

A Public Hearing Scheduled for the Town of East Bloomfield was held at the East Bloomfield Town Hall on Monday evening, January 22, 2018 at 6:30 PM with the regular scheduled Town Board Meeting to follow with Supervisor Frederick Wille presiding.

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

Attending the meeting were Margaret Gochenaur (Town Clerk), Scott Kimball (Highway Superintendent), Don Collins (Assessor), Jim Kier (Code Enforcement Officer), Ron Roach (AWA Liaison), James Voorhees.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member MacMillan.

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

Wille opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM and the Public Notice was read by Town Clerk Gochenaur to authorize the Town Board of the Town of East Bloomfield to pass a Local Law to opt out of Property Tax Law Section 487. No one from the public wished to speak. Mitchell asked Collins a series of questions pertaining to the Property Tax Law Section 487. Collins reported that if the town went with the 487 exemption the land owner would only pay land taxes for 15 years. Collins went on to say without the exemption the taxable basis would be approximately 60-70% replacement cost new based on the kilowatts produced by the solar/wind farm. Collins also reported that if the property was receiving an Ag Exemption and a solar/wind farm was built, the property would lose the Ag Exemption and would pay a 1-time fee for converting Agriculture to a Non-Ag use. Discussion was held.

Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fessner, to close the public hearing to authorize the Town Board of the Town of East Bloomfield to pass a Local Law to opt out of Property Tax Law Section 487 at 6:55 PM. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

Wille opened the regular Town Board meeting at 6:58 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Wille, seconded by MacMillan, to approve the January 8, 2018 Organizational Minutes. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0 Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to approve the January 8, 2018 minutes. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Kier noted the letter that was in the board's packet in regards to the Sprint Equipment Upgrade on the Water Tower. Kier reported that Transcend Wireless is seeking a signed letter from Wille for acknowledgment and consent. Discussion was held.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Collins reported that he is still working on the 2018 Reval. Collins hopes to have this completed by early February. Discussion was held. A Public Hearing will be held on February 12, 2018 at 6:30PM to adopt Local Law #2 of 2018, to opt out of New York State's Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) 487 Solar/Wind Exemption. Mitchell, asked Collins why the cold war benefits were not the same as the regular Veteran's Exemptions. Collins reported that it's based on the present Local Law. Collins reported that any changes to the current law would require a Public Hearing and then possibly board approved for a new Local Law. Discussion was held. A Public Hearing will be held on February 12, 2018 at 6:30PM to Amend Local Law #1 of 2011, to adopt certain benefits under § 458-b of the real property tax law authorizing an alternative tax exemption for cold war veterans.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by MacMillan, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report. Kimball verbally went over his written report with the board. Kimball requested he be given a stipend for personal use of his cell phone. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to adopt Resolution 2018-011 Resolution in Appreciation of Karl W. Smith's Years of Service as East Bloomfield Town Planning Board Member and waive the reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2018-011

**RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF KARL W. SMITH'S
YEARS OF SERVICE AS EAST BLOOMFIELD TOWN
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER**

WHEREAS, Karl W. Smith became a member of the East Bloomfield Planning Board on November 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Karl resigned from the Planning Board on December 31, 2017, after eight (8) years of service; and

WHEREAS, Karl's dedication, contribution and commitment to the Town of East Bloomfield has been invaluable; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Town Board recognizes the service provided to the community of East Bloomfield by Karl W. Smith; and be it also,

RESOLVED, that this Town Board, in deep appreciation of those years of service, thanks Karl for the contribution he made to the Town of East Bloomfield; and be it also,

RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Town Board Meeting for posterity.

Wille reported on the Planning/Zoning Board open vacancy issues. Wille reported that he spoke with the Association of Towns (AOT) in regards to whether a potential Planning Board member can attend meetings and actively participate in them while being in Florida from January-April. Wille reported that this can indeed happen by Skype, but there are rules/regulations that have to be followed. Discussion was held. Wille reported that the Planning/Zoning Board can be reduced from 7 members to 5. Wille reported you would need to pass a Local Law to do so. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to approve the December Financial Reports as submitted. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds: Nothing to report.

HIGHWAY: Nothing to report.

IT/Technology: MacMillan reported that she, along with Conradt, and Kim Rayburn, will be having a website meeting with IC9 on Wednesday January 24th at 10:00AM at the Town Hall.

INSURANCE: Mitchell complimented Kimball on reaching out to Empire Safety and setting up a time to have the Highway Crew take a 6-hour state approved course on safe driving. Discussion was held.

PARKS and RECREATION: Fessner will reach out to Jeff Daley in regards to the LL Bean Outdoor Discovery Schools.

WATER/SEWER VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD: Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL: Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Gochenaur reported that the Court received an award of \$30,000 from their JCAP Grant application. Discussion was held. Gochenaur reported that she received an email from Justin Lester asking if the Town Board would support his idea of building 4 picnic tables for Veterans Park? If so, he will work on preparing a formal presentation for the board. The Town Board welcomed the idea.

ROUND TABLE – OTHER BUSINESS: Fessner asked Wille and Gochenaur how the meeting in regards to the Dog Control Contract with the County went. Gochenaur reported that she provided Mary Gates with documentation from the completed 2017 Dog Enumeration. Gochenaur reported that she hasn't heard back from Gates yet, but plans to follow up with her later in the week. MacMillan reported that she has received a request from Gochenaur in regards to a stipend for her personal cell phone use. MacMillan listed some of the reasons for the request. Discussion was held. MacMillan reported that she, and Fessner, will meet about both Kimball's and Gochenaur's requests and report

back to the board at the next meeting. Gochenaur reported that she received a request from Karen Naffziger about booking Veterans Park overnight, and all the next day the weekend of January 27-28 for a boy scout, and cub scout outdoor campout. A lengthy discussion ensued. Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by MacMillan, to deny the request for the Boy Scouts to use Veterans Park for their Polar event or whatever they call it. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0 Voorhees asked Kimball what they use the Gravel Pit for. Kimball reported for box culverts, re-building roads, and to supply other towns. 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 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by MacMillan, to approve paying of the bills as submitted. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

General Fund A	- Abs. #802-	Vouchers - 12-15,18-30,32,35-39,7006,7013	\$ 476,787.70
General Fund B	- Abs. #802 -	Vouchers - 20,27,29,33,38	\$ 3,384.51
Highway DA	- Abs. #802-	Vouchers - 27,38,7003,7007,7012,7017	\$ 61,974.55
Highway DB	- Abs. #802-	Vouchers - 27,29,7001,7002,7004,7005, 7008-7011,7014-7016,7018-7022	\$ 9,628.99
Capital Fund - Bans	- Abs. #802-	Vouchers - 14	\$ 3,416.93
Water Proj-Whalen Rd-	Abs. #802-	Vouchers - 13,17,31	\$ 506,380.75
Sewer Dist. #1	- Abs. #802-	Vouchers - 28	\$ 196.06
Water Dist. #1	- Abs. #802-	Vouchers - 28	\$ 162.33
Water Dist. #2	- Abs. #802-	Vouchers - 28	\$ 21.38
Water Dist. #2 Ext.#2	- Abs. #802 -	Vouchers - 28,34	\$ 1,636.38
Water Dist. #2 Ext.#6	- Abs. #802 -	Vouchers - 16,17	\$ 4,577.78

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Wille, seconded by MacMillan, to move into an Executive Session at 8:55 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 Mitchell, seconded by MacMillan, to end Executive Session and return to regular session at 9:34 PM. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Fessner, to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 PM. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Gochenaur
Town Clerk