

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

September 8, 2009

Mayor Steenstra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

<i>In Attendance:</i>	Mayor:	William Steenstra
	Council President:	Jennifer Altfield
	Council Members:	Bernie Vroom Thomas Marinaro Dean Specchio Mark A. Crum
Absent:	Council Members:	Linda Huntley (Excused)
	Borough Administrator:	Ted Ehrenburg (Excused)
<i>Professionals Present:</i>	Municipal Clerk:	Jane McCarthy, RMC
	Borough Attorney:	Joseph V. MacMahon, Esq.
	CFO/Asst. to Adm:	Donna Mollineaux

SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor Steenstra led the Salute to the Flag

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 November 11, 2008.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Crum moved that the meeting be opened to Early Public Comment; seconded by Councilman Specchio and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES.

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

PRESENTATION BY BLOOMINGDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

At this time, the Bloomingdale Fire Chief and members of his Department presented a slide presentation in regard to the replacement of Truck 662 vs. repairing it.

Mrs. Rose of Bloomingdale in answer to the Mayor, noted that replacement of the truck makes more sense as it is 20 years old and putting more money into an old truck might not be a good idea due to fact of the age of the truck.

Consensus that a survey questionnaire will be put on the website as to replacement vs. repair and this will be on the September 22, 2009 for resolution.

Councilman Vroom will recuse himself from voting on this subject due to a conflict.

Chief Financial Officer Donna Mollineaux noted that we could advertise for a new truck and take bids contingent upon the bond ordinance passing.

Councilman Specchio noted that he is in favor of replacing the truck and spoke of the public safety fact or.

Councilman Marinaro noted that the fire department budget line item for \$12,500 for repairs would no longer be necessary if we replaced the vehicle.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Municipal Clerk

Candlelight Walk – Municipal Clerk noted that the Candlelight Walk will be held on September 11, 2009; lineup at Butler Park at 7 p.m.

PENDING BUSINESS

Governmental Operations

Recycling Bin Ordinance - Borough Attorney noted that he and the Municipal Clerk have spoken in regard to the State regulations which have been imposed in regard to recycling bins and noted that our ordinance will have to be amended; this will be on the September 22, 2009 meeting for introduction.

Municipal Clerk asked the Borough Attorney about these new video machines that are in the Borough and he stated that they would be considered vending machines; he will research it and report back.

Public Health & Safety

Introduction of Ordinance #14-2009: Appropriating \$4,000 to provide for Architectural Services in connection with the Design of the Bloomingdale Police Headquarters

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$24,000.00 AVAILABLE FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND TO PROVIDE FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DESIGN OF THE BLOOMINGDALE POLICE HEADQUARTERS HEREIN IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY was introduced by titled by Councilman Vroom who moved that second and final reading and public hearing be held on September 22, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Crum seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: council members: Altfield; Crum; Marinaro; Specchio and Vroom all Yes. ABSENT: Councilwoman Huntley (Excused)

Ordinance Review Committee

No report.

Ratables and Revenues Committee

No report

Grant Writers Committee

No report.

INRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

Governmental Operations Committee

Adoption of Resolution #2009-9.1: Tax Title Line #484

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-9.1
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing Redemption and Cancellation of Tax Title Lien Certificate #484

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that, at the Borough Tax Sale held on March 30, 2009, a lien was sold on, 31 MAIN STREET, BLOOMINGDALE, for delinquent year 2008 taxes, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the foregoing property is also known as Block 82, Lot 40, owned by Vesna Ilic; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the foregoing lien is known as Tax Title Lien Certificate (TTL) # 484, which was sold to US BANK-CUST/SASS MUNI V DTR for a premium of \$4,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that Vesna Ilic, owner of the property, has requested redemption of TTL # 484, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that Vesna Ilic has paid all monies due on TTL # 484, including supporting affidavits from the lien holder, and current taxes to the Borough of Bloomingdale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the Borough Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue check in the amount of \$8,337.54 for the lien redemption and \$4,500.00 for the return of PREMIUM payable to US BANK-CUST/SASS MUNI V DTR, 2 Liberty Place, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102 for the redemption and cancellation of Tax Title Lien Certificate # 484.

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

Adoption of Resolution #2009-9.2: Chapter 159 Highlands Grant

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-9.2
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Authorizing the Insertion into the FY2009 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
Highlands Council 2009 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 FY2009 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 FY2009 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue in the sum of \$50,000.00, which item is now available as revenue in the form of a State of New Jersey Current Fund – Highlands Council 2009 Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$50,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption:

*Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations
Highlands Council 2009 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 Crum seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Marinaro; Specchio; Vroom; Altfeld and Crum all Yes. ABSENT: Councilwoman Huntley (Excused)

Chief Financial Officer Mollineaux stated that at the next meeting, we need to appropriate additional funds for the Planner to finish the Highlands Grant work.

Adoption of Resolution #2009-9.3: Authorizing Submission of Application for Local Government Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-9.3
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale has been implementing a “Going Green” concept since 2006 in recognition of global concerns regarding ever increasing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale has started assessing ways in which to diminish its emission contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale has physically begun a progressive program of renovations and facility improvements to move towards this goal; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale recognizes the opportunity the NJ Local Government Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant Program offers in receiving financial assistance for designated approved projects,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale hereby approves an application be made to this Grant Program and if awarded funding, commits to implementing at least 50% of the measurable actions identified by the planning activity.

Councilman Specchio seconded the motion and it carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Councilwoman Huntley (Excused)

Discussion as to Resolution in Regard to EMT Training Fund

Noted that this will be held until we hear from the First Aid Squad if they are in agreement and if so, this will be put on the September 22, 2009 meeting for consideration.

Public Health & Safety Committee

Adoption of Resolution #2009-9.4: Chapter 159 DDEF Grant

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-9.4
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing the Insertion into the FY2009 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 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant 2009

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 FY2009 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 FY2009 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue in the sum of \$1,118.87, which item is now available as revenue in the form of a State of New Jersey Current Fund – Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$1,118.87 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption:

*Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant 2009*

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; Vroom; Altfield; Crum and Marinaro all YES. ABSENT: Councilwoman Huntley (Excused)

Approval of Membership Bloomingdale Fire Department

Councilwoman Altfield moved for the approval of membership in the Bloomingdale Fire Department the following:

Bernard H. Vroom
Stephen M. Opranely

Councilman Crum seconded the motion and it carried on voice vote. Councilman Vroom, ABSTAINED and Councilwoman Huntley, ABSENT (Excused)

**Adoption of Resolution #2009-9.5: NJDOT Grant for Pedestrian Safety Improvements
Phase 1 and 2 Projects**

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-9.5
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Approval to Submit Grant application and Execute a Grant Agreement With the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Hamburg Turnpike Pedestrian Safety Improvements – Phase I & II Project

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale is requesting funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation 2010 Municipal Aid Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2010 Bloomingdale Borough – 00733 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Bloomingdale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Bloomingdale and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

Adoption of Resolution #2009-9.6: Authorizing the Insertion into the FY2009 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 Gypsy Moth Spraying/Suppression Grant 09

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-9.6
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing the Insertion into the FY2009 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 Gypsy Moth Spraying/Suppression Grant 09

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 FY2009 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 FY2009 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue in the sum of \$925.26, which item is now available as revenue in the form of a State of New Jersey Current Fund – Gypsy Moth Spraying/Suppression Grant 09; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$925.26 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption:

*Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations
Gypsy Moth Spraying/Suppression Grant 09*

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: Altfield; Crum; Marinaro; Specchio and Vroom all YES.

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Pete Croop, 10 Henion Place, spoke in regard to an email he received as to a 2010 Hazardous Remediation Grant Program and if the Borough is interested, they must respond as to their interest by this Friday; the actual application will be due in October.

Noted that some of the items which we may be able to submit for is an emergency generator for the Walter T. Bergen School for our shelter; drainage on Van Dam Avenue, etc.

Consensus that Mr. Croop will respond by this Friday that the borough is interested in submitting an application for this grant.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Because there was no further public business to be conducted, Councilwoman Altfield moved to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:40 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Crum and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting YES.

Jane McCarthy, RMC
Municipal Clerk