

A Public Hearing Scheduled for the Town of East Bloomfield was held at the East Bloomfield Town Hall along with a call-in option due to the COVID-19 Pandemic on Monday evening, November 9, 2020 at 6:45 PM with the regular scheduled Town Board Meeting to begin immediately following with Supervisor Frederick A. Wille presiding

Present: Supervisor Frederick A. Wille
Council Member Frank W. Fessner
Council Member Kathleen M. Conradt
Council Member William J. Mitchell Jr.

Absent: Council Member Michelle T. MacMillan

Attending the meeting were Margaret Gochenaur (Town Clerk), Scott Kimball (Highway Superintendent), Judi Stewart (Historian), Jim Kier (Code Enforcement Officer), Kathy Cooper (Tax Collector), Ron Roach (AWA Liaison), Robert Schenk, and James Voorhees.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tax Collector Kathy Cooper.

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

Wille opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 PM and the Public Notice was read by Town Clerk Gochenaur to adopt the 2021 Proposed Final Budget of the Town of East Bloomfield for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2021. No one attending wished to comment.

Wille closed the Public Hearing to adopt the 2021 Proposed Final Budget of the Town of East Bloomfield for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2021 at 6:48 PM.

Wille opened the Public Hearing at 6:48 PM and the Public Notice was read by Town Clerk Gochenaur for Local Law #2 of 2020 "To Extend the Time Period for the Moratorium on Large Scale Solar Energy Systems Established by Local Law #3 of 2019, which was Adopted November 25, 2019" Bob Schenk asked how long the extension was for? Willie replied "12 months". Schenk then asked if the town has been approached by anyone wanting to do something with a solar farm? Wille replied "prior to the original moratorium we had 2 projects and no interest since". Jim Voorhees is in favor of the extension. Discussion was held.

Wille closed the Public Hearing "To Extend the Time Period for the Moratorium on Large Scale Solar Energy Systems Established by Local Law #3 of 2019, which was Adopted November 25, 2019" at 6:50 PM.

Wille opened the regular Town Board meeting at 6:50 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fessner, to approve the October 26, 2020 minutes. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, and Wille) Nays 0

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to approve the Town Clerk's report. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, and Wille) Nays 0.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fessner, to approve the October Financial Reports as submitted. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Mitchell, Conradt, and Wille) Nays 0

Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fessner, to adopt Resolution 2020-042 A Resolution Adopting the Annual Budget of the Town of East Bloomfield for the Year 2021 and waive the reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Mitchell, Conradt, and Wille) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2020-042

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EAST BLOOMFIELD FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the Town Board (hereinafter "Town Board") of the Town of East Bloomfield (hereinafter "Town"), on the 9th day of November, 2020, commencing at 6:45 PM at the East Bloomfield Town Hall, duly held a public hearing on the Town's 2021 proposed final budget submitted and approved by the

Town Board and filed with the Town Clerk of the Town for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2021, and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the office newspaper of the Town of East Bloomfield on October 30, 2020 and all other notices required by law to be given were properly served, posted or given; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter, and the matter of the said budget for the Town for such fiscal year was fully discussed and considered by the Town Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The said year 2021 proposed final budget of the Town of East Bloomfield submitted, approved, and filed, as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby adopted and established as the year 2021 annual budget for the Town of East Bloomfield for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021. Said annual budget as so adopted and established shall be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board.

Section 2. The Town Clerk of the Town shall prepare and certify, as provided by law, duplicate copies of the said Town annual budget hereby adopted and established, and shall deliver one of such copy to the Supervisor of the Town; and the said Supervisor of the Town shall present such copy to the Board of Legislators of the County of Ontario as required by law.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fessner, to adopt Resolution 2020-043 Authorizing the Adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2020 Entitled a Local Law Extending the Moratorium on Large Scale Solar Energy Systems and waive the reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Mitchell, Conradt, and Wille) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2020-043

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW No. 2 OF 2020 ENTITLED A LOCAL LAW EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON LARGE SCALE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held by said Town Board on November 9, 2020 at 6:45 p.m. at the East Bloomfield Town Hall, 99 Main Street, East Bloomfield, New York, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law Extending a Moratorium on Large Scale Solar Energy Systems; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of East Bloomfield on October 30, 2020 and all other notices required by law to be given were properly served, posted or given; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing being duly held on November 9, 2020, at 6:45 p.m. at the East Bloomfield Town Hall, 99 Main Street, East Bloomfield, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of East Bloomfield, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town of East Bloomfield to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Bloomfield hereby adopts said Local Law No. 2 of 2020, entitled, "A Local Law Extending the Moratorium on Large Scale Solar Energy Systems", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of East Bloomfield, and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York.

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Town of East Bloomfield Planning Board, Town of East Bloomfield Zoning Board and Daniel Bryson, Attorney, Lacy Katzen, LLP, 130 East Main Street, Rochester, NY 14604.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds: Kimball reported that John Hastings received the bid for the septic system at Veterans Park. Discussion was held. Kimball reported that there are WI-FI issues at

both Veterans Park and the Town Hall. Discussion was held. Kimball reported that Election Day ran very smoothly and without incident. Discussion was held. Kimball reported on the safety of the Town Clerk's walk-up window as the weather starts to decline in the upcoming months. Gochenaur presented the following to the Town Board:

1. At the September 14th town board, I asked the board if and when the town hall might reopen? It was decided at that time the town should stay the course and handle business and residents by appointment only.
2. On November 2nd I made the decision to unlock the front door of town hall. The weather conditions on that day were cold, windy, and raining/snow. On this specific day residents were very clear about their displeasure of not being able to get in out of the elements. Residents noted how slippery and unsafe the current window service area is.
3. I have reached out to other clerks to find out that we are currently the only municipality whose front doors were still locked. After receiving this information, I then notified the employees within the building that I would be leaving the door unlocked until the next town board meeting which would be 11/9. Our county buildings, and courts have been open since August. Our schools have been open since September yet we were not.
4. Kathy Cooper your elected tax collector asked me when the town hall was going to be opened as she needs to publicly post her hours in the paper within the next week or so. Kathy would normally start receiving tax payments beginning on January 4, 2021.
5. The town clerk's office has the highest volume of interaction with the people. As your elected town clerk, I work for the constituents and since April 2020 I have tried to be pro-active and think outside the box to serve people by creating a walk-up window. However, the bonus days of weather we have had over the last few days will soon come to an end and moving forward I cannot properly continue to serve people with the front door being locked. Note: Revenue is down...but at this time I don't think I need to discuss this.
6. We are all aware of the current guidelines for visitor/client daily wellness attestation, social distancing, and sanitizing, all of which I believe can be done with the building be accessible to the public.
7. What say the town board about unlocking the front door and opening the town hall to all that want to come in?

Conradt reported that she has wanted the town hall open all along and has always been in favor of opening up. Fessner reported what the USDA's office has is one room where they meet with people which reduces the number of people going in and out of offices. This also helps with the cleaning process and potential spread of COVID-19. Cooper noted she will be doing business in the town hall starting in January 2021. Discussion was held. Stewart said she believes it's over concern. That as long as things are staged correctly people are so programmed to standing 6' apart, wearing mask, and taking the care to do the right things. She goes on to say that the public has been educated and she feels that it's time to start implementing the guidelines that have been in place for months now. Stewart noted that the Historical Society has been open and following the COVID-19 guidelines for months. She reported that people have been coming to them because the town hall is closed. Schenk said it's no different than any other business and there is very little traffic here. Schenk feels the town hall should be open and that you shouldn't have to make an appointment or call ahead to come and see the town clerk. Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to re-open the town hall provided we can maintain all the requirements from the health department. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, and Wille) Nays 0 Gochenaur noted that the court is currently without wi-fi. Wille noted the issue is being addressed by Empire. Mitchell asked if they are aware of the sense of urgency? Wille reported he didn't know? Mitchell asked Wille to either handle this issue or delegate someone to handle it. Mitchell noted that it's a matter of our justice system being interrupted. Discussion was held.

HIGHWAY: Kimball reported on the following: County Road #39 project, ditching, stake outs, Wheeler Station Road, and putting up snow fence. Discussion was held.

IT/TECHNOLOGY: Nothing to report.

INSURANCE: Nothing to report.

PARKS and RECREATION: Nothing to report.

WATER/SEWER VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD: Mitchell reported they are still looking into the County Road #40 issue. Discussion was held.

PERSONNEL: Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OTHER BUSINESS – ROUND TABLE: Fessner and Conradt both noted how smoothy things went on Election Day at Veterans Park. Jim Voorhees noted the fantastic cleaning job that Stacy Conley had done on Election Day. Discussion was held.

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

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, Mitchell, and Wille) Nays 0

General Fund A	- Abs. #021- Vouchers - 358,362,365,7263,7266,7270, 7275,7276	\$	4,987.03
General Fund B	- Abs. #021 - Vouchers - 363,364,366	\$	1,281.47
Highway DA	- Abs. #021 - Vouchers - 7271	\$	201.00
Highway DB	- Abs. #021 - Vouchers - 7262,7264,7265,7267-7269, 7272-7274	\$	13,194.12
Water Dist. #1	- Abs. #021 - Vouchers - 359-361	\$	290.44
Water Dist. #2	- Abs. #021 - Vouchers - 359-361	\$	634.79
Water Dist. #2 Ext.#2	- Abs. #021 - Vouchers - 359,361	\$	61.19
Water Dist. #2 Ext.#6	- Abs. #021 - Vouchers - 359-361	\$	105.32

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Wille, seconded by Conradt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, and Wille) Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Gochenaur
Town Clerk