

September 23, 2010

A Special 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 7:30 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor Steenstra led the Salute to the Flag followed by the Borough Prayer.

ROLL CALL

<i>In Attendance:</i>	Mayor:	William Steenstra
	Council President:	Dean Specchio
	Council Pres. Pro Tem:	Bernard H. Vroom
	Council Members:	Linda Huntley Thomas Marinaro Jo-Ann Pituch Glenn Schiffman
<i>Professionals Present:</i>	Municipal Clerk:	Jane McCarthy, RMC
	Borough Administrator:	Ted Ehrenburg
	Borough Attorney:	Kenneth Petrie, Esq.
	Borough Auditor:	Joseph Faccone

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 September 16, 2010.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Vroom moved to open the meeting for Early Public Comment on agenda items; seconded by Councilwoman Pituch and carried on voice vote.

Leslie Monsees, 153 Rafkind Road, spoke in regard to the fact that she still is not able to understand the budget format and questioned some of the items as to salaries and wages which she stated went up 12% and asked if anyone could explain what that was; also asked how much the taxes will go up with this budget.

Mrs. Monsees expressed her concern with the DPW contract and the Borough Administrator's raise.

Jennifer Altfield, 17 Cedar Street, spoke in regard to longevity under the DPW contract and fact that they have been contributing towards their health insurance for four years and fact that the Borough Administrator's giveback was \$8,000; Mr. Hagl of the Board of Education received a \$4,300 raise.

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

FY2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Adoption of Ordinance #8-2010: Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14) was give second and final reading and consideration for adoption at this time.

Councilman Specchio moved that the ordinance be read by title; seconded by Councilman Marinaro and carried on voice vote.

**ORDINANCE #8-2010
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, in the County of Passaic, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2010 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$218,155.95 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, in the County of Passaic, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2010 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Bloomingdale shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$218,155.95 and that the CY 2010 municipal budget for the Borough of Bloomingdale be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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

Councilman Vroom moved to open the meeting to a Public Hearing on this ordinance; seconded by Councilman Marinaro and carried on voice vote.

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

Councilman Specchio moved for adoption of the ordinance; seconded by Councilman Marinaro and carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Huntley, YES; Marinaro, YES; Pituch, YES; Schiffman, NO; Specchio, YES and Vroom, YES.

Public Hearing on Resolution #2010-9.1: Resolution to Amend Budget

Councilman Specchio moved to open the Public Hearing on the Resolution to Amend the Budget; seconded by Councilman Marinaro and carried on voice vote.

Since there was no one who wished to speak under the Public Hearing, Councilman Marinaro moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilman Specchio and carried on voice vote.

Adoption of FY2010 Municipal Budget as amended

Councilman Marinaro moved for the adoption of the FY2010 Municipal Budget; seconded by Councilman Specchio.

At this time, Councilwoman Huntley read into the record a statement as to her objections with the proposed budget, i.e. no furloughs or layoffs, non refinancing of bonds; looking more closely at contracts.

The motion **DID NOT CARRY** as per the following roll call and the motion failed: council Members: Marinaro, YES; Pituch, NO; Schiffman, NO; Specchio, NO; Vroom, NO and Huntley NO.

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Marinaro moved to open the meeting to Late Public Comment; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote.

Leslie Monsees, 153 Rafkind Road, expressed her dissatisfaction of the vote this evening and noted that it is the responsibility of the Governing Body to come up with a budget; they owe it to the people of the Borough.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Because there was no further public business to be conducted, Councilman Specchio moved to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 8L94 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Schiffman and carried on voice vote.

Jane McCarthy, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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