

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

Present: Mayor Mark Falsone

Trustees: Dave Conklin, Scott Kimball, Clay Barnard, Francis Coleman  
Kathy Conradt, Brian Rayburn

Guests: Nancy Long, Town Board members Frank Fessner and Ron Hawkins

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

**Minutes:** The February minutes were approved as submitted.

**Clerk's report:**

1. Board reviewed financial report for February 2014.
2. Abstract #10 (vouchers 337-373, HG10&11) was presented and approved for the following amounts: General Fund \$21,778.10 Water Fund \$5920.97, Sewer Fund \$11,158.13, Trust and Agency \$6210.86 and Sewer Capital Fund \$4726.43. 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, Trustee Kimball seconded and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.
3. Trustee Barnard motioned, Trustee Conklin seconded and it was unanimously carried to make the following transfer: in the General Fund \$207 from A1990.4 to A1010.4 in the amount of \$1.00 and to A1640.2 in the amount of \$206.00; in the Sewer Fund \$875 from G1990.4 to G8130.44.
4. Reported on a refresher course on notaries attended in Victor. Notaries may now charge \$2 per signature; however the board agreed to continue to provide this service at no charge.
5. Reported on a webinar attended which was provided by the State Comptroller's Office regarding common errors in completing the AUD. Most mistakes relate to bond re-financing and bonding in general. It was very helpful in that there are new guidelines for reporting loans from the EFC which will be used when filing the 2013/14 AUD this summer.
6. Gave a brief update on the status of the site plan application for the corner of Main and Elm Streets. The ZBA granted approval for the area variances and the planning board will review the site plan at their April meeting.
7. Relayed a concern from the planning board about the cost of variances for a sign application along with the cost of the sign permit. The fees can often be as much as the sign itself and does not encourage local businesses. After careful consideration it was decided that fees cannot be waived for any particular sign application as this would be an arbitrary lack of enforcement of the law and set a negative precedent.

**CEO report:** received the monthly report for March 2014. The board discussed the closing of the local restaurant located at 5Main St. Options were discussed on how to proceed with returning the building to a safe condition.

**6:00 p.m. Public hearing on the proposed 2014/15 budget:** reading of the legal notice was waived. There were no comments from the public and no written or telephone concerns received. The clerk reported that the tax rate needed to be adjusted slightly to meet the tax cap and the \$109 adjusted decrease could be reflected in the contingent account. Another

amendment in the general fund is that the CEO contract will be approximately \$1000 more than anticipated so that increase can be offset by a decrease in attorney fees. Trustee Coleman expressed concern for the decreased amount budgeted for the water reserve; however without a substantial increase in the water rate, the amount must remain as proposed.

As there were no other questions or concerns, the public hearing was closed at 6:18 p.m. Trustee Barnard motioned, Trustee Coleman seconded that the 2014/15 budget be adopted as amended. The roll call vote was: Trustee Coleman – yes, Trustee Barnard – yes, Trustee Kimball –yes, Trustee Conklin – yes and mayor Falsone – yes and the budget was duly adopted.

**Public works report:**

1. Maintenance and house- keeping chores continue in the WWTP. The constant cold temperatures are still causing issues at the plant with things freezing up.
2. The sewer plant project should go out to bid soon.
3. If the snow ever ends work will be shifting over to spring tasks for the month of April. There is an enormous amount of clean- up work to do.

Mayor Falsone declared that he has received many positive comments from residents for the excellent job the DPW has done to keep roads clear, especially during the recent snow storms.

**TEB meeting:** Trustee Barnard reported that he attended an EB town board meeting in March and gave a brief summary of topics discussed.

1. The town highway department is having problems with their radio frequencies due to the new 911 system. The village has not experienced problems yet but may have to consider budgeting approximately \$5000 in the future for new radios.
2. The town now has a quarterly newsletter which will be posted on the town's website.

**Recreation:** Frank Fessner reported that he is chair of the parks and recreation committee. He would like to update the recreation master plan. Trustees Conklin and Kimball will serve on the committee on behalf of the village.

**Water/sewer contracts:** The water/sewer contracts update is tabled for a future meeting.

**Adjournment:** Trustee Kimball motioned, Trustee Barnard seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

The planning board forwarded a draft local law to amend the zoning map and the annual report on the comprehensive plan. Both will be scheduled for public hearings at the April meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Conradt, Clerk

