

The regular scheduled meeting for the Town of East Bloomfield was held at the East Bloomfield Town Hall on Monday evening, January 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM with Supervisor Frederick Wille presiding.

Wille opened the regular Town Board meeting at 6:10 PM.

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| Present: | Supervisor | Frederick A. Wille |
| | Council Member | Michelle T. MacMillan |
| | Council Member | Frank W. Fessner |
| | Council Member | Kathleen M. Conradt |
| | Council Member | Stephen C. Lester |

Attending the meeting were Margaret Gochenaur (Town Clerk), Robert Torno (Highway Superintendent), Kimberly Rayburn (Code Enforcement Officer) and Kim & Ryan Duvall.

Ryan Duvall reported he got notice that the Building & Grounds Committee had sent out a quote packet for lawn and property maintenance and he did not receive one. Duvall does not know why after 100 years this would go out to a quote instead of allowing everyone the opportunity to bid on it. Duvall stated he does not care who gets it but after all the years he has serviced this town he was left out of this to decline even respectfully to do service. Duvall would like to know why? Wille replied he would be willing to meet with Duvall privately as soon as tomorrow. Duvall replied: it does not seem right without some sort of approval that the process would go from a bid to a quote. Duvall went on to say that it seems like a disservice to not only the people who have services but going forward there are a lot of up-and-coming young men and women in this town who are going to start offering services that could be a great promotion for them and could also benefit the town. Discussion was held. Kim Duvall addressed the board regarding the drainage that is going on at Fessner’s property on Routes 5&20. She is asking if that was a grant by the town and if so would their property qualify as they have had severe flooding at their business over the last 2 years. Duvall is asking where and whom to start with. Wille reported there is an old culvert down by Hagen Automotive that is being replaced and the town is working with NYSDOT and the Village DPW. Discussion was held. Wille went on to say that Fessner sits on the Ontario County Agricultural Enhancement Board, and she should work with Fessner regarding opportunities that are available for projects like what Fessner is doing and more. Discussion was held. Duvall asked that she be provided with the schedule of when the culvert replacement project on Routes 5&20 will take place as that will affect their business. Wille will provide Duvall with that information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to approve the December 11, 2023 minutes. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0 Abstain 1 (Lester)

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to approve the Town Clerk’s report. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT: Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Fessner, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer’s report. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Conradt, to adopt Resolution 2024-010 To Designate the Supervisor as a Voting Delegate to Attend the Association of Towns’ Annual Conference and waive the reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2024-010

TO DESIGNATE THE SUPERVISOR AS A VOTING DELEGATE TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS’ ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of the Town of East Bloomfield will be attending the Association of Towns Annual Conference and Training in February 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Bloomfield is in good standing as a member of the Association of Towns of New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor will be attending the informational and voting sessions during the Association of Towns Annual Conference; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the East Bloomfield Town Board designates Supervisor Frederick Wille as an in person voting delegate to vote on the Association of Town's annual legislative platform.

Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Lester, to adopt Resolution 2024-011 Resolution to Adopt Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the Town of Bristol for Joint use of Transfer Station and waive the Reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2024-011

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MUNICIPAL COOPERATION
AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF BRISTOL
FOR JOINT USE OF TRANSFER STATION**

WHEREAS, the Town of East Bloomfield and the Town of Bristol have an Agreement for the joint use of the Town of Bristol's refuse transfer station situated at the intersection of County Road 2 and Tilton Road in Bristol, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement must be renewed, and

WHEREAS, the current Agreement expired on December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol has provided the Town with a renewal Agreement covering the period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the cost associated with the operation of the transfer station will be an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the annual wages (2024 total annual wage will be \$10,000.00, and other costs associated with the operation of the transfer station; and

WHEREAS, such costs shall be paid every three (3) months during the term of the agreement based upon invoices/billings submitted by the Town of Bristol; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Town of East Bloomfield has reviewed said renewal Agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this East Bloomfield Town Board approve of the renewal Agreement for the term January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024; and, be it

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and a copy of the signed renewal Agreement be sent to the Town Supervisor for the Town of Bristol.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds: Fessner reported he spoke with the surveyor regarding pin placement for the Bloomfield Baseball/Softball Dugouts. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Conradt, seconded by MacMillan, to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$800 to survey the Veterans Park property regarding the placement of the Bloomfield Baseball/Softball Dugouts. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 1 (Lester) Fessner reported Josh is working on fixing, sanding, and staining the picnic tables at Veterans Park.

HIGHWAY: Nothing to report.

IT/TECHNOLOGY: Rayburn will be attending an on-line meeting this week regarding the Cloud Permit Software for the Code Enforcement Office. Discussion was held.

INSURANCE: Nothing to report.

PARKS and RECREATION: Nothing to report.

WATER/SEWER VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD: Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL: Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ROUND TABLE – OTHER BUSINESS: Conradt would like to hold a public hearing at the next Town Board meeting regarding a proposed amendment to our procurement policy to allow us to reject the lowest bid when appropriate, which is called the Best Value Standard. Discussion was held. Conradt would also like to hold a second public hearing to consider entering into a License Agreement to allow up to four non-profit organizations to rent designated units of constructed & protected space at the shed in Veterans Park located at 6910 NYS Routes 5&20, Bloomfield NY 14469. Discussion was held. Rayburn asked about the truck rotation for the Code Enforcement Officer. Discussion was held. Torno will need to know what the board would like to do by June 1st. Discussion was held. Lester would like to be a liaison for Kim Rayburn regarding the Planning & Zoning Boards to the Town Board. Discussion was held. MacMillan noted that Mitchell has offered to continue to help with water projects such as the one on Route 444. Are we going to accept his help or not? Conradt replied Wille contacted the town attorney and there are complications with that. Wille reported that Mitchell is no longer a town employee therefore he can no longer run projects. The town is entitled to any information Mitchell has regarding the Route 444 project prior to and including December 31, 2023. If desired and agreed upon the town can reach out and ask Mitchell a question but Mitchell is not permitted to reach out to Ag & Markets, or contact the town’s attorneys, or any of the parties associated with the current Route 444 Water District #4 project or any future projects. Discussion was held.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion was made by Conradt, seconded by Fessner, to approve paying of the bills (Abstract #324-2023) as submitted. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

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| General Fund A | - Abs. #324- Vouchers | - 535-538,540-542,544-549,551,553-557,559,561,562,565,7264,7269 | \$ 18,700.17 |
| General Fund B | - Abs. #324 - Vouchers | - 538-540,542,543,558,559,566 | \$ 45,935.76 |
| Highway DA | - Abs. #324 - Vouchers | - 559,7264,7265,7270 | \$ 78,449.16 |
| Highway DB | - Abs. #324 - Vouchers | - 538,550,552,7263,7266-7268 | \$ 2,569.52 |
| Hwy-Sant Sewer Proj | - Abs. #324 - Vouchers | - 550,560,563 | \$ 13,421.23 |
| Sewer Dist. #1 | - Abs. #324 - Vouchers | - 536,548 | \$ 125.35 |
| Water Dist. #1 | - Abs. #324 - Vouchers | - 534,536,548 | \$ 56.52 |
| Water Dist. #2 | - Abs. #324 - Vouchers | - 534,536,548,564 | \$ 307.95 |
| Water Dist. #2 Ext.#2 | - Abs. #324 - Vouchers | - 548 | \$ 23.99 |
| Water Dist. #2 Ext.#6 | - Abs. #324 - Vouchers | - 534,548 | \$ 25.98 |
| Payroll Account (T/A) | - Abs. #324 - Vouchers | - 14 | \$ 1,114.00 |

Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Conradt, to approve paying of the bills (Abstract #401-2024) as submitted. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

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| General Fund A | - Abs. #401- Vouchers | - 1-3,5,7-9,11-15,17,20,21 | \$ 6,745.73 |
| General Fund B | - Abs. #401 - Vouchers | - 6,12,14,16 | \$ 439.20 |
| Highway DA | - Abs. #401 - Vouchers | - 10,12,7280 | \$ 682.26 |
| Highway DB | - Abs. #401 - Vouchers | - 4,12,7271-7279,7281,7282 | \$ 24,407.38 |
| Sewer Dist. #1 | - Abs. #401 - Vouchers | - 22 | \$ 4,976.19 |
| Water Dist. #1 | - Abs. #401 - Vouchers | - 19,22 | \$ 6,499.49 |
| Water Dist. #2 | - Abs. #401 - Vouchers | - 18,22 | \$ 21,519.52 |
| Water Dist. #2 Ext.#2 | - Abs. #401 - Vouchers | - 22 | \$ 2,956.87 |
| Water Dist. #2 Ext.#6 | - Abs. #401 - Vouchers | - 18,22 | \$ 4,428.60 |

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Wille, seconded by MacMillan, to move into an Executive Session at 7:05 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, salary, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal of a particular person or corporation. Motion Approved: Ayes: 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays: 0

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Fessner, to end Executive Session and return to regular session at 7:35 PM. Motion Approved: Ayes: 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays: 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by MacMillan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Gochenaur
Town Clerk