

March 11, 2008

The Work Session Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale was held on the above date in the Bloomingdale Firemen's Hall, 97 Hamburg Turnpike. Mayor Steenstra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Salute to the American Flag was held followed by the prayer with a moment of silence for fireman Ray Barrett of West Milford and Ed Thompson, son of the President of Tilcon.

ROLL CALL

<i>In Attendance:</i>	Mayor:	William Steenstra
:	Council President:	Jennifer Altfield
	Council Members:	Linda Huntley Bernard H. Vroom Henry Sloomaker Thomas Marinaro Dean Specchio
<i>Professionals Present:</i>	Municipal Clerk:	Jane McCarthy, RMC
	Borough Attorney:	Joseph V. "Joe" MacMahon, Esq.*
	Borough Engineer	James Floystrop*
	Chief Financial Officer:	Donna Mollineaux

*Entered later

PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT

Mayor Steenstra stated that adequate notice of this meeting was posted in the Bloomingdale Municipal Building and provided to The Suburban Trends; The North Jersey Herald & News; and all other local news media on December 17, 2007.

RECOGNITION OF BLOOMINGDALE YOUTH ORGANIZATION CHEERLEADERS

At this time, the Mayor and Council recognized the Bloomingdale Youth Organization Cheerleaders for their recent accomplishments.

The presentation was roundly applauded by all those in attendance.

Mayor Steenstra spoke of the 64 limit seating capacity in the Chambers.

Timothy Traynor of Highland Avenue suggested that the meeting venue should have been changed to accommodate all those people who came out this evening.

Mayor Steenstra that as in the past, he will not change the venue as to reasons he has stated before; recording system and ability to keep decorum at the meeting.

(At this time, Anthony Sartori, Planning Board Attorney entered the meeting)

PRESENTATION OF TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

At this time, Tax Collector Dale Mathews presented her annual report to the Mayor and Council which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office and noted that this is the tenth year she has had a 99.7% tax rate.

Her presentation was roundly applauded by all those in attendance.

PRESENTATION BY AVALON BAY

At this time, Thomas Jay Hall and Ron Ladell were in attendance to discuss the proposed development by Avalon Bay.

Borough Attorney Joseph MacMahon went over the proposed ordinance for this property which is scheduled for March 25, 2008; it will be reviewed by the Planning board on March 20, 2008.

Mr. Ladell gave the presentation on the proposed development at this time.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Sloodmaker moved that the meeting be opened to Early Public Comment; seconded by Councilman Marinaro and carried on voice vote with all members voting YES.

The following residents spoke in opposition and/or concerns of the proposed ordinance and development:

Mike Pizza	8 Maple Lake Road
Glenn Schiffman	53 Ridge Road
Betty Frey	33 Ridge Road
Lorraine Weinbrock	45 Highland Road
Carole Weingarten	9 Ridge Road
Timothy Traynor	28 Highland Road
Roseann Traynor	28 Highland Road
Jennifer Zechmeister	22 Highland road
Cresence Schultz	6 maple lake Road

Matthew Keary	14 Buena Vista Way
Linda Shortman	37 Ridge Road
Lauren Doughty	14 Buena Vista Way
Jim Thornton	37 Ridge Road
Livia Ciocoiu	41 Ridge Road
Fred Shortman	Kampfe Lake
Jon Dunleavy	51 Morse Lakes Road
Patty Hoffman	11 Morse Lakes Road
Leonard Dale	Reeve Avenue
John Capozzuca	12 Raffman Road
Rick Merino	41 Sunset Road

Since there was no one else who wished to speak under Public Comment, Councilman Specchio moved that it be closed; seconded by Councilman Marinaro and carried on voice vote with all members voting YES.

At this time, Mr. Leidel addressed the present ordinance and his belief that it makes good sense and noted that he is willing to answer any questions the residents may have and gave the website for Avalon Bay.

RECESS

Councilman Specchio moved for a recess at this time; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting YES.

RECONVENED

Mayor Steenstra reconvened the meeting at this time, 11:26 p.m.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Borough Administrator

Resignation of Deputy Court Clerk

Councilman Sloodmaker moved to accept the resignation of Samantha Holmes as Deputy Court Clerk effective immediately; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Altfield; Vroom; Huntley; Sloodmaker; Marinaro and Specchio all YES.

Trailer for Animal Control Officer

Borough Administrator stated that Animal Control Officer Lisa Perry was able to get a trailer donated from FEMA which is in excellent condition and can be used for various Departments.

Councilwoman Altfield moved to accept the donation of the trailer; seconded by Councilman Specchio and carried on voice vote with all members voting YES.

PENDING BUSINESS

Governmental Operations Committee

Report of Elizabeth Street Assessment Committee

Borough Attorney stated that we have received the report from the Elizabeth Street Assessment Committee and suggested a hearing date of April 8. Recommendation has been made to waive the sewer hookup fees.

Councilman Sloodmaker moved that the Elizabeth Street Assessment Report Hearing be held at the April 8 Work session; seconded by Councilwoman Alfield and carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Vroom; Huntley; Sloodmaker; Marinaro; Specchio and Alfield all YES.

Status of 2008 Goals

Further discussion was held into 2008 goals; namely, Sloan Park Bridge and Star lake Water Tank.

Borough Engineer expressed his concern about the condition of the penetration of the rust in the water tank..

Council Members Huntley and Marinaro discussed the Main Street Visioning and consensus that this is on hold at this time and grant funding should be looked into.

Public Health & Safety Committee

Councilman Sloodmaker stated that the Committee met with the Police Chief and addressed their proposed goals and grant monies they have received which they will be purchasing radio equipment.

Grant Writers Committee

Councilwoman Alfield noted that the we are looking into "Safe Routes for Schools" grant funding. Committee is continuing to explore grant funding opportunities.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

Governmental Operations Committee

Resolution to Amend Temporary 2008 Municipal Budget

Councilman Vroom offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2008-3.1**BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**
EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
N.J.S.A.40A:4-20 (TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS)

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:4-19 the Borough council of the Borough of Bloomingdale adopted Resolutions to provide temporary funds for the period from January 1, 2008 until the adoption of the Operating Budget for the Borough of Bloomingdale, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, additional appropriations will be required from March 11, 2008 until the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides that the governing body by two-thirds vote may make temporary emergency appropriations for any purpose for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for said year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, NEW JERSEY, that:

1. The governing body by a two-thirds vote of its full membership hereby amends its temporary budget by making the following emergency temporary appropriations:

CURRENT FUND

General Administration	Salary & Wages		\$10,000.00
General Administration	Other Expenses		\$3,000.00
Mayor & Council	Other Expenses		\$800.00
Municipal Clerk	Salary & Wages		\$10,000.00
Financial Administration	Salary & Wages		\$10,000.00
Financial Administration	Other Expenses		\$1,000.00
Tax Collection	Salary & Wages		\$10,000.00
Tax Collection	Other Expenses		\$1,000.00
Tax Assessment	Salary & Wages		\$2,000.00
Tax Assessment	Other Expenses		\$200.00
Legal Services	Salary & Wages		\$5,000.00
Legal Services	Other Expenses		\$3,000.00
Engineering Services	Other Expenses		\$5,000.00
Planning Board	Salary & Wages		\$1,000.00
Planning Board	Other Expenses		\$3,000.00
Uniform Construction Code	Salary & Wages		\$10,000.00
Uniform Construction Code	Other Expenses		\$4,000.00
Group Insurance	Other Expenses		\$50,000.00
Police Department	Salary & Wages		\$50,000.00
Police Department	Other Expenses		\$10,000.00
Police Dispatchers	Salary & Wages		\$10,000.00
Fire Prevention	Other Expenses		\$2,000.00
Municipal Prosecutor	Salary & Wages		\$1,000.00
Streets & Roads	Salary & Wages		\$60,000.00
Streets & Roads	Other Expenses		\$30,000.00
Beautification	Other Expenses		\$500.00
Sanitation	Salary & Wages		\$20,000.00
Sanitation	Other Expenses		\$10,000.00
Public Health Services	Salary & Wages		\$3,000.00

Animal Control Services	Salary & Wages		\$4,000.00
Recreation	Salary & Wages		\$1,000.00
Recreation	Other Expenses		\$4,000.00
Library	Other Expenses		\$85,000.00
Celebration of Public Events	Other Expenses		\$4,000.00
Environmental Commission	Other Expenses		\$100.00
Senior Citizens	Salary & Wages		\$1,000.00
Senior Citizens	Other Expenses		\$1,000.00
Electricity	Other Expenses		\$13,000.00
Water Expense	Other Expenses		\$1,500.00
Gasoline	Other Expenses		\$20,000.00
Social Security	Other Expenses		\$40,000.00
Municipal Court	Salary & Wages		\$5,000.00
Municipal Court	Other Expenses		\$2,000.00
Interlocal Agreement-Health	Other Expenses		\$21,000.00

TOTAL CURRENT FUND

\$528,100.00

WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND

Municipal Utility Services	Other Expenses		\$350,000.00

TOTAL WATER AND SEWER

\$ 350,000.00

2. This action shall take effect March 11,2008
3. A copy of this resolution shall be immediately filed with the Director of Local Government Services by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Bloomingdale.

Councilman Sloatmaker seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: council members: Huntley; Sloatmaker; Marinaro; Specchio; Altfield and Vroom all YES.

Application for membership Bloomingdale Fire Department; Thomas Ptasnick

Councilman Sloatmaker moved for the approval for membership of Thomas Ptasnick as a member of the Bloomingdale Fire Department; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Sloatmaker; Marinaro; Specchio; Altfield; Vroom and Huntley all YES.

SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #5-2008: Amending Ordinance #20-2007 Water/Sewer Rates

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-2007 ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO THE USERS OF THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE was given second and final reading and consideration for adoption at this time.

The Municipal Clerk read the Public Notice Statement.

Councilman Vroom moved that the ordinance be read by title; seconded by Councilman Sloomaker and carried on voice vote.

ORDINANCE No. 5-2008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-2007 ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO THE USERS OF THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale has the fiduciary responsibility for the effective and efficient operation and maintenance of the water supply and wastewater collection systems owned and operated by the Borough of Bloomingdale; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that changes in the cost of operation have necessitated amendments to fees and charges for services rendered to the users of said water supply and wastewater collection systems, in order to ensure their continued effective and efficient operations and maintenance as prescribed by State Law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and Borough Auditor have conducted a review of the charges attributable to the Borough water supply and wastewater collection systems and anticipated fees to be collected and have recommended that the Governing Body repeal certain charge reductions enacted by Ordinance No 20-2007 and scheduled to become effective April 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body concurs with the recommendation of its professionals and believes that it is necessary to maintain present funding so as to ensure the effective and efficient operation and maintenance of the Borough water supply and wastewater collection systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale as follows:

Section 1.

Section 10 of Ordinance No. 20-2007, which established amended water and sewer charges to be effective with the April 1, 2008 billing cycle, shall be and hereby is repealed in its entirety, it being the intention of the Governing Body that the water and sewer charges that became effective with the October 2007 billing cycle as established by Sections 1 through 9 of Ordinance No. 20-2007 shall continue in effect.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent necessary.

Section 3. If any article, section, subsection, term or condition of this Ordinance is declared invalid or illegal for any reason, the balance of the Ordinance shall be deemed severable and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Borough Attorney offered the explanatory statement on this ordinance.

Councilman Sloomaker moved that the meeting be opened to a Public Hearing on this ordinance; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote.

Since there was no one who wished to speak under the Public Hearing, Councilman Specchio moved that it be closed; seconded by Councilman Sloomaker and carried on voice vote.

Councilman Specchio moved for the adoption of this ordinance; seconded by Councilman Sloomaker.

Councilwoman Huntley spoke in regard to fact that back in 1997 we collected \$885,000 of which \$697,000 was used in the Municipal Budget. Noted that she felt we do have enough money to run the water and sewer for the year.

Councilman Sloomaker felt we did not and since we got caught short last year, felt we should put some surplus aside; we do not know where our future is bringing us.

Discussion as to buying water from Butler and the unknown sewer processing costs.

Chief Finance Officer Donna Mollineaux stated that we do not have to change our operating budget; we are applying for State Aid and we can amend if we have to. This additional money would allow us to put in some capital money.

Noted that there is an ordinance in place where we can no longer use any surplus for the water and sewer.

Council Members Altfield and Vroom spoke in support of the ordinance.

Councilwoman Huntley stated that if we can in fact amend the water and sewer budget when we become aware what the cost is for it, she has no problem voting for the ordinance.

The ordinance was adopted as per the following roll call: Council Members: Marinaro; Specchio; Altfield; Vroom; Huntley and Sloodmaker all YES.

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Altfield moved that the meeting be opened to Late Public Comment; seconded by councilman Sloodmaker and carried on voice vote.

Since there was no one else who wished to speak under Late Public Comment, councilwoman Altfield moved that it be closed; seconded by Councilman Sloodmaker and carried on voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Because there was no further public business to be conducted, Councilwoman Altfield moved to ADJOURN the meeting at 12:14 a.m.; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote.

Jane McCarthy, RMC
Municipal Clerk