

Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees Meeting of November 26, 2019

Present: Mayor Mark Falsone, Trustees: Dave Conklin, Gail Harrington, Don Bowe and David Poole. DPW Supervisor: Brian Rayburn, Clerk/Treasurer: Donna Wollschleger and CEO: Jim Kier

Regular monthly meeting of November 26, 2019 opened at 5:30 with the pledge to the flag.

Privilege of the floor:

1. Jim Kier updated the Board on the Elms project. Jim called in JP from MRB to do a walk around the property for compliance issues. Several items were cited and JP sent the owner John Barry a letter stating that until the issues are SWPPP compliant, no more permits will be issued by order of the Village. It was also noted that the "hot box" has not yet been completed on the main water valve going into the property. Brian stated that if it is not done before freezing temps he will have no choice but to shut the water off, till the box is completed and the valve is protected from freezing.
2. Jim updated the Board on Mr. Lucas and his State St. property. A settlement was made between our attorney, Mr. Bryson, and Mr. Lucas. Mr. Lucas will put up a fence around the property and will have all building permits and violations taken care of by 4/1/2020. Mr. Lucas was also fined four violations @ \$250 each and has 30 days to pay the fines.
3. Jim also stated that the Martin barn may be used as a control burn for training by the fire department.

Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were approved as amended.

Mayor's report:

1. The tree lighting will be Sunday December 1st. We also received a parade permit for the celebration.
2. The Mayor went to a meeting at the County regarding shared services. The 2020 Shared Services Plan was approved. We will be having a shared IT person come in to appraise our systems and see if there is anything we should have. There will be no cost to do this.
3. The Mayor, Brian and Donna went to a meeting at HealthWorks for the new DOT regulations for CDL drivers that takes effect in January 2020. We will have HealthWorks monitor the clearinghouse for us.
4. Joe Ostrowski resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals as of 11/19/19. The Mayor sat down with Kim Gebo who is interested in serving on the Board.
5. The Mayor appointed Terry Hall to Chairmanship of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Kim Gebo as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals effective 11/26/19.
6. Local Law 2019-1 for the Tax Cap Override was returned and approved by the State.

Clerk/Treasurer report:

1. The Financial reports for October were submitted for review and open discussion.
2. Trustee Poole **made a motion**, seconded by Trustee Bowe and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented. Abstract #6 (vouchers 169-208 TA-6) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$38,247.85; water fund \$46,580.44; sewer

fund \$18,375.69; and TA \$99.00. The clerk and the DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received.

3. Donna rolled over the unpaid taxes to the County for collection. We only had 8 tax bills unpaid for \$11,163.11.
4. We received our 3rd quarter sales tax revenue. YTD we are up almost \$11,000 over last year.

CEO report: Monthly report submitted for review. See privilege of the floor above. Trustee Conklin did note that he thought Jim was doing a great job with getting the violations in compliance. Trustee Harrington stated that she has never seen the list so small. They all agreed.

Public works report:

Water:

1. The fire hydrant that was struck by the bank entrance will be replaced this upcoming week. Brian had several conversations with the vehicle operator's insurance company and due to the amount of claims involved and the high dollar amounts involved, it will be quite a while before we see any reimbursement and that will most likely be prorated. Our dollar loss is minimal, probably \$300.00 or \$400.00. Brian believes that it's possible to not receive any money because our claim is so minimal compared to others.
2. The main electronic valve for the public water fill failed. A new valve is on order.

Sewer and WWTP:

1. The UV system project is currently out to bid. Brian has not heard if any bid packets have been picked up yet.
2. The annual inspection for the WWTP is tomorrow morning. As far as Brian is concerned our inspection should be flawless and probably better than we have had in a couple decades.

Streets and Equipment:

1. We should be ready for the holidays. The wreaths and banners are up and DPW verified the electrical supply for the tree lighting ceremony.
2. The new plow truck that was ordered last April is delayed. Brian has been told that it will not be built until January at the earliest. This is due to GM being on strike. When the truck does arrive Brian will battle for a reduction in price due to the late delivery and increased costs of running our old truck.
3. DPW completed about 95% of the summer restoration work before the cold and snow hit. They will complete the work as weather permits.

Employees:

1. Rick Widman has indicated that he will be retiring in June of 2021. No action needs to be taken now but as we get closer we will need to decide how we want to proceed with a replacement.

Village Engineer: none

Standing committees: no reports

Special Committees: none

Joint Comp Plan: nothing new to report

Unfinished Business:

1. Suggested Code changes for PB and ZBA- We have not heard back from the Planning Board to see what they suggest on this.

New business: none

Adjournment: The December meeting will be the third Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Conklin seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wollschleger,
Clerk/Treasurer