

The regular scheduled meeting for the Town of East Bloomfield was held at the East Bloomfield Town Hall on Monday evening, January 27, 2025, at 7:00 PM with Deputy Supervisor Michelle MacMillan presiding.

MacMillan opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:00 PM.

Present: Deputy Supervisor Michelle T. MacMillan  
Council Member Frank W. Fessner  
Council Member Kathleen M. Conradt  
Council Member Stephen C. Lester

Absent: Supervisor Frederick A. Wille

Attending the meeting were Margaret Gochenaur (Town Clerk), Robert Torno (Highway Superintendent), Kimberly Rayburn (Code Enforcement Officer), Judi Stewart (Historian), and Jay Mitchell.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Lester.

MacMillan welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Conradt, seconded by Fessner, to approve the January 13, 2025 Organizational Minutes. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, and MacMillan) Nays 0 Motion was made by Lester, seconded by Fessner, to approve the January 13, 2025 minutes. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, and MacMillan) Nays 0

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Lester, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's Annual report. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, and MacMillan) Nays 0

**TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT:** Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to approve the Town Historian's report. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, and MacMillan) Nays 0

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, and MacMillan) Nays 0 Motion was made by Conradt, seconded by Fessner, to use \$12,900 from the maintenance reserve fund for truck repairs which is subject to a permissive referendum. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, and MacMillan) Nays 0

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to approve the December 2024 Monthly Financial Reports as submitted. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, and MacMillan) Nays 0 MacMillan reported we will hold a public hearing on the distressed property located at 7160 State Routes 5&20 on February 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the East Bloomfield Town Hall. Motion was made by Conradt, seconded by Fessner, to hold a public hearing on the proposed Local Law #1 of 2025, Veterans Exemptions Increase on February 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the East Bloomfield Town Hall. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, and MacMillan) Nays 0 Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to authorize the expenditure of \$13,995 to Tambe Electric Incorporated as described in estimate #3146. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, and MacMillan) Nays 0 Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to authorize the expenditure of \$10,704 to Burrows Bros Inc. as described in an estimate dated 12/11/2024. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, and MacMillan) Nays 0 Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to authorize the expenditure of \$14,020 to John Hastings, LLC as described in a proposal dated 12/15/2024. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, and MacMillan) Nays 0 MacMillan reminded the town board there will be a town board work session held tomorrow 01/28/2025 at 5:00 PM in the town hall meeting room. Discussion was held. MacMillan also reminded the town board about the Grow Bloomfield special Valentine video presentation & discussion about building out Bloomfield's future on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Veterans Park. Discussion was held.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit:** Nothing to report.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Fessner reported more information will be coming in regarding the Annex renovation. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$4,100 for new rug runners for the Town Hall.

Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, and MacMillan) Nays 0 Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to declare the existing town hall rug runners surplus. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, and MacMillan) Nays 0

**HIGHWAY:** Nothing to report.

**IT/TECHNOLOGY:** Nothing to report.

**INSURANCE:** Nothing to report.

**PARKS and RECREATION:** Nothing to report.

**WATER/SEWER VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD:** Nothing to report.

**PERSONNEL:** Nothing to report.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Gochenaur reported she received an email from Martha Alexander Bloomfield Garden Club President noting that they have revised their approach to focus on those planters with the greatest visual impact and that make the most sense. They will continue to provide plants and maintenance for planters that are features for the town hall, village hall, firehall, town signs, library, Elton Park, Pickle Park, and, of course, the village carts. Churches and school planters will not be placed. This strategy will be reviewed by the club upon conclusion of the 2025 season.

**ROUND TABLE-OTHER BUSINESS:** Fessner reported the Ag Enhancement Grant Funding will not be in the system until spring. Discussion was held.

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

General Fund A	- Abs. #502- Vouchers - 18-36,38-48,7549,7552	\$	51,363.92
General Fund B	- Abs. #502 - Vouchers - 25,26,27,37	\$	1,012.79
Highway DA	- Abs. #502 - Vouchers - 27,32,7548,7549,7553,7554	\$	58,182.29
Highway DB	- Abs. #502 - Vouchers - 25,50,7544-7547,7549-7551,7553	\$	92,622.69
VP Annex Bldg.	- Abs. #502 - Vouchers - 20	\$	17.99
Sewer Dist. #1	- Abs. #502 - Vouchers - 43	\$	36.44
Water Dist. #1	- Abs. #502 - Vouchers - 43	\$	23.99
Water Dist. #2	- Abs. #502 - Vouchers - 43	\$	22.06
Water Dist. #2 Ext.#2	- Abs. #502 - Vouchers - 43,49	\$	1,306.49
Water Dist. #2 Ext.#6	- Abs. #502 - Vouchers - 43	\$	2.45
Payroll Account (T/A)	- Abs. #502 - Vouchers - 2	\$	1,528.84

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Lester, seconded by Fessner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, and MacMillan) Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Gochenaur  
Town Clerk