

The regular scheduled meeting for the Town of East Bloomfield was held at the East Bloomfield Town Hall on Monday evening, January 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM with Supervisor Frederick Wille presiding.

Wille opened the regular Town Board meeting at 6:05 PM.

Present:	Supervisor Council Member Council Member Council Member	Frederick A. Wille Michelle T. MacMillan Frank W. Fessner Kathleen M. Conradt
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Absent:	Council Member	William J. Mitchell Jr.
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Attending the meeting were Margaret Gochenaur (Town Clerk), Scott Kimball (Highway Superintendent), Jim Kier (Code Enforcement Officer), Gary Hooper, Bryan Deuel, Emily Brissette, Steve Lester, and James Voorhees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by MacMillan, to approve the December 13, 2021 minutes. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

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 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by MacMillan, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer’s report. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to adopt Resolution 2022-009 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 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2022-009

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 2022; 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 a voting delegate to vote on the Association of Town’s annual legislative platform.

Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Fessner, to adopt Resolution 2022-010 Resolution to Recognize Bloomfield Central School Choice Week and waive the reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2022-010

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE BLOOMFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

WHEREAS, all children in the Town of East Bloomfield should have access to the highest quality education possible; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Bloomfield recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in the Town to be successful adults; and

WHEREAS, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of the Town of East Bloomfield; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Bloomfield is home to a high- quality public school from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of or community; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomfield School has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Bloomfield hereby recognizes January 23-29, 2022 as Bloomfield School Choice Week, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our residents; and be it also

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Julie Collier at proclamation@schoolchoiceweek.com

Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to adopt Resolution 2022-011 To Accept the Highway Superintendent's 2022 Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Monies Under the NYS Highway Law Section 284 and waive the Reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2022-011

TO ACCEPT THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S 2022 AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONIES UNDER THE NYS HIGHWAY LAW SECTION 284

WHEREAS, NYS Highway Law mandates that the Town Highway Superintendent enter into an agreement at the beginning of each year with the Town Board detailing the road repairs and renovations the Superintendent intends to accomplish during that year; and

WHEREAS, this Town Board has received the 2022 "284 Agreement" from the Town Highway Superintendent and agrees with the repairs and renovations indicated within the 284 Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that the cost of the work defined in the 284 Agreement are within the 2022 Highway Budget, as passed on October 25, 2021; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby accepts and agrees to the 284 Agreement as presented by the Town of East Bloomfield Highway Superintendent; and be it also

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Town of East Bloomfield Highway Superintendent.

Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Fessner, to adopt Resolution 2022-012 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 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2022-012

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, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol has provided the Town with a renewal Agreement covering the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; 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 (2022 total annual wage will be \$4,940.00) 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, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and also, 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.

Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to adopt Resolution 2022-013 Resolution to Adopt Intermunicipal Agreement with Bloomfield Central School District Regarding Joint Fueling Agreement and waive the Reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2022-013

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH BLOOMFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING JOINT FUELING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of East Bloomfield has an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Bloomfield Central School District, *regarding joint fueling agreement, and*

WHEREAS, the Town of East Bloomfield has acted as Lead Agency as defined in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the current agreement expires on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomfield CSD has provided the Town with a renewal Agreement that includes changes that are included as a result of COVID. The term for the new agreement shall be a one (1) year term from date of execution; and the agreement specifies continuous, successive one (1) year agreements thereafter until a non-renewal notice is sent by either party with a thirty (30) day notice prior to termination date, 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 the renewal agreement, effective as of the date of execution; and authorizes the execution of said Agreement by the Town Supervisor; and also, be it

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Andrew Doell, District School Clerk, at Bloomfield Central School District, 45 Maple Avenue Suite A, Bloomfield NY 14469

Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Conradt, to adopt Resolution 2022-014 Resolution to Adopt Intermunicipal Agreement with Bloomfield Central School District & Village of Bloomfield and waive the Reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2022-014

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT INTERMUNICIPAL
AGREEMENT WITH *BLOOMFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT & VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD***

WHEREAS, the Town of East Bloomfield has an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Bloomfield Central School District and the Village of Bloomfield, and

WHEREAS, all parties seek to update the 2019 Agreement to reflect current circumstances, and to clarify expectations and responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, the Bloomfield CSD has provided the Town with a renewal Agreement covering the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, a one (1) year term; and the agreement specifies continuous, successive one (1) year agreements thereafter until a non-renewal notice is sent by either party with a thirty (30) day notice prior to termination date, 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 the renewal agreement, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and authorizes the execution of said Agreement by the Town Supervisor; and also, be it

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to District School Clerk, at Bloomfield Central School District, 45 Maple Avenue Suite A, Bloomfield NY 14469

Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by MacMillan, to adopt Resolution 2022-015 Authorizing the Town Assessor to Grant Exemptions on the 2022 Town Assessment Roll and waive the Reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2022-015

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ASSESSOR TO GRANT
EXEMPTIONS ON THE 2022 TOWN ASSESSMENT ROLL**

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11, declaring a state disaster emergency for the entire State of New York due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this State disaster emergency has resulted in limited hours in municipal offices in the Town of ***East Bloomfield*** and rendered senior citizens and individuals with disabilities residing in ***East Bloomfield*** homebound. These factors combined have made it difficult, if not impossible, for many in these populations to file their real property tax exemption applications in person and many, further, lack the ability to file such applications online; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the above problems caused by the pandemic, Governor Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11.1 on December 26, 2021, thereby extending Executive Order No. 11. This extension of the Governor's Executive Order modifies subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, the effect of which permits the governing body of an assessing unit (i.e., the Town Board of the Town of ***East Bloomfield***) to adopt a Resolution directing the Assessor to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all property owners who received such exemptions on the 2021 assessment roll (i.e., senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income), thereby dispensing with the need for such persons to file renewal applications to request such exemptions, and further dispensing with the requirement that assessors mail renewal applications to such persons; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 11.1 further allows the governing body of said assessing unit, in any such Resolution, at its option, to include procedures by which its Town Assessor may require a renewal application to be filed if he has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner or died; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Executive Order, the Town Board of the Town of ***East Bloomfield*** wishes to adopt such Resolution directing the Town Assessor of the Town of ***East Bloomfield*** to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all eligible senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income, and granting the Town Assessor of the Town of ***East Bloomfield*** the authority to require renewal applications for due cause, as discussed above, utilizing procedures outlined below;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 11.1, issued by the Governor of the State of New York, that the Town Board of the Town of **East Bloomfield** hereby directs the Town Assessor of the Town of **East Bloomfield** to:

1. Grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all individuals who received the senior exemption on the 2021 assessment roll and all individuals who received the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll because they were recognized as a person with disabilities and limited income, thereby dispensing with the need for any such individuals to file renewal applications for such exemptions, except that;
2. The Town Assessor may, in his sole discretion, require a renewal application to be timely filed with his office if he has reason to believe that any such individual, who qualified for the aforementioned exemption on the 2021 assessment roll, may have since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed for the relevant property, transferred such property to a new owner or died. If the Town Assessor requires such renewal application be filed, he shall notify the owner of the subject property of such requirement by regular mail, with such notice shall containing instructions on how to file the renewal application. Said renewal application may be returned by mail or by making an appointment to drop same off at the Town Assessor's office located at 99 Main Street, Bloomfield, New York 14469

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit: MacMillan reported that the audit committee will be conducting the court audit at the end of January in order to have the audit completed by the required time which is set by the NYS Office of Court Administration. Discussion was held.

Buildings and Grounds: Kimball reported on two items regarding Veterans Park. One item was the "plumbing issues", and the other was the bill for the completed work. Discussion was held regarding both topics.

HIGHWAY: Kimball once again reported on the snow & ice issues at the school. Kimball repeated that the issues they are having are not his responsibility as the Highway Superintendent. Discussion was held.

IT/TECHNOLOGY: Nothing to report.

INSURANCE: Nothing to report.

PARKS and RECREATION: Nothing to report.

WATER/SEWER VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD: Kimball reported that a resident on Pond Road shared a letter he received back in 2020 from Supervisor Wille regarding water on Pond Road. The resident asked Kimball why nothing has been communicated since 2020? Kimball suggested that whoever is on the water committee should send a new letter out to the residents explaining where the project stands. Discussion was held.

PERSONNEL: Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ROUND TABLE – OTHER BUSINESS: Kimball reported that he has heard there are new projects coming in 2022. Kimball warned that contractors and sub-contractors are hard to find. He reported if you're lucky enough to find one, they are very busy. Fessner talked about the petition Gary Hooper presented to the town board at its last meeting regarding waiving usage fees for Veterans and Active-Duty Service Members. Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by MacMillan to waive the fees for Veterans and Active-Duty Service Members if they meet the following criteria: 1. They must be a current resident of the Town of East Bloomfield. 2. They must be currently serving or honorably discharged. 3. One usage fee waived per calendar year. 4. They must pay the security deposit and fill out the application. 5. The fee waiver is only for the Veteran or Active Service Members use. This will be tried for 1 year to see how it goes. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by MacMillan, to approve the Budget Transfers and Amendments as submitted. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by MacMillan, to approve paying of the bills (Abstract #124-2021) as submitted. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

General Fund A	- Abs. #124- Vouchers - 475,479-483,485-490,493-496, 498-500,502,504,505,7243,7249, 7255,7258-7260		\$ 35,179.21
General Fund B	- Abs. #124 - Vouchers - 477-479,482,492,496,502		\$ 3,623.64
Highway DA	- Abs. #124 - Vouchers - 496,7250,7251,7261,7264		\$ 72,651.16
Highway DB	- Abs. #124 - Vouchers - 491,497,7236-7242,7244-7248, 7251-7257,7262-7264		\$ 120,562.48
Hwy Sant. Sew. Proj.	- Abs. #124 - Vouchers - 502		\$ 325.00
VP Improvement Proj.	- Abs. #124 - Vouchers - 484		\$ 318.75
VP Legion Build Proj	- Abs. #124- Vouchers - 487		\$ 300,000.00
Sewer Dist. #1	- Abs. #124 - Vouchers - 480,504		\$ 14,623.06
Water Dist. #1	- Abs. #124 - Vouchers - 476,480,501		\$ 156.71
Water Dist. #2	- Abs. #124 - Vouchers - 476,480,503		\$ 9,786.02
Water Dist. #2 Ext.#2	- Abs. #124 - Vouchers - 480		\$ 22.63
Water Dist. #2 Ext.#6	- Abs. #124 - Vouchers - 476,480		\$ 5.02

Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to approve paying of the bills (Abstract #201-2022) as submitted. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

General Fund A	- Abs. #201- Vouchers - 1-5,7-13		\$ 33,706.86
General Fund B	- Abs. #201 - Vouchers - 6,8,13		\$ 3,267.68
Highway DA	- Abs. #201 - Vouchers - 8,13		\$ 6,571.52
Highway DB	- Abs. #201 - Vouchers - 8,13		\$ 3,424.72

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Conradt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 PM. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Gochenaur
Town Clerk