

Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees Meeting of October 23, 2019

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

Regular monthly meeting of October 23, 2019 opened at 5:30 with the pledge to the flag.

Privilege of the floor: none

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

Mayor's report:

1. The Mayor reminded the Board of the date changes for the November and December meetings.
2. Mayor Falsone informed the Board that he has accepted the resignation of Zoning Board Chairman Ronald Newell on September 27, 2019. Mr. Newell does not feel he can fulfill the duties any longer. The Mayor sent Mr. Newell a letter thanking him for his 30+ years of service. The Mayor is working on filling the vacant position.
3. As a follow up to last month's meeting in regards to the two out of district water customers (accts E3750 and B1530). Account E3750-State Route 5&20, water was shut off on October 22rd. The account was paid in full on October 24th along with shut off/on cost and turned back on. Account B1530-County Rd #40 has to go through the Lawyer because we have no means to shut if off at this point because he is on a line with 5 others. The letter he received from the lawyer states it has to be paid by October 28th. Any legal fees due for the collection will be added to his bill.

Clerk/Treasurer report:

1. The Financial reports for September were submitted for review and open discussion.
2. We have collected 95% of our tax roll. There are 12 properties not paid. Last day for payment before being rolled over to Ontario County will be Friday November 1st. Donna will work Friday to accommodate anyone coming into pay.
3. Trustee Bowe **made a motion**, seconded by Trustee Harrington and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented. Abstract #5 (vouchers 129-168 TA-5) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$19,090.05; water fund \$32,467.27; sewer fund \$7,403.42; and TA \$99.00. The clerk and the DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received.

CEO report: Monthly report submitted for review. A total of 9 units are now complete with a Certificate of Occupancy at the Elms.

Public works report:

Water:

1. The Bennett Avenue water project is complete. The old pipe and failed valves have been removed or abandoned in place. Brian states we now have new ductile iron pipe under East Main, a new dedicated valve for Bennett Avenue and a new dedicated valve for East Main from Bennett Avenue to the east. This will allow us to shut water off on the upper part of East Main while keeping lower East main, Bloomfield Meadows, The Elms, and Hidden View apartments all in service. Restoration should be complete by next week.

Sewer and WWTP:

1. There is still no news on the UV project. Brian is waiting for the DEC to give the go ahead.

Streets and Equipment:

1. The gutter on Michigan Street has been poured. Top soil is complete and asphalt will follow.
2. Flower carts were picked up this week.
3. Turn arrow at Main and Maple was ordered. Brian will check with Atlantic Striping to see when it will be placed.
4. Crosswalk quotes are approximately \$2,900 per crosswalk plus sign posts and concrete. Brian is estimating approximately \$3,500 for each. Trustee Bowe suggested that maybe he and Trustee Poole would go to a school board meeting and see if they could get them to help cover some of the cost.
5. The new plow truck is delayed by the manufacturer. Brian has been told that it is in the build schedule. However, it is possible that we may not receive it until spring.
6. We will be finishing all restoration work this month and prepping for winter.
7. Fall brush pick up has been completed.
8. Trustee Conklin asked Brian if he has heard anything about the work to be done on CR#39. Brian stated that the County plans to replace drainage and do culvert work in 2020 and then mill and pave in 2021. We will try and coordinate Michigan St at the same time in 2021 to get blacktopping done. Brian feels we may be able to save some cost if we can do it with CR#39. Brian stated we may need to do some patch work till the street is paved.

Public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2019: the public hearing was opened regarding the 2020/2021 tax cap limit at 6:00pm and the Mayor read the legal notice-a correction to the year was noted. No one was present from the public and no written or phone comments were received. There was discussion among the Trustees and the Mayor that it is in the Villages best interest to approve to go over the 2% tax cap limit if needed. This does not mean that the Village will go over the tax limit but gives the authority to if needed in the upcoming budget. The budget would still have to be approved by the Village Board.

Public hearing Closed: The public hearing was closed at 6:07pm

Village Engineer: none

Standing committees: no reports

Special Committees:

Joint Comp Plan: nothing new to report

Audit Committee: The annual audit of the Treasurer books was done on October 22nd by Trustees Harrington and Bowe. They reported that Donna was very organized and was doing a great job. They expressed they were very pleased with her work. The Mayor also expressed his gratitude at the job that is being done.

Unfinished Business:

1. A follow up discussion to the September meeting that the Code Enforcement officer recommends changes to the code on area variances. He doesn't believe the variance really needs to go to the Planning Board for review before the Zoning Board because the Planning Board can't approve anything. After some discussion the Village Board agrees to change the code to remove the section that a variance has to first go to the Planning Board before the Zoning Board. The Mayor will send the proposed changes to the Planning Board secretary to have her put it on the next meeting scheduled for their review and express any concerns.

New business:

1. Trustee Conklin **made a motion**, seconded by Trustee Harrington to adopt Local Law #1 2019 to override the tax cap for the year commencing June 1, 2020. A roll call vote was necessary to pass Local Law #1 2019, to exceed the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020 tax cap. Roll call vote: Conklin-Yes, Bowe-Yes, Harrington-Yes, Falsone-Yes. The law was duly adopted at 6:19 pm.

Adjournment: The November meeting will be the fourth Tuesday, November 26, 2019. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Conklin seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wollschleger,
Clerk/Treasurer