

Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees Meeting of September 23, 2020

Present: Mayor Mark Falsone (phone), Trustees: Dave Conklin, Gail Harrington, Don Bowe, David Poole. Clerk/Treasurer: Donna Wollschleger DPW Supervisor: Brian Rayburn

Regular monthly meeting of September 23, 2020 opened at 5:30 with the pledge to the flag.

Privilege of the floor: None

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

Mayor's report:

1. Discussion was held about Halloween in the Village. Halloween will go on as normal. We will put a blurb in the October newsletter reminding residents to wear a mask, social distance, keep to the right and to not congregate on sidewalks or porches because of COVID19 virus. Donna will send letter to the Sheriff asking for patrol that night as normal.
2. After a discussion about the November and December meeting dates and holidays the following motion was made- **Falsone Motioned, seconded by Harrington to change the meeting dates to Tuesday November 24 and Wednesday December 30th because of the Holidays. All in favor.**
3. The Lucas house located at 19 State St. was discussed and nothing has been done per the court order per Kier (CEO). This item was tabled for a future meeting.
4. The Mayor asked the Board if anyone would be interested in being on a committee to see what would be involved if we ever wanted to put up some Solar Panels at the WWTP property. No one volunteered however; Poole said he might be able to give a suggestion in the future.
5. Per NYS we have to have a Pandemic Operation Plan. The State is providing a guideline form that will just need to be completed. The Mayor will fill out the form once a guideline is sent to us.
6. The Mayor received a letter from Karl Smith at 23 East Main St. asking for a refund on his fence permit that he felt needed to be put up for privacy purposes from the new construction of the "Elms" going on behind him. Mr. Smith has attended various meeting, called and has communicated his frustration with this project since it started behind his house. After a lengthy discussion the following motion was made: **Harrington made a motion, seconded by Poole to refund Karl Smith the \$65 fee because of extenuating circumstances and does not set precedence for future refunds. 4 Ayes (Harrington, Bowe, Poole, Falsone), 1 Nay-(Conklin). Motion passed.**

Clerk/Treasurer report:

1. Abstract #4 (vouchers 113-154), HB 9, TA 6) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$49,527.16; water fund \$12,934.88; sewer fund \$12,286.10; Capital Sewer Project \$32.50 and TA \$99. The clerk and the DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. Bowe motioned, Poole seconded and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.
2. The Treasurer report was submitted for review and discussion.
3. Tax collection update: 95% has been collected as of today 9/23/20. Only 9 properties remain unpaid.
4. No additional water meters have been replaced. Still have 4 meters to replace.
5. Donna stated she will move the money approved for the vehicles per the Permissive Referendum next week after the 30 days are up.

CEO report:

1. The monthly report was submitted for review and discussion.

Public works report:**Water:**

1. We had one water break this month located on 5&20 in front of the Oakmount Apartments. Brian believes this had been leaking for a few weeks and went unnoticed due to its location and the water making its way into a drain tile.
2. We had both pressure reducing valves rebuilt this month. This is required annually to keep pressures east of Oakmount Avenue under control.
3. Brian stated we need to upgrade the telemetry system at the village tank. The system currently runs on 4G through Verizon; however they are no longer supporting 4G and are switching to 5G. This is scheduled for next week. We have already completed the same work at both pump stations.

Sewer and WWTP: None**Streets and Equipment:**

1. The Howard Avenue flashing crosswalk sign has been installed.
2. DPW will be trying to wrap up any remaining road work this month.
3. The new pickup truck is in. The old pickup truck and the old dump truck will now go to auction.
4. The brush pile has been ground and we retained 900 cubic yards of mulch for the residents

Personnel:

1. We have selected a new employee. His name is Corey Yorks, from West Bloomfield. Corey currently works for the Village of Lima DPW and is very well seasoned in what we do. He also has his basic water license already. He should fit in well and will be starting with us on September 28th.

Village Engineer: None

Village Attorney: None

Standing committees: None

Audit Committee: Conklin and Poole will be completing the audit on October 5th.

Special Committees: Joint Comp Plan: There was a joint public information meeting with the Town on Wednesday Sept 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Veterans Park to review the draft Comprehensive Plan.

Unfinished Business: None

New business:

1. A discussion was held and we will have a Public Hearing on October 28th for the Tax Cap Override in case it is needed for the 2021-2022 budget.

Adjournment: The October meeting will be the fourth Wednesday, October 28, 2020. Mayor Falsone motioned, Conklin seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wollschleger,
Clerk/Treasurer