

Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees Meeting of July 28, 2021

Present: Mayor Mark Falsone, Trustees: Gail Harrington, David Poole, Mike Didas and Marco Falsone. Clerk/Treasurer: Donna Wollschleger DPW Supervisor: Brian Rayburn CEO: Jim Kier Attorney: Joe Nacca

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

Minutes: The minutes of the June 23, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

Privilege of the floor:

1. The Mayor introduced the new Village Attorney Joe Nacca from Bond Schoeneck & King. Mr. Nacca will be our contact at the Law Firm. He will plan to stop in at meetings when he is available. Mr. Nacca has been a Village resident since 2009. There was discussion about the Elms Project.
2. Jim Kier: The CEO gave an updated list to the Board members since completing the report for June that was submitted. We are down to 9 violations from the Village wide issues that were originally reported.

Jim Kier and Joe Nacca left the meeting at 5:44

Mayor's report:

1. New signs have been put up at the South Ave/State St. intersection. The stop signs are now on both sides of the street and have larger "cross traffic doesn't stop" signs under them. Senator Brouk's office contacted the Mayor about a meeting with DOT.
2. The Village received 2 complaints about speeding and large trucks on East Main St. The DPW put up the Village radar sign in front of 39 East Main. The Mayor also contacted the Ontario County Sheriff's department about the complaints and they had an officer come sit for 30 minutes and found no violations. No tickets were issued. We believe this was because he sat in front of 28 East Main and by then the cars had seen the Village radar sign and had slowed down. The Mayor requested next time they sit farther up the street.
3. The Mayor reported we received 50% of the ARPA money.
4. The Mayor reported he signed the new agreement with Bond Schoeneck & King as our new Village attorney. He thanked Trustee Didas for sitting in with him while meeting with Mr. Nacca.
5. The Mayor went to the dedication for the Old Burying Ground at the Historical Society. He said it was nice and 30-35 people attended.
6. The Mayor received a call from John Barry of the Elms. Mr. Barry believes the Village should be responsible for flooding of 2 units on his property during last week's rain storm. He said he has video of water running down the backyards of East Main St. over onto his property on Elm St. The Village received 3" of rain in 4 hours. The Mayor reminded him that he was surrounded by fields and that water will run downhill. He also told Mr. Barry that if the SWPPP was completed that should have helped. Mr. Barry did not agree.

7. The Village received a noise complaint at 29 Oakmount. Allegedly, Doug Marble is running equipment for hours during the day and night and is a disturbance to his neighbors. The Village does not have a noise ordinance. The Mayor explained to the Board that many years ago a noise ordinance was looked at for the Village but you must maintain a decibel meter and have it tested yearly and that someone would have to enforce it. The only one that could enforce it in the Village would be the Village CEO officer. Wollschleger was asked to reach out the other clerks and see if other Towns and Villages in our area have an ordinance.
8. A discussion was held about buying some solar speed signs. They would have to be set up on a permanent pole and would not be able to be moved around. A motion was made by Trustee Harrington, seconded by Trustee Falsone to purchase 4 solar speed radar signs and have them mounted coming into the Village on East Main, West Main, South Ave and Michigan St. We cannot put them on the State Roads.

Clerk/Treasurer report:

1. Abstract #2 (vouchers 25-59, TA-3) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$71,590.34; water fund \$5,573.79; sewer fund \$22,645.95; and TA \$99.00. The clerk and DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. **Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Harrington seconded and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.**
2. Financial reports for the fiscal year ending May 2021 were submitted for review along with discussions on fund balance and reserves. June is being worked on to get caught up to date.
3. Wollschleger reported that she completed the Annual Financial Report (AUD) and submitted it to NYS on 7/21/21. An electronic copy of the report and the notes were emailed to each Trustee. The legal ad will publish on 7/29/21.
4. Sales tax is up 65% to 2020/2021 and 27% up compared to 2019/2020. Wollschleger is anticipating extra revenue for this year that was not budgeted. We have received 35% of the sales tax revenue budgeted as of today.
5. We received \$66,752.91- 50% of our ARPA funds.
6. Tax collection update: 96% of Village taxes have been paid to date. We have 16 properties- 14 owners that owe less than \$8,000 to collect.

CEO report:

1. Monthly report was submitted for review. See privilege of the floor above.

Public works report: by DPW Supervisor Brian Rayburn

Water:

1. Discussion on State Street/ South Avenue water project. With everyone getting ARPA funds, we should have engineer start on the engineering/design stage soon. Estimates from last fall were \$371,000.00 to \$392,000.00. The Mayor told Rayburn to hold off till Tuesday when he and Wollschleger will be on a webinar about the ARPA funds just to clarify.

2. Some telemetry system updates at the town water tower on 5&20 will be done in the next few weeks to bring that system up to 5G. There is no cost to the village for this upgrade as the town owns that tower.

Sewer and WWTP:

1. The DEC did the annual inspection last week at the WWTP. There were no issues found and we received a satisfactory result on the inspection.
2. During the recent rain event the plant became flooded as it is not designed to keep up with that amount of water. Part of the problem was infiltration which our engineer will be studying soon, and part of the problem was the discharge line from the treatment plant became submerged due to the flooding of the creek we discharge into. We were able to bypass the pump and had minimal damage to equipment in the plant.

Streets and Equipment:

1. With the completion of the paving on Main Street, most of our road work is complete for the year. We will be chip sealing Michigan Street and Bennett Avenue next week and are still waiting on the road striping crew. There will be some crack filling taking place on Main Street later in the summer.
2. Sidewalk replacements have started and should be done on Jones Terrace next week, then State Street and Oakmount Avenue. Due to the Amazon plant being built, concrete is very difficult to get right now.
3. DPW will be replacing some catch basins this month.
4. The replacement van and the added pick-up truck are on the NYS OGS site and should be out to bid shortly. There is a major supply issue with micro chips that are needed in new vehicles. Because of the shortage, the time frame on delivery of these vehicles is unknown.
5. During the recent flooding event we had very few issues on our streets. The levee that was constructed south of State Street several years ago did crest causing a small amount of flooding on Oakmount Avenue. There was some damage to the levee from the cresting water which will be repaired.

Misc:

Village Engineer: none

Standing committees: no reports

Special Committees:

- Joint Recreation Committee- The Rec Plan received about 200 surveys back. The top 3 areas of topic were Boughton Park, more trails and more public bathrooms.

Unfinished Business: none

New business: none

Adjournment: The August meeting will be the fourth Wednesday, August 25, 2021. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Poole seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wollschleger, Clerk/Treasurer