

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

March 5, 2024

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 7:03 PM.

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

Followed by a moment of silence for *Leslie Graf, (TriBoro First Aid Squad volunteer)*

Mayor & Council extend sincere condolences to the Graf Family

Official Roll Call: (taken by the Municipal Clerk)

In Attendance:

Mayor John D'Amato
Councilman Dominic Catalano
Councilman Richard Dellaripa
Councilman John Graziano
Councilwoman Dawn Hudson
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 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 CATALANO and carried on voice vote all voting AYE.

Linda Huntley – 86 Van Dam Ave, Bloomingdale

Made the following inquiries:

- Total cost of vehicle? [listed on the agenda]
 - *Mayor responded approximately \$80,000.00*
- Need for replacement?
 - *Pictures were shown of the current utility vehicle that is deteriorating due to rust. It was noted there are intentions to use this vehicle for plowing and metal pick ups but can no longer serve as a utility body.*

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

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

Councilwoman Schubert

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

- Library Board of Trustees
 - Designer Handbag Bingo – March 22nd
 - Dueling Pianos – May 4th
 - Queen’s Tea – May 18th
 - Paint & Sip – November 3rd
 - Cake pan check out available
- Tri-Boro First Aid Squad
 - 135 total calls, 39 were from Bloomingdale
- BBYC:
 - Next meeting is March 26
 - 3rd Annual Beefsteak with Tricky Tray fundraiser April 13th
- Senior Advisory Committee/Center:
 - March 11th St. Patrick’s Day Party
 - Upcoming trips on website
 - Monthly calendar and nutrition menu available on website
- VFW Fundraisers
 - Tastefully British ‘Dine to Donate’ February 26th
 - Beefsteak March 21st \$70/person at the Fireman’s Hall

Councilman Ray Yazdi

- No report

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

- Public Events
 - Ramadan Crescent Lighting – March 11th
 - Easter Egg Hunt – March 30th
 - Trout Fishing Contest- April 13th
 - Paper Shredding- April 13th 8AM
- Board of Health – no report
- Rave & Recycle Coach sign up available on Borough Website
- Thank you DPW for the assistance with the Community Garden

Council President, John Graziano (EDC Chairman)

- Small Business Digital Marketing hosted by Melissa Bressette on March 18th from 7PM-8PM open to all business
- Unity through Community Event – 3/27 at WTB 6-8PM
- Sloan Park Festival- June 8th 3PM-9PM

Councilman, Dominic Catalano (Planning Board Member, Recreation Liaison)

- Recreation
 - 2024 Summer Camp registration is open
- Planning Board meeting – March 27th

Councilman, Richard Dellaripa (ROSE Fund Member) – no report

Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer

- DPW laborer resignation, job ad for replacement will be posted

Mayor, John D’Amato:

- Dr Suess read across America, Mayor & Police Department will read in Library

CONSENT AGENDA

(Adoption of Resolutions No. 2024-3.1 – 2024-3.3)

Motion: Dawn Hudson

Second: Ray Yazdi

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3.1
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Accepting, Approving and/or Adopting the Consent Agenda of the
March 5, 2024, Workshop 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:

- February 20, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- February 20, 2024 – Executive Session

B. Motion to accept resignation: Senior Advisory Committee Member (L. Shortman)

C. Motion to approve Fire Department Boot Drive (Charitable Solicitation Permit Application) May 11th

D. Resolution No. 2024-3.2: Senior Advisory Committee Appointment (L. Courter)

E. Resolution No. 2024-3.3: Part Time Dispatcher for the Police Dept (R. Hasson)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Purchase of Water Utility Vehicle

Discussion: *The plans for the vehicle to be replaced is to have it fitted for plowing or to be used for metal/bulk pick up. DPW Superintendent, Frank Neuberger was present for discussion.*

- **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-3.4:** Water Utility Vehicle (NJ State Contract)
- **Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-3.5:** Water Utility Body (ESCNJ Co-op)

[items moved with one motion]

Motion: Rich Dellaripa

Second: Ray Yazdi

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

B. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-3.6: H2M (Capital Improvement Report / Lead Service Line Inventory)

Motion: John Graziano

Second: Dawn Hudson

Discussion: *Mr. Sondermeyer explained this is to assist the Borough in compliance with NJDEP requirements to prepare the following four (4) reports associated with capital improvements and lead service lines (LSL): Capital Improvement Report, Updated LSL Inventory, LSL Replacement Progress Report and Updated LSL Replacement Plan and Mapping*

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

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT:

HUDSON 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 DELLARIPA and carried on voice vote all members voting (AYE), none were opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-3.7: Motion for Executive Session

One matter: PBA Contract Negotiations

One matter: Litigation

Motion: Ray Yazdi

Second: Dawn Hudson

Voice Vote: all members present voting AYE; none were opposed.

[entered at 7:27PM]

[resumed in open session at 7:52PM]

*Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith, exited the meeting at 7:27PM

GOVERNING BODY SCHEDULE

- A. **March 19, 2024 – Regular Meeting**
- B. **April 2, 2024 – Workshop Meeting**
- C. **April 16, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be conducted, HUDSON moved to adjourn at 7:53PM; seconded by YAZDI and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk

March 5, 2024 RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3.2 OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

Appointments to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee ("Committee"), which shall consist of nine members, a majority of which shall be residents of the Borough of Bloomingdale ("Borough"). The Committee membership shall be representative of senior citizens; disabled persons; religious institutions; nonprofit civic organizations; health professionals and organizations; and the community at-large; and

WHEREAS, members shall be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed for appointment by an affirmative vote of at least three members of the Borough Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, that they do provide consent to the appointment of the following members to serve on the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee:

Lorraine Courter

3 years (unexpired 12/31/2025)

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Catalano	X				Dellaripa	X			
Graziano	X				Schubert	X			
Hudson	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 March 5, 2024.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3.3 OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART TIME DISPATCHER FOR

THE BLOOMINGDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the Police Department as a Part-Time Dispatcher and;

WHEREAS, Chief Daniel Greenwood, has recommended the hire of Ryan Hasson; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Hasson meets the criteria to fill the allotment of hours currently vacant; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize the hire of Ryan Hasson as a Part Time Dispatcher for the Bloomingdale Police Department at the hourly rate per the Borough of Bloomingdale and Communications Workers of America Local 1032 White Collar Contract; effective March 5, 2024.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3.4
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE
CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale intends to enter into contracts with the attached Referenced State Contract Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Bloomingdale authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors on the attached list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the Chief Financial Officer or their designee has certified the availability of funds in the annexed certification in an amount not to exceed \$53,255.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the Borough of Bloomingdale and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from March 5, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Referenced State Contract Vendors

<u>Commodity/Service</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>State Contract #</u>
2024 F-350 (1) 4x4 SD Reg. Cab	Route 23 Automall LLC 1301 Route 23 Butler, NJ 07405	T2959 NJ STATE

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

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Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3.5
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE UTILITY BODY UNDER ESCNJ CO-OP #65MCECCPS

WHEREAS, by recommendation of the Department of Public Works and Administration, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale have determined there is need to purchase a utility body for the new water utility vehicle; and

WHEREAS, said equipment may be purchased from Cliffside Body Corp. of 130 Broad Avenue, in Fairview, NJ 07022, through ESCNJ Bid No. 23/24-04 [Class 4-8 Trucks]; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of this contract shall not exceed \$26,785.00 and the Chief Financial Officer or their designee has certified the availability funds as annexed in the attached certification; and

WHEREAS, public bids are not required when the purchase is made through a cooperative pricing system in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(6) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, in the County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey, that a contract to Sanitation Equipment Corp. is hereby awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in ESCNJ CO-OP #65MCECCPS Bid No. 23/24-04.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

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Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3.6
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 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requirements to prepare four (4) reports associated with capital improvements and lead service lines; 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 \$6,250.00 as per H2M Proposal No.: LP240227; 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. LP240227 of February 20, 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 1250 Route 23 North, Butler, New Jersey 07405, 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				Dellaripa	X			
Graziano	X				Schubert	X			
Hudson	X				Yazdi	X			

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Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3.7
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
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MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, prior to the conclusion of this Council Meeting, the Governing Body shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, sub-section (s) (b):

1. Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.
2. A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
3. Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
4. A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
5. Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.
6. Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure could impair such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.
7. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
8. Personnel matters.
9. Deliberations occurring after a public hearing that may result in penalties.

❖ *The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings of the State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1) The Borough Council shall hold a closed session from which the public shall be excluded on March 5, 2024.
- 2) The general nature of the subjects to be discussed at said closed session shall be related to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7). The matters: PBA Contract Negotiations & Litigation

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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