

Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees Meeting of February 26, 2014

Present: Mayor Mark Falsone

Trustees: Dave Conklin, Scott Kimball, Clay Barnard

Kathy Conradt, Brian Rayburn, CEO Andy Hall

Guest: Nancy Long

Excused: Francis Coleman

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

Minutes: The January minutes were approved as submitted.

Mayor's report:

1. State Comptroller's Fiscal Monitoring report – the state monitors fiscal systems, specifically for fiscal stress. The Village of Bloomfield received a “No Designation” with a score of 17.5 %. The score is calculated utilizing 9 criteria comparing expenses, revenues, debt ratios and fund balances. Other Finger Lakes villages averaged a score of 42%. The State considers any score of 45% or more to be susceptible to stress and more than 54.9% to be moderately stressed with a score of 65% or more to be significantly stressed.

2. Sales tax revenue is 3.6% lower than the last quarter of last year. This may be partially due to the increase of online shopping.

Clerk's report:

1. Board reviewed financial report for January 2014.

2. Abstract #9 (vouchers 285-336, HG9) was presented and approved for the following amounts: General Fund \$16,769.94 Water Fund \$4302.95, Sewer Fund \$53,431.54, Trust and Agency \$7462.30 and Sewer Capital Fund \$3878.80. Trustee Barnard audited all claims. The clerk and public works supervisor declared that all goods have been received and all services have been rendered. Trustee Barnard motioned, Mayor Falsone seconded and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.

3. Trustee Kimball motioned, Trustee Conklin seconded and it was unanimously carried to make the following transfer: in the General Fund \$328 from A1990.4 to A1640.2

4. All loan payments for the WOLCDC revolving loan fund are now paid in full. The program provided a total of 9 loans with no defaults.

5. Gave a brief update on the status of the planning board's receipt of a site plan application for the corner of Main and Elm Streets.

6. The Hazard Mitigation Committee will meet quarterly and share information via a County website.

CEO report: received the monthly report for February 2014.

Andy reported that, based upon a recommendation from the attorney for the village, he has given a time extension until April 7 for 3 Main St. to contract for outside repairs to the building.

Tenants of 3 Main St. attended the Feb. 13 planning board meeting to address concerns for the proposed project at 1 Main St. and for pressure exerted on them by the CEO to get repairs on the building started. They will attend the Feb. 27 planning board meeting with their attorney.

Public works report:

Water:

1. A new procedure is in place for calling two guys in when the fire department is utilizing our fire hydrants during emergency situations. The guys assist the fire department in operating the fire hydrants to prevent problems with the water system. This has proven already to be very beneficial.

2. Annual reports for the DEC and DOH for water production are being prepared. It appears that our water loss is around one percent or less for the year 2013. This is significantly lower than previous years, prior to the last water capital project completion.

3. Research is under way for what other municipalities are charging for water at their water fills. WE may be able to raise our rate at the water fill a bit and still be competitive with everybody else.

Sewer and WWTP:

4. A large amount of maintenance work has been done in the WWTP. This work will continue until warmer weather.

5. Extremely cold temperatures this winter have necessitated considerable time spent in the WWTP keeping underground pipes and pump stations thawed out so we can operate.

Streets and Equipment:

6. Plowing is ongoing and hopefully ends soon. Our roads have taken an incredible beating this year due to the consistent single digit temperatures. We most definitely will have increased repair costs over recent years when spring comes.

TEB meeting: Trustee Barnard reported that he attended the EB town board meeting of Feb. 10 and gave a brief summary of topics discussed.

Recreation: Andy reported that the Town of E. Bloomfield will provide a summer recreation program at Veteran's Park this summer, which will include residents of W. Bloomfield. It is hoped that some of the volunteer organizations that use Veteran's Park free of charge will step up and assist with some needed upgrades to get the annex building ready for summer use. Research will be done to see if the Bloomfield central Schools would be a better fit for summer recreation in future years.

Presentation of Draft Budget: the mayor reported:

1. The tax rate in the general fund is proposed with 1.5% increase – which is below the state 1.66% tax cap. Unfortunately this required eliminating the request for a new street sweeper.

2. No rate increase in the water fund and \$30,000 budgeted for reserves

3. An increased rate of \$1/month to support the debt stabilization fund for the new sewer capital project.

4. Details of revenues and expenditures are included in the budget narrative, along with equipment and reserve schedules.

5. The proposed budget is the result of several working drafts.

6. The public hearing will be scheduled for the March meeting.

Announcements: Date for the March meeting will be March 26. Town of East Bloomfield board meetings will be March 10 and 24.

Executive session: Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Kimball seconded and it was unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 6:25 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Kimball seconded and it was unanimously carried to close the executive session at 6:35 p.m.

Adjournment: Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Barnard seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Conratt, Clerk