for his permit. Corey must remain employed for 2 years after receiving his CDL license or will be required to reimburse the Village \$3923.

Village Engineer: none

Standing committees: none

Special Committees: none

Unfinished Business:

1. Memorial Day parade planning is underway. Abigail Miller has been a great help again this year organizing the event. Pam Helming will be the guest speaker after the parade, at the invitation of the Mayor.

New Business:

Budget: Discussions were held on the budget.

Trustee Harrington made a motion to adopt the 2023/2024 Budget; seconded by Trustee Falsone. The roll call vote was Trustees- Falsone-yes, Didas-yes, Poole-yes, Harrington-yes, and Mayor Falsone-yes and the 2023/2024 Budget was adopted.

Adjournment: The April meeting will be Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Falsone seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wollschleger,
Clerk/Treasurer