

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

**October 14, 2008**

Mayor Steenstra called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

<i>In Attendance:</i>	Mayor:	William Streenstra
	Council President:	Jennifer Altfield
	Council Members:	Thomas Marinaro Dean Specchio Linda J. Huntley Henry Sloodmaker Bernie Vroom
<i>Professionals Present:</i>	Municipal Clerk:	Jane McCarthy, RMC
	Borough Administrator:	Ted Ehrenburg
	Borough Attorney:	Joseph V. "Joe" MacMahon, Esq.

**SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Mayor Steenstra led the Salute to the Flag followed by a moment of silence for the brother of Councilman Dean Specchio who died suddenly in a car accident.

**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**

Councilwoman Altfield opened the meeting up to Public Comment; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting YES.

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

## **PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

### **Municipal Clerk**

**Voter Registration** – Municipal Clerk stated that the last day to register to vote for the General Election is this evening October 14, 2008; the Clerk's Office will be open until 9 p.m.

## **PENDING BUSINESS**

### **Governmental Operations Committee**

#### **Discussion as to Renaming the Streets in the Borough**

At this time, Mayor Steenstra noted that he has discussed with the Police Chief the renaming of similar streets in the Borough and noted that they have decided on naming two of the streets after former Borough employees and residents.

Mayor Steenstra announced that one of the streets will be named after former Borough Administrator/Clerk Mildred C. Bird and went over her accomplishments during her tenure with the Borough. Her son Alan was in attendance and thanked the Mayor and Council for this honor.

Mayor Steenstra also announced that the second street will be named after Bud Bennett who happens to be celebrating his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday this evening and went over all of Mr. Bennett's accomplishments.

Mr. Bennett was in attendance and thanked the Mayor and Council for this honor.

#### **Discussion with Webmaster Robert Kelly as to Borough's website**

Robert Kelly, Borough's webmaster, spoke in regard to three different designs which the Governing Body may be interested in for the website.

Consensus that Mr. Kelly that Mr. Kelly's contract will be put on the next agenda for approval.

#### **Resolution #2008-10.1: Chapter 159 for Impaired Driving Crackdown Grant**

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

### **RESOLUTION #2008-10.1 OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Authorizing the Insertion into the FY2008 Municipal Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) of a Special Item of Revenue in the Form of a State of New Jersey Over the Limit Under Arrest 2008 Impaired Driving Crackdown Grant*

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Director”), within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Borough to request approval of the insertion into the Borough’s FY2008 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue based upon a grant secured by the Borough from the State of New Jersey;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby request that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, approve the insertion into the Borough’s FY2008 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue in the sum of \$5,000.00, which item is now available as revenue in the form of a State of New Jersey Current Fund – Over the Limit Under Arrest Grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$5,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption:

*Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations  
Over the Limit Under Arrest Grant*

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that three (3) certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services, within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, for this purpose.

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

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.2: Chapter 159 for Recycling Tonnage Grant**

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-10.2  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Authorizing the Insertion into the FY2008 Municipal Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87  
(Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) of a Special Item of Revenue in the Form of a State of New Jersey  
Recycling Tonnage Grant*

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Director”), within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Borough to request approval of the insertion into the Borough’s FY2008 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue based upon a grant secured by the Borough from the State of New Jersey;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby request that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, approve the insertion into the Borough’s FY2008 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue in the sum of \$4,527.55, which item is now available as revenue in the form of a State of New Jersey Current Fund – Over the Limit Under Arrest Grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$4,527.55 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption:

*Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations  
Recycling Tonnage Grant*

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that three (3) certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services, within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, for this purpose.

Councilman Specchio seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Vroom; Huntley; Sloodmaker; Marinaro; Specchio and Alfield all Yes.

*Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.3: Chapter 159 for Kinnelon Construction Services*

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-10.3  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Authorizing the Insertion into the FY2008 Municipal Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) of a Special Item of Revenue in the Form of a State of New Jersey Interlocal Service Agreement Borough of Kinnelon Construction Services*

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Director”), within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Borough to request approval of the insertion into the Borough’s FY2008 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue based upon an Interlocal Agreement secured by the Borough from the State of New Jersey;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby request that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, approve the insertion into the Borough’s FY2008 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue in the sum of \$39,500.00, which item is now available as revenue in the form of a State of New Jersey Current Fund – Interlocal Services Agreement Borough of Kinnelon Construction Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$39,500.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption:

*Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements  
Borough of Kinnelon Construction Services*

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that three (3) certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services, within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, for this purpose.

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

**Discussion as to leaf pickup in the Borough**

At this time, DPW Superintendent Al Gallagher spoke with the Mayor and Council as to cost of leaf pickup in the Borough and DEP requirements in regard to stormwater drains, etc.

Discussion followed as to bagging the leaves in the Borough v. picking them up. Borough Administrator stated that due to fact that Morse Lakes Road is under construction, we have informed those residents that we will not be picking up in that area.

Robert Cullinari of 9 Oakwood Terrace expressed his opinion that the borough should go to bagging leaves especially due to wear and tear on our old equipment.

Councilwoman Huntley noted that she had asked that we explore purchasing some used trucks from other towns (salvage trucks due to them no longer collecting leaves).

Councilwoman Altfield stated that we need to come up with a drop-dead date that we will stop collecting leaves.

Borough Administrator stated that we should do it for this year and then decide next year which direction we will go; Borough Attorney concurred that we need to educate the public before we make a change in our procedures and noted that the DEP stormwater regulations must be taken into consideration as the fines could be substantial.

Ron Caputo, 42 Bogue Drive, noted that he was informed by the former DPW Superintendent that we could not bag as they couldn't be put in the landfill; it was confirmed that that was the case at that time, it is different now. Mr. Caputo spoke in regard to fact that we had lost a police car due to it running and catching fire over the leaves with the catalytic converter.

Mike Mascitello, 43 Bailey Avenue, stated that we could bring the leaves down ourselves to the DPW yard.

Karen Labazzetta, 5 Woodward Avenue, noted that this was discussed by the Environmental Commission who felt that we should start bagging next year as we do not have enough time to inform the public for this year.

Al Lavoie spoke in regard to making a change now as the leaves are already starting to come down.

Discussion as to purchasing bags to be supplied for residents; Borough Administrator will check into this.

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.4: Leaf Pickup**

RESOLVED THAT Borough will not pickup any leafs after January 1, 2009 at which time a decision will be made as to whether we will continue leaf pickup in 2009 or bag our leaves.

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

**RECESS:**

Mayor Steenstra recessed the meeting at this time.

**RECONVENED:**

Mayor Steenstra reconvened the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS**

**Governmental Operations Committee**

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.5: Chapter 159 Domestic Violence Grant**

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-10.5  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Authorizing the Insertion into the FY2008 Municipal Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87  
(Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) of a Special Item of Revenue in the Form of a State of New Jersey  
Domestic Violence Grant***

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Director”), within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Borough to request approval of the insertion into the Borough’s FY2008 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue based upon a grant secured by the Borough from the State of New Jersey;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby request that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, approve the insertion into the Borough's FY2008 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue in the sum of \$629.49, which item is now available as revenue in the form of a State of New Jersey Current Fund – Domestic Violence Grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$629.49 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption:

*Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations  
Domestic Violence Grant*

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that three (3) certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services, within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, for this purpose.

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

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.6: Chapter 159 Street Sweeper**

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-10.6  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Authorizing the Insertion into the FY2008 Municipal Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) of a Special Item of Revenue in the Form of a State of New Jersey Interlocal Service Agreement Borough of Pompton Lakes Street Sweeping Services*

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Director”), within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Borough to request approval of the insertion into the Borough's FY2008

Municipal Budget of an item of revenue based upon an Interlocal Agreement secured by the Borough from the State of New Jersey;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby request that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, approve the insertion into the Borough's FY2008 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue in the sum of \$6,000.00, which item is now available as revenue in the form of a State of New Jersey Current Fund – Interlocal Services Agreement Borough of Pompton Lakes Street Sweeping Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$6,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption:

*Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements  
Borough of Pompton Lakes Street Sweeping Services*

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that three (3) certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services, within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, for this purpose.

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

**Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Chapter 159 Vegetative Waste**

Councilwoman Altfield moved that this be carried until October 28, 2008 meeting; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote with all members voting YES.

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.7: Authorizing Change Order for Highland Avenue**

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

**RESOLVED**, that a change order be authorized to Jennicar in the amount of \$18,214.00 for the Highland Avenue improvements due to road base, modifying some drainage and installation of Belgium block, amending the contract to \$301,457.78.

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

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.8: Accepting Resignation of Matt Haywood as Recreation Member**

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council accept the resignation of Matt Haywood as a Member of the Recreation Commission with regret.

Councilman Sloodmaker seconded the motion, and it carried on voice vote with all members voting YES.

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.9: Appointment of Barbara Bott as Recreation Member**

RESOLVED that Barbara Bott be appointed as Recreation Member for the unexpired term of Matt Haywood; term expiring December 31, 2008.

Councilwoman Huntley seconded the motion and it varied on voice vote with all members voting YES.

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.10: Resignation of William Fleck as Fire Subcode Official**

RESOLVED that the resignation of William Fleck as Fire Subcode Official be accepted.

Councilman Sloodmaker seconded the motion, and it carried on voice vote with all Council members voting YES.

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.11: Appointment of William fleck as Fire and Building Inspector**

RESOLVED that William Fleck be appoint as Fire and Building Inspector for a one year term; term expiring December 31, 2008.

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

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.12: appointment as Craig Smith as Plumbing Inspector; term expiring December 31, 2008**

RESOLVED that Craig Smith be appointed as Plumbing Inspector for a one year term; term expiring December 31, 2008.

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

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.13: Appointment of David Evangelista as Fire Subcode Official**

RESOLVED that David Evangelista be appointed as Fire Subcode Official for a 60 day term; term expiring December 31, 2008.

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

**Minutes of August 26 and September 9**

Municipal Clerk asked that these be reviewed and placed on next meeting for approval.

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.14: Approval of Road Closure on Bailey Avenue for  
“Nightmare on Bailey Avenue”**

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-10.14  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Authorizing Halloween Closure of Bailey Avenue***

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that residents of Bailey Avenue have petitioned the Governing Body to authorize the closure of Bailey Avenue on Halloween from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a Halloween street party; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the closure of Bailey Avenue, subject to approval of Police Chief Joseph Borell;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize the closure of Bailey Avenue on Halloween from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., on October 31, 2008.

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

**Letter from Tower Company requesting sublease space on Wireless Tower at Brandt Lane**

Consensus that this will be on the next meeting for consideration.

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.15: Authorization to advertise for Bids for DPW Garage**

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

RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator be authorized to advertise for bids for the DPW garage.

Councilman Marinaro seconded the motion, and it carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting YES.

***Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.16: Declaring Emergency for Telephone and Electric Lines between the Star lake Water Tank and the Pump Station/Monitoring System***

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

**BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE  
RESOLUTION #2008-10.16**

***Additional Funding for  
A Declared Emergency  
For Purposes Of Awarding Contract for the Telephone and Electric lines between the  
Star Lake Water Tank and the Pump Station/Monitoring System***

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) found and declared an emergency situation had developed on September 9, 2008 with the telephone and electric lines between the Star Lake Water Tank and the Pump Station/Monitoring System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further found and declared that this posed an imminent threat to the public health, safety and welfare of an emergent nature that warranted immediate remedial action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further found and declared that N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 authorized 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 costs for said project exceeded the expected amount that was proposed due to increased labor time, the amount of the substandard conditions and the safety issues found once the project began;

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Water Utility Department has correctly recommended that the aforementioned telephone and electric lines between the Star Lake Water Tank and the Pump Station/Monitoring System be remediate through an additional award to John Barrett Inc., 38 Main Street, Bloomingdale, NJ 07403 which submitted the following cost estimate for the labor and supplies;

- John Barrett, Inc. \$7,900.00

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby declare the existence of a public emergency warranting additional funding for the completion of the telephone and electric lines between the Star Lake Water Tank and the Pump Station/Monitoring System 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: Specchio; Altfield; Vroom; Huntley; Sloomaker and Marinaro all YES.

### **Public Health and Safety Committee**

Letter from Robert Hiemstra, Waterfall Village in regard for Fire Zones and parking

Consensus that this will be on the next meeting for discussion and we will ask the Police and Fire Chiefs for a report.

### **LATE PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilman Sloomaker opened the meeting up to Public Comment; seconded by Councilman Marinaro and carried on voice vote.

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

Councilwoman Huntley expressed her thanks to DPW Superintendent Al Gallagher and his staff for their help in a recent situation at her home.

Councilman Specchio thanked Borough Administrator and Construction Official for their efforts in shared services for construction services.

### **LATE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.17: Authorization for Executive Session**

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-10.17  
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:
3. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
  - A. Litigation – Four matters
  - B. Negotiations – Two matters
  - C. Personnel – One matter
4. Minutes will be taken.
5. 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.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilwoman Huntley seconded the motion, and it carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting YES.

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

**RECONVENED**

Mayor Steenstra reconvened the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.18: Termination of DPW employee Ronald Rhodes**

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

**RESOLVED**, that employment with DPW employee Ronald Rhodes be terminated as per recommendation of the Borough Administrator and DPW Superintendent and as outlined during the Executive Session.

Councilman Sloomaker seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call:  
Council members: Altfield; Vroom; Huntley; Sloomaker; Marinaro and Specchio all Yes.

**(At this time, 10:17 p.m., the Mayor and Council resumed the Executive Session)**

**RECONVENED**

Mayor Steenstra reconvened the meeting at 10:08 p.m. and noted that no action was taken during the Executive Session and Council Members Huntley and Specchio left during the Executive Session)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Since there as no further business to be conducted, Councilwoman Altfield moved to ADJOURN the meeting at 10:08 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Mariano and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. Absent: Council members: Huntley and Specchio (Excused)

Jane McCarthy, RMC  
Municipal Clerk