

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

May 13, 2008

Mayor Steenstra called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m .

ROLL CALL

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| <i>In Attendance:</i> | Mayor: | William Streenstra |
| | Council President: | Jennifer Altfield |
| | Council Pres. Pro Tem | Bernard H. Vroom |
| | Council Members: | Linda J. Huntley |
| | | Henry Sloomaker |
| | | Thomas Marinaro |
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| Absent: | Councilman: | Dean Specchio (Excused) |
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| <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 followed by a moment of silence for the passing of the father of Councilman Dean Specchio.

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 Vroom and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Specchio (Excused)

At this time, Jon Dunleavy, 51 Morse Lakes Road, requested to speak to a non-agenda item; consensus of the Mayor and Council that this has been done in the past and is in order.

Mr. Dunleavy spoke in regard to the various organizations, boards, he serves on.

Councilwoman Huntley called for a point of order and noted that all questions should be addressed through the Chair to which the Borough Attorney replied is correct.

Mr. Dunleavy addressed fact that Councilwoman Huntley seems to be focusing on the spending of the ROSE Fund and Recreation Committees rather than any other departments and asked her why.

Councilwoman Huntley stated that in her opinion, there is no oversight on the ROSE fund and that concerns her and discussed quotes vs. bids.

At this time, Mr. Dunleavy presented an OPRA request to the Municipal Clerk for all of Councilwoman Huntley's emails.

Councilman Marinaro noted that a bill would go on the bills list and the Mayor and Council have the authority to approve.

Linda Shortman, Kampf Lake, expressed her disagreement with the expenditures from the Open Space fund; interest should not be to buy a wood chipper.

Tom Tintle, 87 Van Dam Avenue, noted that when he was on the ROSE Fund Board, they never voted on anything and only had one meeting in seventeen months.

In response to prior question, Mr. Dunleavy stated that we cannot use open space money to buy a building.

Councilman Sloomaker expressed fact that the fields now are in excellent condition and commended Mr. Dunleavy for his volunteerism and hard work for the citizens and children of the Borough.

Ron Caputo, 42 Bogue Drive, thanked Councilwoman Huntley for her diligence in going over the bills of the Borough and also Mr. Tintle.

Discussion followed in regard to the pavers at Bogue Pond and Mr. Dunleavy noted that it was a three year project; Councilwoman Huntley asked about multi-year contracts and the bidding requirements. Borough Attorney will look into it.

Geraldine DeLazier, 20 Glenwild Avenue, expressed her objection to the breakdown of the Rose fund and felt it should be ½ open space and ½ recreation.

Borough Attorney MacMahon explained the duties of the Rose Fund Advisory Board to make recommendations to the Mayor and Council who are the ones to make the final decision.

Meg Gray, 72 Star Lake Road, spoke on behalf of the volunteerism of Mr. Dunleavy and noted that we would not be as effective without him at the helm.

Gail Gailbraith, 1 James Avenue, spoke as Director of Recreation Commission and thanked Councilwoman Huntley for her diligence in looking at the expenditures and also thanked Mr. Dunleavy for the wonderful programs he has brought to Recreation.

Ed Simoni, 352 Glenwild Avenue, and noted that he sits on the ROSE Fund board and he voted against changing the breakdown of discretionary funding. Noted that he is all for a river walk but does not want to take away ratables and noted we need a tremendous amount of infrastructure repairs.

Discussion followed in regard to grant monies which were used for playgrounds and no matching funds were required.

Since there was no one who wished to speak under Public Comment, Mayor Steenstra closed the Early Public Comment.

RECESS

Mayor Steenstra called for a recess at this time.

RECONVENED

Mayor Steenstra reconvened the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OFFICE TO GRADUATES OF FIRE/POLICE ACADEMY

Mayor Steenstra administered the Oath of Office to the following who completed the Fire Police Program:

Charles Behnke
Richard Boud
Thomas Boud
James W Croop
Neil Daly
James Degraw
James Ferris
Edward Jordan
Robert Kochka
Robert Sabo
William Sondermeyer

The Governing Body congratulated all the graduates and thanked them for their service.

At this time, Fire Chief John D'Amato presented the Mayor and Council with mugs in recognition of the Wet down which will be held on May 17 for the new fire truck.

PENDING BUSINESS

Governmental Operations Committee

Attendance of Paul Laman/Affordable Housing Board

Mr. Laman, Chairman of the Affordable Housing Board, spoke in regard to fact that now that we have HAS administering our Affordable Housing units, we no longer need a local Affordable Housing Board per se. We need to do an ordinance abolishing it and appointing a Liaison to HAS.

Consensus that the Borough Attorney will prepare an ordinance disbanding the local Affordable Housing Board and directing that the Liaison be the Borough Administrator for introduction on May 27.

Mayor Steenstra thanked Mr. Laman for his years of service and hard work on the Affordable Housing Board.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Municipal Clerk

Municipal Clerk reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2008 will begin in Butler; line up at 8:30 a.m., and proceed to Bloomingdale, Sloan Park.

Borough Administrator

Wood chipper Cost

Borough Administrator noted that he did research as to buying the wood chipper v. bonding for it; if bonded, it would have been \$41,799 v \$35,733.

Councilwoman Huntley stated that the ROSE fund is a trust fund and expenditures are to be only used for the items it was set up for.

Borough Administrator stated that it was researched through the Borough Auditor and Borough Attorney.

Councilman Marinaro stated that the purchase of the wood chipper is the best investment the ROSE fund could have done.

Per DPW Superintendent, if we were not on state bid, it would have been \$4,000 less. Asst. DPW Superintendent also spoke of recent use for trees that fell into brook and it would have cost \$5,000 for someone to come in and chip the trees.

Part-time help for Department of Public Works

Borough Administrator stated that he would like to advertise on the Borough website for summer help at the DPW and start as close to June 1 as possible.

Consensus that this will be on the May 27 meeting for consideration.

Assistant Animal Control Officer

Borough Administrator discussed the need to get help for Animal Control Officer Lisa Perry as we have picked up additional towns and hours.. Resumes were sought and interviews held and it is the recommendation of the Animal Control Officer and Borough Administrator to hire Bonnie Long on May 27 for a part-time Animal Control Officer on an on-call basis.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

Governmental Operations Committee

Adoption of Resolution #2008-5.1: Temporary Budget Emergency

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

Resolution #2008-5.1

RESOLUTION #2008-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 May 13, 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

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| Buildings and Grounds | Other Expenses | | \$10,000.00 |
| Library | Other Expenses | | \$50,000.00 |
| Clean Communities Grant | Other Expenses | | \$984.86 |
| Police OE | Other Expenses | | \$20,000.00 |
| Telephone | Other Expenses | | \$5,000.00 |
| Gasoline | Other Expenses | | \$15,000.00 |
| Animal Control | Salary & Wages | | \$5,000.00 |
| Animal Control | Other Expenses | | \$5,000.00 |

TOTAL CURRENT FUND

\$110,984.86

WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND

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| Municipal Utility Services | Capital Outlay | | \$ 40,000.00 |
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TOTAL WATER AND SEWER

\$ 40,000.00

2. This action shall take effect May 13,2008
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 Sloomaker seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call:
 Council Members: Council Members: Altfield; Vroom; Huntley; Sloomaker and Marinaro all
 YES ABSENT: Councilman Specchio (Excused)

Adoption of Resolution #2008-5.2: Emergency for Catherine Street

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

**BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE
RESOLUTION #2008-5.2**

***Declaring An Emergency
For Purposes Of Awarding Contract for Catherine Street Water Main Repairs***

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares an emergency situation has developed with a Catherine Street Water Main break;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that this poses an imminent threat to the public health, safety and welfare of an emergent nature that warrants immediate remedial action; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 authorizes a municipality to negotiate and/or award a contract without public advertisement when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate performance of services; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Water Utility Department, acting in the reasonable belief that an emergency affecting the public health, safety and welfare requires immediate remedial action without public advertisement for services;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Water Utility Department has correctly recommended that the aforementioned Water Main Break be remediated through the award to John Barrett Inc., 38 Main Street, Bloomingdale, NJ 07403 which submitted the following cost estimate;

- John Barrett, Inc. \$12,162.49

and;

WHEREAS, the emergency costs to be funded through the 2008 Water Utility budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby declare the existence of a public emergency warranting the completion of the Catherine Street Water Main as soon as possible and does hereby award said project to John Barrett, Inc.

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

Report on Bid Receipt for Upper Morse Lakes Water Main

Borough Administrator noted that we received bids today for the Upper Morse Lakes Water main; apparent low bidder was Petillo Inc. of Flanders, NJ at \$922,060.00.

It was noted that we need to appropriate more money and access easements will have to be obtained.

Highland Avenue Reconstruction

Pre-construction meeting will be held on May 16 at 10 a.m.

Mt. Olive Resolutions

Consensus that the resolutions which were received from Mt. Olive opposing A-575; supporting A-1105 and the COAH third Round will be on the May 27, 2008 meeting for consideration.

Butler Sewer Plant/Brownfield's monies

Consensus that councilman Vroom will represent the Mayor and Council along with Frank O'Reilly of the Environmental commission. Borough Administrator will contact Butler Administrator Lampmann to discuss whether this is warranted.

Establishment of Main Street/Union Avenue Revitalization Committee

Al Lavoie, 247 Rafkind Road, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee discussed the list of proposed names for a Main Street/Union Avenue Revitalization Committee; this will be on the May 27 meeting for approval.

Introduction of Bond Ordinance #11-2008: Upper Morse Lakes Water Main

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$160,000 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER LINES TO THE UPPER MORSE LAKE AREA IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$160,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION was introduced by title by Councilman Sloomaker who moved that second and final reading and public hearing be held on May 27, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Susan Smith, 110 Van Dam Avenue, asked Councilwoman Huntley how many grants she has written for the Borough and Councilwoman Huntley noted that she has given grant opportunities to the Board of Education but the Grant Committee has not written any grants.

In response to Mrs. Smith, Councilwoman Huntley noted that the Grant Writing committee has had one meeting since January.

Mrs. Smith thanked Councilman Marinaro for taking the time out of his work week to attend the recent grant seminar.

Gerry DeLazier, 20 Glenwild Avenue, asked where the Brownfield's monies were being considered for and it was noted that the old sewer plant on Brandt Lane.

Steven Pellegrino, of the Library Board of Trustees, asked about the process for obtaining quotes and Chief Financial Officer Donna Mollineaux went over the solicitation of quotes v bidding. Mrs. Mollineaux noted that the Finance Department will not encumber a purchase until they have quotes in their office.

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 with all members present voting YES. ABSENT: Councilman Specchio (Excused)

ADJOURNMENT

Since there as no further business to be conducted, Councilwoman Altfield moved to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:51 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Sloodmaker and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Councilman Specchio (Excused)

Jane McCarthy, RMC
Municipal Clerk