

**BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and more specifically, N.J.S.A. 10:4-B(b), which authorizes the use of communications equipment to hold public meetings, and in consideration of Executive Order 107 issued by Governor Murphy and guidance provided by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, while ensuring the continued functioning of government, a telephonic meeting of the Borough of Bloomingdale will be held on April 21, 2020 at 7:00p.m. Any member of the public who wishes to participate in the meeting, which will include a public comment portion, may do so calling into the service number: 1 (973) 302-3356 Participant Code:1819, at the designated meeting time.

Detailed instructions on how to access the meeting will be available on the Borough of Bloomingdale's website at [www.bloomingdalenj.net](http://www.bloomingdalenj.net). The website will also provide alternate instructions to follow should the remote system fail during any portion of the meeting. Members of the public who are unable to utilize the access system due to a disability may submit written comments/questions by contacting the Clerk via email at [bcalabro@bloomingdalenj.net](mailto:bcalabro@bloomingdalenj.net) prior to the meeting, up until April 21, 2020 at 4:00p.m. The comments/questions, which must include the individual's name and address, will be read into the record during the public comment portion of the meeting.

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**April 21, 2020**

The Workshop Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale was held on the above date via a telephonic conference call as described above in the legal ad published on April 14, 2020. Mayor Dunleavy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**Roll Call:** (taken by the Borough Clerk)

*In Attendance:* Mayor Jonathan Dunleavy  
Councilman John D'Amato  
Councilman Richard Dellaripa  
Councilwoman Dawn Hudson  
Councilman Drew Juhlin  
Councilman Michael Sondermeyer  
Councilman Ray Yazdi  
Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Calabro  
Borough Attorney, Fred Semrau, Esq.

**PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT**

Mayor Dunleavy stated that adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the Herald News on April 14, 2020; copies were provided to the local news media and posted continuously in the Municipal Building. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Motion was made by HUDSON to open to meeting for public comment; seconded by YAZDI and carried per voice vote all voting AYE. There was no one who wished to speak SONDERMEYER made a motion to close public comment, second by D'AMATO & carried on voice vote all members voting AYE, in favor.

**REPORTS OF PROFESSIONALS, DEPARTMENT HEADS,  
COMMITTEES, LIAISONS & MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- **Fred Semrau, Esq:** *invited the Mayor & Council (without a quorum) to join a webinar on Friday April 24, at 3:30pm with guest speaker Jon Rheinhardt, to discuss various municipal financial issues pertaining to COVID-19*
- **Mayor Dunleavy:**
  - *Thanked all essential & non-essential Borough staff – & assured residents are receiving full service during these trying times*

- *Ballston Street Road improvements to begin on April 27<sup>th</sup>*
- *Bid Opening for Water Looping of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – May 7<sup>th</sup>*
- *NJDOT Grant – Borough Engineer will apply for paving Hilltop Terrace (2021 project)*
- *Capital Plan – waiting on numbers for Utility water on Hamilton*
- *Affordable Housing updates – authorizing CME to move forward with items is listed on the agenda*
- *Town Center Designation petition – extended to September*
- *Construction Office, while working remotely, has realized more revenue from March 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 21<sup>st</sup> than last year on permits*
- *Thoughts & prayers to Ex Chief Bob Sabo & Former DPW Foreman Ed DiLora who have passed. Continued prayers for Patrolman Gary Walker who is battling Covid-19*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4.7 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4.7  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Accepting, Approving and/or Adopting the Consent Agenda of the  
April 21, 2020 Regular Meeting*

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale has determined that to increase efficiency, the Consent Agenda shall be adopted with one resolution, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following resolutions, placed on this agenda by consent, require no discussion and the same having been previously reviewed by each Governing Body member, be and are hereby adopted in their entirety by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale.

- A. Motion to approve minutes:
- A. February 18, 2020 – Regular Meeting
  - B. April 7, 2020 – Telephonic Meeting

The motion was second by DELLARIPA and carried on voice vote all members voting in favor, AYE; none were opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Councilman DELLARIPA offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4.8  
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

**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: **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;

BILLS LIST

PREPAID LIST

CURRENT	1,703,663.61	CURRENT	1,403,611.50
UTILITY	97,288.74	UTILITY	62,320.36
CAPITAL	40,175.48	OPEN SPACE	00.00
UTILITY CAPITAL	4,375.00	TRUST ACCOUNT	00.00
TRUST	4,103.00	RECYCLING	214.56
DOG	2,292.80	DOG TRUST	00.00
RECREATION	6,530.00	UNEMPLOY	302.88 ROSE
FUND	17,946.77	CAPITAL	00.00
RECYCLING	2,600.00	WATER CAPITAL	00.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	00.00	RECREATION	00.00
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	00.00	CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	00.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,878,975.40</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,466,449.30</b>

The motion was second by D'AMATO and carried per the following roll call vote:  
D'AMATO (YES)\*, DELLARIPA (YES), HUDSON (YES), JUHLIN (YES),  
SONDERMEYER (YES), YAZDI (YES),

\*D'AMATO: Yes with recusal from all items listed under 'vendor 01463'

B. Councilwoman HUDSON offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4.9  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR FIREHOUSE  
STATION 1 (UNION AVENUE) FLOORING TO ALPINE PAINTING &  
SANDBLASTING CONTRACTORS (PER REVISED PROPOSAL DATED APRIL 6,  
2020)**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Bloomingdale has a need to install flooring at the Union Avenue Firehouse Station 1 as per a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administration has received quotes and determined in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of Borough of Bloomingdale previously awarded a contract to Alpine Painting & Sandblasting Contractors for flooring at the Union Avenue Firehouse in the amount of \$32,900 (Resolution No. 2020-3.6); and

**WHEREAS**, Alpine Painting and Sandblasting Contractors, has submitted a revised proposal dated April 6, 2020, indicating they will provide the removal and installation of flooring for \$39,950; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpine Painting and Sandblasting Contractors, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Alpine Painting and Sandblasting Contractors has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Bloomingdale in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the Alpine Painting and Sandblasting Contractors from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this service is available, as evidenced by the annexed Certification of Funds, by the Chief Financial Officer; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter a contract with Alpine Painting and Sandblasting Contractors as described herein.

**Discussion:** *There was discrepancy in the previous proposal. The vendor would like to begin this project ASAP however the Fire Department would like to push this project to the summer.*

The motion was second by YAZDI and carried per the following roll call vote: ,  
DELLARIPA (YES), HUDSON (YES), JUHLIN (YES), SONDERMEYER (YES), YAZDI  
(YES), D'AMATO (YES)

C. Councilman YAZDI offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4.10  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE  
COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING  
THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT  
COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO CME ASSOCIATES FOR AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING SERVICES - COURT COMPLIANCE (MID-POINT  
REALISTIC OPPORTUNITY REVIEW AND VERY LOW-INCOME UNIT  
STATUS REPORT)**

**WHEREAS**, The Borough's Settlement Agreement requires that a Mid-Point Realistic Opportunity Review be prepared for submission to the Court and Fair Share Housing Center (FSHC) by July 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, This report must contain a detailed project status for each project and mechanism in the Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan, and provide an assessment as to whether the projects or mechanisms continue to provide a realistic opportunity for affordable housing.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to retain the services of CME Associates as identified in its proposal dated April 6, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds from account T-22-56-851-001-801, and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional service without competitive bidding, and the contract itself, be available for public inspection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough of Bloomingdale hereby awards and authorizes the execution of an Agreement with CME Associates, 1460 Route 9 South, Howell, New Jersey 07731 for Affordable Housing Services - Court Compliance (Mid-Point Realistic Opportunity Review And Very Low-Income Unit Status Report) as per its proposal dated April 6, 2020 for a fee not to exceed \$7,900.

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.

3. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$7,900 without the prior written approval of the Borough Council.

4. Notice of this action shall be published once in the Borough's official newspaper as required by law.

5. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Borough Treasurer and CME Associates, 1460 Route 9 South, Howell, New Jersey 07731 for their information and guidance.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Discussion:** Mayor noted the fee for this contract will come from the Affordable Housing Trust account which has approximately a balance of \$35,000. Councilman Juhlin, Mayor Dunleavy, and Borough Attorney discussed the similarities between 'affordable housing units & low-income housing units'. Discussion continued into the Borough's current affordable housing obligations per the settlement.

The motion was second by SONDERMEYER and carried per the following roll call vote: HUDSON (YES), JUHLIN (YES), SONDERMEYER (YES), YAZDI (YES), D'AMATO (YES), DELLARIPA (YES)

D. Councilman YAZDI offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4.11  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GAETA RECYCLING CO., INC FOR SOLID WASTE REMOVAL**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2017-12.28, adopted on December 19, 2017, the Borough of Bloomingdale entered into a professional services contract with Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc. for the provision of solid waste removal and disposal services;

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the agreement included fees for the handling of certain recyclable materials; and

**WHEREAS**, Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc. has indicated that the fees being charged for collection of certain recyclable materials is no longer reasonable and requested an amendment to the original Agreement for an increase of fees as follows:

<b>Recyclable Material</b>	<b>New Fee</b>
Comingled recyclable materials (bottles, cans, plastics, etc.)	\$65.00 per ton
OCC (cardboard)	\$55.00 per ton
Mixed paper (all forms except OCC)	\$60.00 per ton

; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has reviewed the request and determined that an amendment for the term May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 is in the best interests of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this amendment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties agree as follows

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the contract with Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc. for professional services to assist the Borough with solid waste removal and disposal services for a term of May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 only.
2. This contract amendment is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 *et seq.* and the local public contracts law.
3. That a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law, and said notice to provide that the amended contract and this resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Discussion:** Mayor explained the declining market of co-mingled (cans/bottles). Gaeta is increasing the fees for co-mingled by \$56 per ton. Other neighboring towns have also agreed to increased collection fees.

The motion was second by D'AMATO and carried per the following roll call vote: JUHLIN (YES), SONDERMEYER (YES), YAZDI (YES), D'AMATO (YES), DELLARIPA (YES), HUDSON (YES)

### **LATE PUBLIC COMMENT**

HUDSON opened the meeting to late public comment; seconded by YAZDI and carried on voice vote.

#### **Charles Caraballo – 75 Vreeland Ave**

*Inquired on a financial impact of Covid-19 to the Borough over the next few months. Mayor explained the Borough's tax collection breakdown (homeowners/mortgage companies/seniors etc.) & implied the Borough will still maintain a 99% collection rate because of an annual tax sale.*

Since there was no one else who wished to speak SONDERMEYER that it be closed; second by D'AMATO and carried on voice vote all members voting (AYE).

### **LATE EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The council did not enter executive session.

### **GOVERNING BODY SCHEDULE:**

- A. Workshop Meeting – May 5, 2020 7PM
- B. Regular Meeting (& 2020 Budget Adoption) – May 19, 2020 7PM

### **CLOSING MAYORAL REMARKS:**

The Borough anticipates FEMA reimbursement funding for Covid-19 expenses such as overtime & for items purchased to protect our first responders. The mayor has filed a claim with FEMA and is continuing to document and track all receipts for these covid-19 expenses. The Mayor anticipates a total of approximately \$50,000-\$100,000 expense. The Mayor is cutting no corners when it comes to the protection of the Borough employees. The Borough is stocked with PPE equipment. The following items have been purchased thus far:

- Full PPE bodysuits for the Police & Fire Department as they come in contact with covid positive residents
- Decontamination station for the Police Department which will be set up in the parking lot of Borough Hall
- Gas powered sanitizing equipment for all Borough vehicles and all Borough buildings
- Alpine Sandblasters were also contracted to sanitize the Police Station, Chief's office, both Fire Houses, and the Animal Shelter
- In the future, when the employees are back full time – Boro Hall will be sanitized as well

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Since there was no further business to be conducted, SONDERMEYER moved to adjourn at 7:28PM; seconded by D'AMATO and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

Breeanna Calabro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk