

**WORK SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

April 8, 2008

Mayor Steenstra called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m .

ROLL CALL

<i>In Attendance:</i>	Mayor:	William Streenstra
	Council President:	Jennifer Altfield
	Council Members:	Linda J. Huntley
		Thomas Marinaro
		Dean Specchio
Absent:	Council Pres. Pro Tem	Bernard H. Vroom (Excused)
	Councilman:	Henry Sloodmaker (Excused)
<i>Professionals Present:</i>	Municipal Clerk:	Jane McCarthy, RMC
	Borough Administrator:	Ted Ehrenburg
	Borough Attorney:	Joseph V. "Joe" MacMahon, Esq.
	Chief Financial Officer:	Donna Mollineaux

SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Salute to the American Flag was held.

PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT

Mayor Steenstra stated that on December 17, 2007, publication notification of the date, time and place of this Official Meeting was faxed and mailed to all local news media and posted in the Bloomingdale Municipal Building.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Marinaro opened the meeting up to Public Comment; seconded by Councilman Specchio and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Vroom and Sloodmaker (Excused)

Since there was no one who wished to speak under Public Comment, Councilwoman Altfield moved that it be closed; seconded by Councilman Specchio and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Vroom and Sloodmaker (Excused)

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Municipal Clerk

Municipal Clerk stated that the School Board Election will be next Tuesday and the polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Borough Administrator

Borough Administrator stated that the Police Department has request to hire another officer mid year and asked if the Mayor and Council want the process to start.

Discussion held in regard to the monies being spent now for police overtime. Council Members: Altfield, Specchio and Marinaro spoke in favor.

Councilwoman Huntley asked if we can wait until after the budget has been approved as she is still waiting for additional budget information which she has requested.

Consensus that the Police Chief will come to the April 22 meeting to discuss the request.

Borough Attorney

Borough Attorney stated that he has two litigation items for Executive Session.

Mayor noted that Agenda Item 7A and B will be held until the next meeting.

Request for the amendment to the Recreation fee committee will be on the April 22 meeting.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Governmental Operations Committee

Presentation by Planner for Redevelopment

This will be held for a future meeting.

Adoption of Pending Minutes

Minutes for December 18, 2007; February 19 and 26, 2008; March 11, 18 and 25, 2008 will be on the April 22, 2008 meeting for consideration of adoption.

Amendment to Recreation fee ordinance

Borough Attorney will draft an ordinance for introduction.

Ordinance Review Committee

Noted that the Ordinance Review Committee met Monday night and they will be bringing forward an ordinance for introduction this evening under New Business.

Ratables and Revenues

Councilwoman Huntley spoke in regard to a company which would be willing to provide grant writing training at a cost of \$9,000. Discussion followed and Councilwoman Huntley stated that possibly other municipalities may want to split the fee.

Councilman Marinaro stated that he will be attending the seminar next week in regard to grants.

In regard to the Debt Restructure, Councilwoman Huntley stated that she is waiting numbers from Tax Collector.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

Governmental Operations Committee

Introduction of Ordinance #7-2008: Amending Zoning to Change a Designated Portion of Main Street to the B-1 Zone

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE AMENDING CHAPTER 92, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO CHANGE A DESIGNATED PORTION OF MAIN STREET TO THE B-1 ZONE was introduced by title by Councilwoman Altfield who moved that second and final reading and public hearing will be held on May 27, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Specchio seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council members: Altfield; Huntley; Marinaro and Specchio all YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Vroom and Sloomaker (Excused)

Letter from Francesco Santelli Requesting Placement of clothing bins for the NJ Music and Arts, Inc. organization.

Discussion followed as to allowing clothing bins; noted that we already have them in the Borough for the DARE program; this will have to be looked into further.

Borough Attorney noted that other municipalities have banned these clothing bins.

Adoption of Resolution #2008-4.1: National Library Week

Councilwoman Altfield offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2008-4.1
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

National Library Week

WHEREAS, our nation's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans, today, more than ever; and

WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, libraries are part of the American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, libraries can help you discover a world of knowledge, both in person and online, as well as personal service and assistance in finding what you need, when you need it; and

WHEREAS, libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the “digital divide”; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across American are celebrating National Library Week with the campaign for American Libraries;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale proclaim National Library Week, April 13-19, 2008 and encourage all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available and thank their librarians and library workers for making information accessible to all who walk through the library's doors. Join the circle of knowledge at your library.

Councilman Marinaro seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Council Members: Huntley; Marinaro; Specchio and Altfield all YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Vroom and Sloomaker (Excused)

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Altfield opened the meeting to Late Public Comment; seconded by Councilman Specchio and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Sloomaker and Vroom (Excused)

Michael Mascitello, 43 Bailey Avenue, spoke in regard to the placement of clothing bins and felt it should be approved by the Planning Board.

Lori Weinbrock, 454 Highland Road, spoke in regard to the proposed Union Avenue zoning ordinance.

Ms. Weinbrock also asked if the Planning Board recommendations for Ordinance #2-2008 will be incorporated into Ordinance #2-2008. Borough Attorney stated that this will be addressed at the April 22 meeting.

Ms. Weinbrock offered to help with grant writing.

Ron Caputo, 42 Bogue Drive, questioned the prudence of hiring a new Police Officer and discussed the hiring of officers with Alternate route.

Mr. Caputo also discussed our water/sewer infrastructure and how much water we are losing and being billed for.

Councilwoman Altfield noted that we are looking into shared services for an I & I man; Borough Administrator stated that he contacted our water supplier and is awaiting the numbers.

Mr. Caputo questioned Councilwoman Altfield as to her qualifications as an expert on the water tank.

Councilwoman Altfield spoke in regard to the pressure flow and fact that we do not know how much rust is in the tank.

Borough Administrator stated that he met with our Water/Sewer Operator John Wegele has advised that it is his recommendation to add an additional tank and raps the tank up. Borough Administrator noted that this is one the goals identified by the Mayor and Council for this year.

At this time, Tax Collector Dale Mathews spoke in regard to S1455 which would send the positions of Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Animal Control Officer and Board of Health under the auspices of the County and ask the Mayor and Council to help get this bill defeated.

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 Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Sloomaker and Vroom (Excused)

Councilwoman Huntley spoke in regard to a recent article in the newspaper about the DPW chipper whereby it did not look as if the employees were wearing their safety equipment; noted that this was just a photo op and our workers do comply with all the safety requirements.

Adoption of Resolution #2008-4.2: Authorization for Executive Session

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-4.2
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing the Convening of an Executive Session

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of, and action upon, the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

A. Pending Litigation	2 matters
B. Personnel	5 matters
3. Minutes will be taken.
4. It is anticipated at this time that minutes of the above-referenced subject matter will be made public when it is in order to do so.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilwoman Alfield seconded the motion, and it carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Sloomaker and Vroom (Excused)

(At this time, the Mayor and Council went into Closed Session)

RECONVENED

Mayor Steenstra reconvened the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Adoption of Resolution #2008-4.3: Termination of Robert Block

Councilman Specchio offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

(NEEDS TO BE DRAFTED)

Councilwoman Altfield seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call:
Council Members: Marinaro, YES; Specchio, YES; Altfield, YES and Huntley, NO. ABSENT:
Council Members: Vroom and Slotmaker (Excused)

(At this time, the Mayor and Council resumed the Executive Session)

RECONVENED

Mayor Steenstra reconvened the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there as no further business to be conducted, Councilwoman Altfield moved to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:56 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Marinaro and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSNET: Council Members: Slotmaker and Vroom (Excused)

Jane McCarthy, RMC
Municipal Clerk