

## **Regular monthly meeting of November 29, 2023**

**Present:** Mayor Mark Falsone, Trustees: Gail Harrington, and David Poole, Marco Falsone  
**Absent:** Mike Didas. **Others present:** Clerk: Donna Wollschleger, DPW Supervisor: Brian Rayburn  
**Community members:** Rick Francis and Mike Bartle

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

### **Privilege of the floor:**

1. Rick Francis from the Bloomfield Lions Club gave a letter to the board prior to the meeting in reference to the Bloomfield Cub Scouts pack #54 needing room for storage. The Lions Club sponsors them and currently they are storing their supplies at the Fire House. However, they have been told they need to have it out by 12/31/23. They have been looking for space and went to the Town of East Bloomfield to see if they could store it at Veterans Park. They were told no. Discussion was held and it was decided that the Cub Scouts could store their derby track and other materials on a shelf and table in the basement of the Church. Rick will help to clean out space for them. They will have to notify the Clerk ahead of time when they need to access the building during work hours.
2. Mike Bartle addressed the Board in reference to the Lions Club wanting to start up a "Loner Closet" for handicap supplies. This would include wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, leg braces, toilet seats, etc., but no beds. They are looking for space. They asked the Town of East Bloomfield for space at Veterans Park, and they were told no. The Town has space for rent which the Lions Club is already paying to house their popcorn popper and spaghetti dinner supplies etc. but they can't afford to pay more. They are a nonprofit organization that does a lot in this Town and for our Village. Paying rent takes money away from all the good things they do. Discussion was held and the Village Board believes it's a great asset to our community and is willing to allow them the opportunity to use space in the basement of the church as long as it's available.
3. They reminded the Board that the Village Tree Lighting Ceremony was Sunday at 5:00.

5:50pm-Rick Francis and Mike Bartle left the meeting.

### **Minutes:**

1. The minutes from the October 25, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted.

### **Mayor's report:**

1. The Mayor received Brian Rayburn's written resignation for retirement effective January 17, 2023. The Mayor accepted his resignation with regret and wishes Brian the best.
2. Office update: The heat is on, mailbox is up, carpet has been stretched in the Clerk's office, the Mayor put up the ceiling tiles that needed to be replaced and we paid Ray Walters to move our fireproof filing cabinets. We will move the balance tomorrow and open on Monday at the new building-46 Main St. The drop box on the building will be put up soon.
3. We have received notification that LL#1 2023 to change the weight restriction on Main St has been filed with NYS.
4. Verizon update: The Mayor received an email and Verizon wants to do a site visit at the proposed location of the cell tower. The Mayor was advised that the legal fees could be up to \$15,000 for the lawyer completing the transaction. This would be paid back within 1-2 years based on what we would receive in rent from Verizon. Poole asked if Verizon could help with the legal cost. The Mayor will ask.

5. The job postings for Supervisor and Supervisor Assistant for the DPW have been posted.
6. There may be potential litigation for a property on Church St. having to do with a flag lot and the interpretation of the code for setback. The property owner will have to go to the ZBA. The Village Board has no say in the matter.
7. Jay Mitchell from the Town Board updated the Mayor that all 5 property owners for the new Town water district on Elm St. have signed off and is in the next phase.
8. The Mayor has received more complaints on the Lucas property on State St.

**Clerk/Treasurer report: by Donna Wollschleger**

1. Treasurer reports were distributed prior to the meeting.
2. Donna spoke to the board about increasing the General Fund budget because of the additional cost of removing asbestos from 46 Main Street that was not budgeted.

**Trustee Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Poole to increase the General Fund budget \$25,000 to code A1620.4 from Fund Balance.**

3. Abstract #6 (vouchers 174-217, TA-6) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$62,533.36; water fund \$35,076.33; sewer fund \$18,881.10; and TA \$99.00. The clerk and DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. **Trustee Falsone motioned, seconded by Trustee Harrington, and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.**
4. Tax update: 8 properties for a total of \$8,625.98 in taxes and penalties were rolled over to Ontario County to be relieved onto the Town and County tax bill. Members signed the certificate for the County.
5. The Clerks office received a disturbing phone message left on the answering machine about Troopers sitting at the Village limits writing tickets. Donna contacted the Sheriff's department about the call. No charges were pressed.
6. NYCLASS has made over \$100,000 in interest in all our accounts since September 2022.

**CEO report:** by Kim Rayburn

The October report was submitted for review. Discussion was held.

**Public works report:** By Brian Rayburn

**Water:**

1. There was one water leak located on the feed line to the public drinking fountain in Elton Park. The line has been repaired for now, however the drinking fountain may need to be brought up to current NYS DOH compliance. We will discuss this with the town next spring.
2. The department is in the process of replacing much of the piping in the two pump stations. This is required by the DOH.
3. The department is ready to complete a water tap for the first new house on Bennett Avenue.

**Sewer and WWTP:**

1. Annual maintenance has started in the WWTP. They will work on this throughout the winter.
2. A sewer line was ruptured by the house contractor on Bennett Avenue Monday. This has been repaired.

3. The department has inspected around 40 of our manholes with MRB. We have approximately 200 more to do. Due to workload issues this will need to wait until spring of 2024 now.

**Streets and Equipment:**

1. The holiday wreaths are up as well as most of the holiday banners.
2. The plow equipment has been serviced and the plows are mounted for the season.
3. The old van and backhoe are currently active on the auction site. I believe there are 8 days left for bidding.
4. I have acquired a two-year contract price (\$12,500/year) for grinding the brush pile. We will need to have this ground ASAP or shut the pile down until it can be mulched. There is no room left and we are in violation of DEC guidelines. We also have several of our own trees scheduled for takedown with the contractor wanting to start, at this time we cannot take the material. Discussion was held. The Board decided to go ahead with the quote from Green Renewable and also the Mayor will send a letter to the Town Board about the amount of debris being brought in. According to Brian, at least 2/3 of what's coming in comes from the Town and its residents. We currently split the bill 50/50. Plus, his crew is doing daily maintenance of pushing it back and monitoring it.

**Trustee Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Harrington to increase the General Fund budget \$12,500 from fund balance for the expense of having the brush pile mulched.**

5. Harvey Toomey's sump pump line on Church Street is no longer an issue.

**Staff:**

1. The department is down one guy. He injured himself and will need surgery. He was not at work when the injury happened. He will be out for an extended period of time.

**Adjournment:** The December meeting will be Wednesday, December 27, 2023. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Falsone seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Wollschleger-Clerk