

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

**March 10, 2009**

Mayor Steenstra called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

<i>In Attendance:</i>	Mayor:	William Streenstra
	Council President:	Jennifer Altfeld
	Council Members:	Linda J. Huntley Bernie Vroom Thomas Marinaro Dean Specchio Vacancy
<i>Professionals Present:</i>	Municipal Clerk:	Jane McCarthy, RMC
	Borough Administrator:	Ted Ehrenburg
	Borough Attorney:	Joseph V. MacMahon, Esq.
	Chief Financial Officer:	Donna Mollineaux

**SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Mayor Steenstra led the Salute to the Flag.

**PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT**

Mayor Steenstra stated that on November 11, 2008, public 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 Altfeld opened the meeting up to Public Comment; seconded by Councilman Specchio 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 Crum and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting YES.

### **PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

**Borough Attorney** – Stated that he has one additional negotiations item for Executive Session.

### **PENDING BUSINESS**

#### **Governmental Operations Committee**

##### **Application of Title 39 to School Properties**

Noted that the Police Chief has information whereby Title 39 can be applied to other properties in the Borough, i.e. Waterfall Village and he would like to incorporate them all in one ordinance. He is awaiting a written request from Waterfall Village; consensus that this will be on the March 24 meeting.

#### **Ordinance Review Committee**

Committee met last Monday night and is working on putting the zoning ordinance on line.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Governmental Operations Committee**

##### **Adoption of Resolution #2009-3.1: Temporary Budget**

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-3.1  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Amending the 2009 Temporary Municipal Budget***

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that the FY2009 Temporary Municipal Budget was adopted on January 6, 2009, for the purpose of providing for temporary appropriations for the conduct of municipal governance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body has been advised by the Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Treasurer that additional temporary appropriations in the FY2009 Temporary

Municipal Budget are required in order to provide funding for the conduct of municipal governance;

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the FY2009 Temporary Municipal Budget be and is hereby amended to provide for the following additional temporary appropriations in the Current Account and the Department of Utility Services:

Municipal Alliance Grant	Other Expenses	\$18,400.00
Municipal Alliance Cash Match	Other Expenses	\$4,600.00
Passaic County Cultural Grant	Other Expenses	\$395.00
Passaic County Grant Match	Other Expenses	\$198.00
Interlocal Construction	Salary & Wages	\$50,000.00
Interlocal Animal Control	Salary & Wages	\$50,000.00
Total Current		\$123,593.00
Water & Sewer	Other Expenses	\$500,000.00
Total Water & Sewer		\$500,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby directed to forward a true copy of the foregoing Resolution to the Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Treasurer for appropriate action in conformity with this Resolution.

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

***Adoption of Resolution #2009-3.2: Participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program***

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-3.2  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Supporting participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program***

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well in the new century; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale hereby acknowledges that the residents of Bloomingdale desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path, the Borough of Bloomingdale is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of the Borough of Bloomingdale, we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to focus attention and effort within the Borough of Bloomingdale on matters of sustainability, the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that we do hereby authorize Councilwoman Linda Huntley to serve as the Borough's agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and authorize Councilwoman Linda Huntley to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf of the Borough of Bloomingdale.

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

**Resignation of Mark Crum as Member of Planning Board**

Councilman Specchio moved for the acceptance of the resignation of Mark Crum as a Member of the Planning Board; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried as per the following roll call: Council members: Huntley; Marinaro; Specchio; Vroom and Alfield all YES. Councilman Crum, PRESENT

**Adoption of Resolution #2009-3.3: Appointment of Michael Mascitello as Member of the Planning Board**

Councilwoman Huntley moved for the appointment of Michael Mascitello as Alternate III Member of the Planning Board for a term expiring 12/31/10; seconded by Councilwoman

Altfield and carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Specchio; Vroom; Altfield; Crum; Huntley and Marinaro all YES.

**Appointment of Member of Library Board**

No action at this time.

***Introduction of Ordinance #2-2009: Fee Ordinance Change for Recreation Programs***

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE AMENDING RECREATION PROGRAM FEES** was introduced by title by Councilman Specchio who moved that second and final reading and public hearing be held on March 24, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Appointment of Borough Planner**

Borough Administrator reported on interview which were held for Borough Planners and recommended the hiring of Joseph Burgis of Burgis Associates in Westwood. He is familiar with the process for the Highlands. Mr. Burgis stated that there is a \$15,000 grant immediately available and then a \$50,000 grant; there is a possibility of an additional \$50,000. The work could be done within the \$65,000 framework; nor personal cost to the Borough.

**Adoption of Resolution #2009-3.3: Hiring of Planner Joseph Burgis**

Councilwoman Huntley moved for the hiring of Joseph Burgis of Burgis Associates as the Borough Planner; seconded by Councilwoman Altfield and carried as per the following roll call: Council members: Specchio; Vroom; Altfield; Crum; Huntley and Marinaro all YES.

**Request for Resolution for Environmental study on former sewer plant property**

Borough Administrator state that he would like to speak with the Borough Administrator of Butler before doing anything in regard to this; consensus that this will be on the April 14, Work Session.

**Public Health & Safety Committee**

**Adoption of Resolution #2009-3.4: Appointment of Police Dispatchers**

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

RESOLVED, that as per the recommendation of the Police Chief, the following be appointed as Police Dispatchers:

- Andrea Vollaro

- Bryan McDowell
- Joan Thomson

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

### **Ratables and Revenues**

Councilman Marinaro recommended that we host an Open House to discuss bringing ratables into the Borough; consensus that this should be at the May 12 Work Session.

### **Grant Writers Committee**

Councilwoman Huntley stated that there is a Sustainable NJ Workshop on March 12 and a Block Grant Workshop on March 19 which members of the Committee will be attending.

### **Authorization for Special Meeting**

Discussion was held in regard to authorizing a Special Meeting on March 31 in regard to Introduction of the FY2009 Budget; filing of a discretionary aid application and action in regard to compliance with our water and sewer with Passaic Valley.

Councilman Specchio moved for the Special meeting on march 31, 2009 at 7 p.m. as outlined above; seconded by Councilwoman Altfield and carried on voice vote with all Council members voting YES.

### **LATE PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Al Lavoie, Economic Development Commission, asked Councilman Marinaro to let him know when a meeting is held in regard to Open House for ratables as the Commission would like to have input, etc. on it.

Karen Labazetta, 5 Woodward Avenue, asked about the progress of the borough's website.

Borough Administrator stated that it is about 2/3 done and a new website will be out shortly.

Beth Pellegrino, 16 Orchard Street, spoke in regard to the BASS Animal Shelter and asked the mayor and Council to support the "No Kill" shelter and noted that fundraising is difficult and the shelter is bringing in revenue for the Borough.

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

**LATE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Adoption of Resolution #2009-3.5: Authorization for Executive Session**

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-3.5  
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. Negotiations – 4 matters
  - B. Attorney/Client Communication – 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.

Councilman Vroom seconded the motion, and it carried on voice vote.

**(At this time, 7:40 p.m. the Mayor and Council went into Executive Session)**

**RECONVENED**

Mayor Steenstra reconvened the meeting at 9:42 p.m. and noted that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Since there as no further business to be conducted, Councilwoman Altfeld moved to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:43 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Marinaro and carried on voice vote.

Jane McCarthy, RMC  
Municipal Clerk