

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

**November 1, 2024**

The Workshop Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building (101 Hamburg Tpke) on the above date. Mayor John D’Amato called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM.

Mayor led the **Salute to the Flag**.

**Official Roll Call:** (taken by the Municipal Clerk)

*In Attendance:* Mayor John D’Amato  
Councilman Dominic Catalano  
Councilman John Graziano  
Councilwoman Dawn Hudson (exited at 8:16AM)  
Councilwoman Evelyn Schubert  
Councilman Ray Yazdi (entered at 8:11AM)  
*Councilperson Vacancy*

Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith  
Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer  
*Borough Attorney was excused*

**PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT**

**Mayor D’Amato stated:** *This Meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the Herald News on January 12, 2024; 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.*

*Per State Fire Code, I am required to acknowledge that there are two emergency exits in this Council Chambers. The main entrance which you entered through and a secondary exit to the left of where I am seated. If there is an emergency, walk orderly to the exits, exit through the door, down the stairs and out the building. If there are any questions, please raise your hand now.*

**EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion was made by HUDSON to open the meeting for public comment; seconded by GRAZIANO and carried on voice vote all voting AYE.

Charles Caraballo – 75 Vreeland Ave., Bloomingdale  
Made the following inquires:

- Referenced Bond Ord. 20-2024 for the Bogue Pond playground, it was confirmed this project is funded with NJDEP Green Acres Grant (\$750,000), & Passaic County Open Space Grants

Since there was no one who else wished to speak HUDSON made a motion to close the meeting for public comment, seconded by GRAZIANO carried on voice vote, all in favor voting AYE.

**REPORTS (PROFESSIONALS, DEPT HEADS, COMMITTEES, LIAISONS, MAYOR):**

**Councilwoman Evelyn Schubert  
(Senior Committee, Library Board, BBYC & Tri-Boro First Aid Liaison):**

- Library Board of Trustees
  - Paint & Sip – November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Firemen’s Hall
  - Adult Programs:

- ABC Murder Book Club
  - Stephen Kind Book Club
  - Cook book Club
- Reinforced library rules that minors under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult
- \*\*\*\*\*Details for all programs are available on the Library website
- Tri-Boro First Aid Squad
  - 48 call outs for Bloomingdale
  - Seeking new members
  - Seeking donations
  - Medical equipment available to the community
- BBYC:
  - Jiggs dine to donate every Tuesday
  - Salute to Service Game 11/9
- Senior Advisory Committee/Center:
  - Center open daily from 9AM-1PM
  - Monthly calendar and nutrition menu available on website

**Councilman, Ray Yazdi (Budget Committee)** *no report*

**Councilwoman, Dawn Hudson (BOH Liaison, Public Event Committee)** *no report*

**Council President, John Graziano (EDC Chairman)**

- EDC – Ribbon cutting ceremony for Krios on November 3 at 4PM

**Councilman, Dominic Catalano (BEC liaison, Recreation liaison, Planning Board member)**  
*no report*

**Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer** *no report*

**Mayor John D’Amato:** *Council Dellaripa has resigned effective October 18, 2024; there will be a special meeting on November 12, 2024.*

**Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith:** *for matter of record the Bond Ordinance under new business will be indexed as Bond Ord. 20-2024*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*(Adoption of Resolutions No. 2024-11.1 – 2024-11.4)*

**Motion:** Dawn Hudson

**Second:** John Graziano

**Roll Call Vote:** CATALANO (YES), GRAZIANO (YES), HUDSON (YES), SCHUBERT (YES), YAZDI (YES)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11.1  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Accepting, Approving and/or Adopting the Consent Agenda of the  
November 1, 2024 Council Meeting*

**WHEREAS**, the Borough 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 Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale.

**A. Motion to approve minutes:**

- October 15, 2024 – Executive Session

**B. Resolution No. 2024-11.2:** H2M (Lead & Copper Rule Compliance Assistance)  
**C. Resolution No. 2024-11.3:** EDC member appointment (J. Redondo)  
**D. Resolution No. 2024-11.4:** Legacy Fence (23 Brandt Lane – Animal Shelter)

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Catalano	X				<i>vacant</i>				
Graziano	X				Schubert	X			
Hudson	X				Yazdi	X			

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Breeanna Smith, RMC  
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-11.5:** Authorizing the Transfer of 2024

**Motion:** Ray Yazdi  
**Second:** John Graziano  
**Roll Call Vote:** GRAZIANO (YES), HUDSON (YES), SCHUBERT (YES), YAZDI (YES), CATALANO (YES)

- B. Introduction of Bond Ordinance No. 20-2024:** Bogue Pond Playground

A motion was made by HUDSON to read and introduce the Ordinance by title; second and final reading/ public hearing will be on November 19, 2024 at 7PM; the motion was seconded by YAZDI and carried on the following voice vote: all members present voting AYE, in favor; none were opposed.

The Municipal Clerk read by Title:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BOGUE POND PARK, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,219,600 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$19,600 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT:

GRAZIANO opened the meeting to late public comment; seconded by YAZDI and carried on voice vote, all in favor voting AYE. Since there was no one who wished to speak, YAZDI moved that it be closed; second by GRAZIANO and carried on voice vote all members voting (AYE), none were opposed.

GOVERNING BODY SCHEDULE

- A. November 12, 2024 – Special Meeting**  
**B. November 19, 2024 - Regular Meeting**  
**C. December 17, 2024 - Regular Meeting**

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be conducted, YAZDI moved to adjourn at 8:17AM; seconded by GRAZIANO and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

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Municipal Clerk

**November 1, 2024 RESOLUTIONS**

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**G. Resolution No. 2024-11.3:** EDC member appointment (J. Redondo)  
**H. Resolution No. 2024-11.4:** Legacy Fence (23 Brandt Lane – Animal Shelter)

*Record of Council Vote on Passage*

COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Catalano	X				Vacant				
Graziano	X				Schubert	X			
Hudson	X				Yazdi	X			

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11.2  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO H2M ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for professional engineering services that are needed to assist the Borough in compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Lead & Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to retain H2M Associates, Inc. to perform such services; and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum amount for services under this contract shall not exceed \$3,000.00 as per H2M Proposal No.: LP241187; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer [or their designee] has certified the available of funds as evidenced in the annex certification; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. §40A:11-1 *et seq.*) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids 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:

**Section 1.** The contract with H2M Associates, Inc. is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. §40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law.

**Section 2.** H2M Associates, Inc. shall provide professional engineering services to the Borough as set forth in its proposal No. LP241187 of October 15, 2024.

**Section 3.** A notice of this action shall be printed once in the legal newspaper of the Borough of Bloomingdale as required by law.

**Section 4.** A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Finance Department, and to H2M Associates, Inc., of 119 Cherry Hill Road, Suite 110, Parsippany, NJ 07054, for their information and guidance.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Catalano	X				Vacant				
Graziano	X				Schubert	X			
Hudson	X				Yazdi	X			

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11.3  
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**APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale that they do provide, advice and consent to the Mayor’s appointment of the following to the Economic Development Commission members, effective November 1, 2024:

1. EDC Alternate II Member
- 2 years (unexpired 12/31/24) Jessy Redondo

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Catalano	X				Vacant				
Graziano	X				Schubert	X			
Hudson	X				Yazdi	X			

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11.4  
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RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO LEGACY FENCE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A CHAIN LINK FENCE AT 23 BRANDT LANE (ANIMAL SHELTER)

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Department has expressed to the Borough Administration the need to replace a chain link fence at the Animal Shelter located at 23 Brandt Lane; and

WHEREAS the Borough Administration has received & submitted quotes to the Temporary Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Legacy Fence LLC of Bloomingdale, New Jersey can provide and install the fence; and

**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 does hereby award a contract for the installation of a chain link fence at 23 Brandt Lane to Legacy Fence, LLC. of Bloomingdale, New Jersey.
2. The Chief Financial Officer, or their designee, has certified the availability of funds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 which is annexed to this resolution.
3. The contract is below the bid threshold and accordingly is not awarded through the bidding process.
4. The Mayor and/or Business Administrator and Finance Department are hereby authorized to take action to implement this resolution.

***Record of Council Vote on Passage***

COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
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Graziano	X				Schubert	X			
Hudson	X				Yazdi	X			

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11.5  
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**Authorizing the Transfer of 2024 Appropriations**

**WHEREAS**, Title 40A:4-58 provides that should it become necessary during the last two months of the fiscal year to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of any respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may by resolution setting forth the facts adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess of those appropriations deemed to be insufficient; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Treasurer has determined that the following transfers are both necessary and appropriate; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the FY2024 Budget.

From:		
Electricity		\$ 15,000.00
Street Lighting Expense		\$ 5,000.00
Water Expense		\$ 5,000.00
Grantsman O/E		\$ 16,450.00
TOTAL		\$ 41,450.00
To:		
Group Insurance O/E		\$ 41,450.00
TOTAL		\$ 41,450.00

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
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