

November 25, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale was held on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 101 Hamburg Turnpike. Mayor Steenstra called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. followed by a moment of silence for the passing of Patrolman Robert Grabowski's father.

SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Salute to the American Flag was held.

ROLL CALL

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

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.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Altfield moved that the meeting be opened to Early Public Comment; seconded by Councilman Marinaro and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Councilman Sloomaker

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Altfield moved for the adoption of the following Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes of September 23 and October 14, 2008
- B. Notice of Award from the State Department of Transportation for Van Dam Avenue and Woodward Avenue Improvements in the amount of \$150,000
- C. Approval of Information Items: October 20 and November 6, 2008

Councilman Marinaro seconded the motion and it carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Councilman Sloomaker

PENDING BUSINESS:**Governmental Operations Committee**

(Councilman Vroom entered the meeting at this time)

Report from Borough Administrator as to Water and Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Bids

At this time, Borough Administrator reported as to the receipt of bids for the Water and Sanitary Sewer Maintenance and noted that there were two bidders and the low bidder was John H. Barrett, Inc. at bid of \$58,125.00.

Adoption of Resolution #2008-11.17: Award of Contract to John H. Barrett, Inc. for Water and Sanitary Sewer Maintenance

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

RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to John H. Barrett, Inc. for the Water and Sewer System Maintenance in the amount of \$58,125.00 which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

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

Report on "Going Green" in the Borough of Bloomingdale

Borough Administrator stated that the Finance Department has not yet compiled the records as to electricity, air conditioning bills since Borough went to a four day work week. Noted that he has not received any negative comments; in fact people have stated that they like the fact that they can come in earlier and come after work until 6 p.m.

Borough Administrator stated that he would like to extend this trial until December 31, 2008 when he will have a better idea as to heating bills, etc.

Councilwoman Altfield moved to extend the four-day work week until December 31, 2008; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Vroom, YES; Huntley, ABSTAIN; Marinaro, YES; Specchio, YES and Altfield, YES. ABSENT: Councilman Sloomaker

Discussion as to leaf pickup

Mayor Steenstra stated that he would like to hold this discussion for the next Work Session.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS**Governmental Operations Committee****Adoption of Resolution #2008-11.18 Payment of Municipal Obligations**

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

**RESOLUTION - #2008 – 11.18
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing Payment of Municipal Obligations

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that certain municipal obligations have come due and are now payable; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that said obligations have been itemized on the annexed schedules, which are hereby deemed part of this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize payment of said municipal obligations, in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Treasurer, from the following accounts and in the following amounts:

BILLS LIST		PREPAID LIST	
CURRENT	2,638,120.34	CURRENT	367,854.90
UTILITY	57,868.26	UTILITY	23,996.84
CAPITAL	295,677.23	UNEMPLOY.	51.48
UTILITY CAPITAL	7,062.47	RECYCLING	600.84
TRUST	614.10	CAPITAL	000.00
DOG	13.20	TRUST	000.00
RECREATION	3,651.10	SPEC. ASSESS.	0,000.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	10,300.00	RECREATION	000.00
ROSE FUND	4,505.00	UTILITY CAP.	0.00
RECYCLING	12,055.68	DOG	000.00
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TOTAL	2,638,120.34	TOTAL	392,504.06

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

Adoption of Resolution #2008-11.19: Authorization for Municipal Court to Receive Uncashed Refunds

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-11.19
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing Municipal Court to Receive Uncashed Refunds

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) has been advised by Municipal Court Administrator Phyllis Muter (“Court Administrator”) in a November 13, 2008 Memorandum to Borough Administrator Ted Ehrenburg (“Borough Administrator”), that certain refunds issued by the Bloomingdale Municipal Court (“Court”) have remained uncashed for a period exceeding six months; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Borough and of the Court to implement the recommendation of the Court Administrator and the Borough Administrator, that the Court should be authorized to receive these refunds so that they may be disbursed from the Court’s General Account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the Bloomingdale Municipal court be and is hereby authorized to receive the refunds identified in the Municipal Court Administrator’s November 13, 2008 Memorandum to the Borough Administrator so that they may be disbursed from the Court’s General Account.

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

Public Health & Safety Committee

Adoption of Resolution #2008-11.20: Authorization for Hiring of New Police officer as per recommendation of Police Chief

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-11.20
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Confirming the Appointment of David Terpstra
as a Patrolman in the Bloomingdale Police Department***

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that there exists one vacancy within the Borough’s Police Department (“Department”) by virtue of previous retirements; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Department’s Chief of Police Joseph Borell has conducted a thorough recruitment process to fill the foregoing vacancy, which has resulted in his recommendation of the appointment of one alternate route candidate, David Terpstra, to the position of patrolman within the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that Mayor William R. Steenstra has submitted this nomination to the Governing Body and that its Public Health & Safety Committee, comprised of Councilmen Henry Slootmaker, Bernard Vroom and Thomas Marinaro, have endorsed this nomination for confirmation by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the confirmation of this appointment will promote the health, safety and general welfare of the Borough and its citizenry by restoring the Department to its full staff complement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby **CONFIRM** the appointment of David Terpstra to the position of patrolman within the Bloomingdale Police Department, effective December 1, 2008.

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

Adoption of Resolution #2008-11.21: Acceptance of Resignation of Emily Wanklin as member of Bloomingdale Fire Department

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

RESOLVED, that the resignation of Emily Wanklin as a member of the Bloomingdale Fire Department be accepted with regret.

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

Ratables and Revenues Committee

Councilman Marinaro stated that he will be attending a meeting in Trenton on December 18 at 11:30 a.m. as to grant writing services and will be discussing the rezoning on Union Avenue and invited anyone else who would be able to attend.

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Vroom moved that the meeting be open to Late Public Comment; seconded by Councilman Specchio and carried on voice vote withal Council Members present voting YES.

Karen Labazzetta, Woodward Avenue, asked about an area on the website whereby different organizations will be listed.

Borough Administrator asked Mrs. Labazetta to give him the information she is referring to and he will contact the webmaster as to putting it on the website.

General Election – November 4, 2008

Borough Attorney stated that we have received a copy of a Verified petition filed by Candidate Jo-Ann Pituch asking for a recount of the election; and Judge has ordered that it will take place on December 1 at 10 a.m.

RECESS

The Mayor and Council recessed at this time, 7:20 p.m.

RECONVENED

Mayor Steenstra reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ORDINANCES

Second and Final Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance #21-208: Amending Chapter 11, Building and Housing

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE AMENDING CHAPTER 11, BUILDING AND HOUSING, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 11-1.7, ZONING PERMIT REVIEW FEES was introduced by title by Councilwoman Alfield; seconded by Councilman Marinaro and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting Yes.

The Municipal clerk read the Ordinance by title.

ORDINANCE No. 21-2008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE
AMENDING CHAPTER 11, BUILDING AND HOUSING, OF
THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES BOROUGH OF
BLOOMINGDALE, TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 11-1.7,
ZONING PERMIT REVIEW FEES

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale believes it is in the public interest to require a zoning permit review fee to reasonably allocate costs in connection with the duties of the Zoning Official;

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

Section 1. There hereby is created a new Borough of Bloomingdale Code Section 11-1.7, "Zoning Permit Review," to provide a fee schedule as follows:

- A. Residential additions, including fences, sheds and pools - Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)
- B. New residential houses and accessory structures other than fences, sheds and pools - Fifty dollars (\$50.00)
- C. Commercial and industrial applications - One hundred dollars (\$100.00)

D. Replacement of face of existing signs - Two dollars (\$2.00) per square foot, double faced signs to be calculated by one side of sign

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

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.

This Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

Councilwoman Alfield moved that the meeting be open to a Public Hearing on this ordinance; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting Yes.

Geraldine Delazier, 20 Glenwild Avenue, asked for an explanation of the newly adopted ordinance in regard to sheds and fences and it was explained by the Borough Attorney that already existing sheds do not fall under this ordinance.

Since there was no one else who wished to speak under the Public Hearing, Councilman Vroom moved that it be closed; seconded by Councilwoman Alfield and carried on voice vote with all Council members present voting YES.

Councilman Vroom moved for the adoption of this ordinance; seconded by Councilman Specchio and carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Vroom; Huntley; Marinaro; Specchio and Alfield all YES. ABSENT: Councilman Sloomaker

LATE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Noted that there is no need for Late Executive Session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Because there was no further public business to be conducted, Councilwoman Alfield moved to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:35 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Marinaro and carried on voice vote with all members present voting YES.

Jane McCarthy, RMC
Municipal Clerk