

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

February 4, 2025

The Regular 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 7:01 PM.

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

Official Roll Call: (taken by the Municipal Clerk)

In Attendance:

Mayor John D'Amato
Councilman David Bronkhurst
Councilman Dominic Catalano
Councilman John Graziano
~~Councilwoman Dawn Hudson~~ (excused)
Councilwoman Evelyn Schubert
Councilman Ray Yazdi

Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith
Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer
Borough Attorney, Dawn Sullivan

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 9, 2025; 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 YAZDI to open the meeting for public comment; seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on voice vote all voting AYE. Since there was no one who wished to speak YAZDI made a motion to close the meeting for public comment, seconded by BRONKHURST carried on voice vote, all in favor voting AYE.

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

Councilwoman Evelyn Schubert

(Senior Committee, Library Board, ROSE Fund & Tri-Boro First Aid Liaison):

- Library Board of Trustees
 - Bloomingdaletales Book Club Feb 12th
 - The ABC Murder Club March 18th
 - Stephen Kind Book Club March 3rd
 - True Crime Chat (2nd Thursday of every month via zoom)
 - Storytime Thursday 10:30AM
 - Porch Leaner (Paint & Sip Fundraiser) February 23rd 1-5PM at firemans hall \$55/person
 - Designer Handbag Bingo
 - Dueling Pianos TBD

- *****Details for all programs are available on the Library website
- Tri-Boro First Aid Squad
 - 1759 YTD calls (as of December 2024)
 - Installation Diner went well – acknowledging new members & President Justin Hill
 - Feb 11th Wendy’s dine-to-donate fundraiser
 - Pancake Breakfast & Spring Craft Fair March 23rd (St. Athony’s Butler)
 - Seeking volunteers
 - Medical equipment available to the community
- Senior Advisory Committee/Center:
 - ‘Make-A-Will’ Event at Senior Center February 7th (by appointment)
 - Center open daily from 9AM-1PM
 - Monthly calendar and nutrition menu available on website

Councilman, John Graziano (EDC Chairman)

- Thanked the EDC & Mark Redfield for their involvement in obtaining new welcome signs for the town (sponsored by local businesses)

Councilwoman, Dawn Hudson (BOH Liaison, Public Event Committee)

****not present for the meeting, Councilman Graziano read her report into the record****

- Animal licenses are due by March 1st
- February 25th – Ramadan Crescent Lighting
- Borough Closed – February 17th Presidents Day
- Rabies Clinic March 1st – DPW Garage, Riverdale
- Rave & Recycle Coach signup available on website
- Open position on the Board of Health
- BOH introduced an Ordinance regarding massage, bodywork & somatic therapy
- Taxes due Feb 10th

Council President, Ray Yazdi (Budget Committee) no report

Councilman, David Bronkhurst (BOE liaison, Ordinance Review Committee Member)

- Attended BOE meeting January 22
- Upcoming referendum scheduled for March 11, 2025
- “I will vote” newsletter is available to the public on their website

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

Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer *no report*

Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith: *no report*

Mayor John D’Amato:

- BOE referendum & the Borough’s involvement
 - Mayor noted his support. Stated, if the referendum passes, the BOE will finalize their building plans and put the project out for bid (approx. 6 months), bids to open, reviewed and formally accepted, contract awarded & construction to be begin. Children to remain at SRD during construction. Once complete the BOE will have to apply to the Department of Education to have the SRD school decommissioned. After approval the property can be sold
 - The Borough’s Ordinance Review Committee will make a zoning recommendation to the council. (example: BCD [Bloomingdale Center District] or R-M [In-Town Apt and Senior Citizen Housing Zone]) If the council introduces a zoning ordinance, it is then referred to the Planning Board for 45-day review, then comes back to Council for adoption

CONSENT AGENDA

(Adoption of Resolutions No. 2025-2.1 – 2025-2.7)

Motion: Ray Yazdi

Second: David Bronkhurst

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.1
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Accepting, Approving and/or Adopting the Consent Agenda of the
February 4, 2025 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:

- January 21, 2025 Executive Session

B. Motion to accept resignation:

- **Library Board Member:** Jennifer Ellis

C. Resolution No. 2025-2.2: Approve Tax Exemption for Disabled Veteran

D. Resolution No. 2025-2.3: Authorize Tax Overpayment Refund

E. Resolution No. 2025-2.4: Library Board Appointment (M. Gerrity)

F. Resolution No. 2025-2.5: Accept Maintenance Bond & Authorize Final Payment to Your Way Construction (Hilltop Terrace Project)

G. Resolution No. 2025-2.6: Authorize Memorandum of Agreement with PBA (Promotional Process)

H. Resolution No. 2025-2.7: Grant Paid Sick Leave to Borough Employee

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale at an Official Meeting held on February 4, 2025.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Second/Final Reading & Public Hearing:

Ordinance No. 1-2025: Amend Ch. 5 (Animal Control)

The Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith, read the Public Notice statement.

Councilman BRONKHURST moved that the Ordinance be read by title; seconded by YAZDI and carried on voice vote – all members present voting AYE

The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinance by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1-2025
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF

PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 5 “ANIMAL CONTROL”, SECTION 5-9 “DEFILING OR DAMAGING PROPERTY; NUISANCES; RUNNING AT LARGE” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

WHEREAS, the Borough Code currently sets forth rules and regulations as it relates to animal control; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Animal Control Services has recommended amending the code to provide clarity, define an animal owner’s responsibility and to allow for the issuance of a violation when deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Council Ordinance Review committee members have reviewed and accepted the recommended changes as being in the best interest of the Borough.

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

SECTION 1. Amending Chapter 5, Animal Control, Subsection 5-9 Defiling or Damaging Property; Nuisances; Running at Large, as follows:

(Deleted material shown with ~~strikeouts~~, added material is underscored)

§ 5-9 ~~DEFILING OR DAMAGING~~ INJURY TO PERSON OR PROPERTY; NUISANCES; RUNNING AT LARGE.

- a. ~~No person shall suffer, permit or allow any animal to injure, damage, soil or defile any lawn, shrubbery, flowers or grounds or any property, either public or private, or any person other than that of its owner to the extent that such action causes a nuisance. Any person owning, keeping, or harboring any domestic animal shall maintain control of the domestic animal and prevent that animal from causing any injury to person or property including damage to any lawn, shrubbery, flowers, grounds, or property.~~ Any person owning, keeping, or harboring any domestic animal shall maintain control of the domestic animal and prevent that animal from causing any injury to person or property including damage to any lawn, shrubbery, flowers, grounds, or property.

All other portions of this Chapter not addressed herein shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Borough of Bloomingdale inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE
COUNTY OF PASSAIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Breeanna Smith, Clerk

By: _____
John D’Amato, Mayor

Public Hearing:

At this time YAZDI made a motion to open the Public Hearing for comment; seconded by CATALANO and carried on a voice vote all voting AYE. Since there was no one who wished to speak YAZDI made a motion to close the public hearing; motion was seconded by CATALANO and carried on voice vote all members voting AYE; none were opposed.

Adoption:

YAZDI made motion for adoption; the motion was seconded by BRONKHURST and carried per the following roll call vote: CATALANO (YES), GRAZIANO (YES), SCHUBERT (YES), YAZDI (YES), BRONKHURST (YES)

B. Second/Final Reading & Public Hearing:

Ordinance No. 3-2025: Acquisition of Portion of 5073/71

The Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith, read the Public Notice statement.

YAZDI moved that the Ordinance be introduced and read by title; seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on voice vote – all members present voting AYE

The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinance by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 3-2025
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF BLOCK 5073, LOT 71 FROM M&T AT UNION AVE. BLOOMINGDALE, LLC

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 *et seq.*, provides that a municipality may, by ordinance, provide for the acquisition of real property or an interest therein by purchase, gift, devise, lease, or exchange; and

WHEREAS, M&T At Union Ave. Bloomingdale, LLC has agreed to transfer ownership of a portion of Block 5073, Lot 71, consisting of approximately 0.0249 acres of land to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale have determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough to acquire the said property for its use as public property by the Borough.

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

SECTION 1. The Borough of Bloomingdale hereby authorizes the acquisition through donation by the owners of a portion of Block 5073, Lot 71, consisting of approximately 0.0249 acres of land for the total sum of \$1.00.

SECTION 2. The said land to be conveyed to the Borough of Bloomingdale is described on the deed and map which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 3. The Mayor and Borough Clerk and all other proper officers and employees of the Borough are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. No debt is to be authorized or incurred by the enactment and passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. All ordinances of the Borough of Bloomingdale which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE
COUNTY OF PASSAIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ATTEST:

Breeanna Smith, Clerk

By: _____
John D'Amato, Mayor

***recorded deed to be made part of this ordinance**

Prepared by & Record and Return to
Jessica T. Zolotorofe, Esq.
The Weingarten Law Firm, LLC
1260 Stelton Road
Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

DEED

This Deed is made on this ____ day of January, 2025,

BETWEEN **M&T at Union Ave Bloomingdale, LLC**, a New Jersey limited liability company having an address of 1260 Stelton Road, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854 (the "**Grantor**"),

AND **The Borough of Bloomingdale**, having an address of 101 Hamburg Turnpike, Bloomingdale, New Jersey 07403 (the "**Grantee**").

The Word "Grantee" shall mean all Grantees listed above.

Transfer of Ownership. The Grantor grants and conveys (transfers ownership of) the property described below to the Grantee. This transfer is made for the sum of ONE and No/100 DOLLARS (\$1.00). The Grantor acknowledges receipt of this money.

Tax Map Reference. (N.J.S.A. 46:15-2.1) Borough of Bloomingdale, Lot 71, Block 5073.

Property. The property consists of the land and all the buildings and structures on the land in the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey. The legal description is:

See legal description on the attached Schedule A.

Having a street address of **Union Avenue, Bloomingdale, New Jersey 07403.**

Being the same premises conveyed to Grantor by Deed dated March 30, 2023 from Joseph W. Volpe and Anita Volpe, husband and wife and recorded in the Passaic County Clerk's Office on 4/14/23 in Deed Book D4508, at Page 1 et seq.

Subject to easements and restrictions of record.

Promises by Grantor. The Grantor promises that the Grantor has done no act to encumber the property. This promise is called a "covenant as to grantor's acts" (N.J.S.A. 46:4-6). This promise means that the Grantor has not allowed anyone else to obtain any legal rights which affect the property (such as by making a mortgage or allowing a judgment to be entered against the Grantor).

Signatures. This Deed is signed and attested to by the managing member of the Grantor as of the date at the top of the first page.

Witnessed by:

M&T at Union Ave Bloomingdale,

LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company

By: _____
Jack Morris, Managing Member

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX: SS.:

On January ____, 2025, JACK MORRIS personally came before me and acknowledged under oath, to my satisfaction, that:

- (a) he is authorized and did execute this deed as Managing Member of **M&T at Union Ave Bloomingdale, LLC** the entity named in this deed; and
- (b) this deed was made for \$1.00, as the full and actual consideration paid or to be paid for the transfer of title. (Such consideration is defined in N.J.S.A. 46:15-5).

Notary Public of New Jersey

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**Property Description
Exhibit "A"
Block 5073, Lot 71
Borough of Bloomingdale, Passaic County, New Jersey**

BEGINNING at a corner of Lots 70 and 71 in Block 5073 and common to the southerly sideline of Union Avenue (50.00 Right-of-Way) and running thence;

- 1. **North 59° 00' 00" West**, a distance of **24.42 feet** to a point; thence;
- 2. **South 12° 59' 00" West**, a distance of **93.32 feet** to a point; thence,
- 3. **North 28° 08' 01" East**, a distance of **88.86 feet** to the point and place of **BEGINNING**.

Said parcel containing an area of **1,083.57 square feet** or **0.0249 acres** of land, more or less.

Public Hearing:

At this time BRONKHURST made a motion to open the Public Hearing for comment; seconded by YAZDI and carried on a voice vote all voting AYE. Since there was no one who wished to speak YAZDI made a motion to close the public hearing; motion was seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on voice vote all members voting AYE; none were opposed.

Council Discussion:

Mayor explained there is a very small piece of land in front of the health center on Union Ave that is owned by one of the lots across the street (recently sold to M&T Realty). M&T is donating this small piece to the Borough to be used by the Police Department for speed patrol.

Adoption:

YAZDI made motion for adoption; the motion was seconded by BRONKHURST and carried per the following roll call vote: GRAZIANO (YES), SCHUBERT (YES), YAZDI (YES), BRONKHURST (YES), CATALANO (YES)

C. Second/Final Reading & Public Hearing:

Ordinance No. 4-2025: Authorizing Sale of Portion of Holster Court

The Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith, read the Public Notice statement.

BRONKHURST moved that the Ordinance be introduced and read by title; seconded by YAZDI and carried on voice vote – all members present voting AYE

The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinance by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 4-2025
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS HOLSTER COURT IN BLOOMINGDALE, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Planning Board application by Mr. Neil Holster, Application # 486, for subdivision approval for Block 92A, Lots 9, 14, 15 and 16, a right-of-way road dedication of Holster Court to the Borough was anticipated; and

WHEREAS, this conveyance is being made in accordance with a Resolution of Approval of a minor subdivision issued by the Bloomingdale Planning Board dated August 20, 1987; and

WHEREAS, at a subsequent Planning Board meeting on December 17, 1987, the dedication of the road by Mr. Holster was confirmed as reflected in the meetings of that meeting and the revised Resolution of Approval (attached hereto as Exhibit C); and

WHEREAS, On April 19, 1988, map 3199 depicting the road known as Holster Court was received and recorded with the Register of Deeds; and

WHEREAS, a recorded map is legally an offer of dedication and said dedication was accepted by the Borough of Bloomingdale by Ordinance No. 17-2024, adopted on October 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the above, the Borough of Bloomingdale is the owner of said property known as Holster Court in the Borough of Bloomingdale; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council do hereby determine that a portion of said property is no longer needed for public use and should be sold in accordance with the appropriate statutes of the State of New Jersey, specifically N.J.S.A. §40A:12-13(b)(5); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council desire to sell a portion of said property (as depicted on the attached map and legal description) to the residents of the contiguous property known as 39 Rafkind Road for the total sum of \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough makes no representations as to the title or any other aspects of the property being sold, including utility, sewer, environmental conditions or easements.

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

SECTION 1. The Borough of Bloomingdale hereby authorizes the sale of a portion of the property known as Holster Court, as depicted on the attached map and legal description, to Beth Katz and Thomas Czajkowski, the owners of contiguous property known as 39 Rafkind Road, Block 5066, Lot 20, for the total sum of \$10,000.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk and all other proper officers and employees of the Borough are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. No debt is to be authorized by the enactment and passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. All ordinances of the Borough of Bloomingdale, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE
COUNTY OF PASSAIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ATTEST:

Breeanna Smith, Clerk

By: _____
John D'Amato, Mayor

Public Hearing:

At this time YAZDI made a motion to open the Public Hearing for comment; seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on a voice vote all voting AYE. Since there was no one who wished to speak YAZDI made a motion to close the public hearing; motion was seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on voice vote all members voting AYE; none were opposed.

Council Discussion:

Borough owns 5 acres of land in the vicinity. Neighbor of the property has been maintaining a portion of the land and inquired with the Borough about legally obtaining ownership. This deed will designate a portion of the property to said resident for \$10,000.

Adoption:

BRONKHURST made motion for adoption; the motion was seconded by CATALANO and carried per the following roll call vote: SCHUBERT (YES), YAZDI (YES), BRONKHURST (YES), CATALANO (YES), GRAZIANO (YES)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-2.8: TruGreen (Landscape & Fertilization Services)

Motion: Ray Yazdi

Second: John Graziano

Roll Call Vote: YAZDI (YES), BRONKHURST (ABSTAIN), CATALANO (YES), GRAZIANO (YES), SCHUBERT (YES)

B. Introduction of Ordinance No. 5-2025: Amend Ch. 2 Recreation Fees (Hiking Group/Club & Geocaching)

A motion was made by BRONKHURST to introduce the Ordinance by title; second and final reading/ public hearing will be on February 18, 2025 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:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-64.11 FEES FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT:

YAZDI opened the meeting to late public comment; seconded by BRONKHURST 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 BRONKHURST and carried on voice vote all members voting (AYE), none were opposed.

GOVERNING BODY SCHEDULE

- A. February 18, 2025 – Regular Meeting
- B. March 4, 2025 – Workshop Meeting
- C. March 18, 2025 – Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be conducted, YAZDI moved to adjourn at 7:30PM; seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

Breanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk

February 4, 2025 RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.2
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**APPROVAL OF CLAIM FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR 138 RAFKIND
ROAD FOR A DISABLED VETERAN PER N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 18:28-1.1 et seq. grants property tax exemptions on dwellings wholly or partial owned by disabled veterans, or their surviving spouse; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has received and approved a claim (form D.V.S.S.E.), effective April 1, 2025, for this property tax exemption from:

Claimant Name: Robert Fry
 Property: Block 5071 / Lot 21
 Address: 138 Rafkind Road
 Bloomingdale, NJ 07403

WHEREAS, it has been determined Robert Fry owns & holds legal title to 100% of 138 Rafkind Road; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that they hereby accept the Tax Assessor’s approval of the claim for a 100% property tax exempt for Robert Fry for 138 Rafkind Road; and authorize the Tax Collector to cancel taxes as appropriate.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale at an Official Meeting held on February 4, 2025.

Breanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.3

**OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT(S)**

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records overpayments as shown below and the Tax Collector recommends the refund of such overpayment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks refunding such overpayment as shown below:

REASON:

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Incorrect Payment | 6. Tax Appeal County Board |
| 2. Duplicate Payment | 7. Tax Appeal State Tax Court |
| 3. Senior Citizen | 8. 100% Disabled Veteran |
| 4. Veteran Deduction | 9. Replacement Check |
| 5. Homestead Rebate | 10. Tax Exempt |

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
5071/77	Vincent Rosalia 95 Knolls Road Bloomingtondale, NJ 07403	\$6,622.02	2024	10

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingtondale at an Official Meeting held on February 4, 2025.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingtondale

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.4
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingtondale, that they do provide, advice and consent to the appointment of the following to the Library Board of Trustees effective February 4, 2025:

Library Board Member 5 years (unexp 12/31/25) Mary-Ellen Gerrity

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingtondale at an Official Meeting held on February 4, 2025.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingtondale

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.5
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 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND AND AUTHORIZE FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE WORK PERFORMED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HILLTOP TERRACE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the contractor, Your Way Construction, has requested a release of the performance bond and final payment for the work performed in connection with the Hilltop Terrace Roadway Improvement project, in the Borough of Bloomingdale; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer, Thomas Boorady, has reviewed the request, confirmed the project has been completed to satisfaction and therefore recommends that the final payment, in the total amount of \$21,668.19 be made, and the maintenance bond be accepted once approved by the Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS the Borough Attorney, Dawn Sullivan, has been deemed the Maintenance Bond to be satisfactory; and

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

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize that the performance bond and final payment, in the amount of \$21,668.19, be released to the contractor.
2. The availability funds for the final payment are certified in Resolution No. 2022-11.9.
3. The Borough Council does hereby accept the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$77,729.35 which will remain on file in the Municipal Clerk's office.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale at an Official Meeting held on February 4, 2025.

Brecanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.6
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE AND PBA LOCAL 354**

WHEREAS, per the Borough Code, Sergeants shall be eligible for promotion to the ranks of [Lieutenant and] Captain, provided that they have served a minimum of one year as a sergeant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale and PBA Local 354 have agreed to modify the procedures for promotion and promotional eligibility, to allow for promotions to the position of Captain; and

WHEREAS it is agreed the promotion eligibilities procedures may be modified with the consent of all impacted parties; and

WHEREAS, Borough Attorney finds the agreement in acceptable legal form and the Chief of Police recommends that the governing body approve this agreement.

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

The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a memorandum agreement with the PBA to modify certain eligibility requirements to allow for promotions to the position of Captain.

Adopted: February 4, 2025

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

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Brecanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.7
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Granting Paid Sick Leave to Borough Employee

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that Paul Halkias (“Employee”) is an employee of the Borough of Bloomingdale; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Employee will be out of work on paid sick leave as of January 22, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby grant paid sick leave to Borough Employee, Paul Halkias, during the period of January 22, 2025 through April 22, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pension Certification Officer be and is hereby directed to formally notify the Division of Pension and Benefits of said status, *if applicable*, and to cause the same to be included in the records maintained for said employee.

Adopted: February 4, 2025

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

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Brecanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.8
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 TRUGREEN**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale has a need for goose deterrent, landscape chemical treatment & fertilization services at the following locations: Bogue Park, Building Department, Chief's Office, Delazier Field, Fire House, Oakwood Park, Sloan Park, WTB School, Martha B Day School, & Borough Hall; and

WHEREAS, Trugreen Commercial has submitted a quote to the Department of Public Works for the aforementioned services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer or their designee has certified the availability of funds in the annexed in the certification in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00; 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 Trugreen Commercial 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. Trugreen Commercial shall provide goose deterrent, landscape chemical treatment & fertilization services to the Borough as set forth in its proposal of January 23, 2025.

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 & Trugreen Commercial 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
Bronkhurst			X		Hudson				X
Catalano	X				Schubert	X			
Graziano	X				Yazdi	X			

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Brecanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale