

The regular scheduled meeting for the Town of East Bloomfield was held at the East Bloomfield Town Hall on Monday evening, March 9, 2015 at 7:30 PM with Supervisor Dianne Crowley presiding.

Crowley opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:30 PM.

Present:	Supervisor	Dianne G. Crowley
	Council Person	Ronald P. Hawkins
	Council Person	Frank W. Fessner
	Council Person	William J. Mitchell Jr.

Absent:	Council Person	Michelle T. MacMillan
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Attending the meeting were Margaret Gochenaur (Town Clerk), Andy Hall (Code Enforcement Officer), Brian Bernard (Highway Superintendent), Ron Roach (AWA Liaison), Gerald Erdle, Matt Rogers, Jay Hilker, Diana Thorn, Dick Rayburn, Bruce Bailey, Gary Hooper, Linda Ferris and Kayla Ferris.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Hawkins.

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

Matt Rogers and Jay Helker reported that the registration for youth baseball is almost complete. Jay reported that they have approximately 100 kids signed up so far. Jay reported that they will need porta-potties delivered to Veterans' Park by the first week in May. Crowley reported that she will get them ordered. Jay also expressed concern over the mowing of the fields. Jay reported that last year the fields were mowed for the first few weeks and then after that, they were awful. Jay wanted to make sure that this would not be a problem this year. Fessner reported that he will check with Daryl from the school concerning the mowing. Discussion was held. Jay also reported on the parking safety issues that occurred last year. Jay noted that putting up the no parking signs did help but did not fix the problem. Discussion was held. Mitchell suggested that Jay and the other coaches designate a coach or parent to keep people from parking along the driveway. Hall suggested putting up caution tape along with the no parking signs. Discussion was held. Matt Rogers asked if it would be ok to allow a licensed Hotdog Cart to sell food on opening day Saturday, May 9th. The Town Board agreed that wouldn't be a problem as long as a Certificate of Liability Insurance was provided to the Town Clerk ahead of time. Discussion was held. Ron Roach from the AWA reported that the project at the AWA is progressing nicely.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Hawkins, to approve the February 23, 2015 minutes. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 3 (Fessner, Hawkins, and Crowley) Nays: 0 Abstain 1 (Mitchell)

LIBRARY MANAGER'S REPORT: Diana Thorn gave a brief background and work history of herself. Thorn reported that Bloomfield and Bristol Libraries are sharing management services as part of a piloting program for Government Efficiencies. Thorn reported that it is a work in progress and the hope is to maintain both Libraries in a more cost efficient way while serving the needs of both communities. Thorn reported on some of the updates and changes to the Bloomfield Library. Thorn reported that they have added an early literacy touch screen computer geared for kids ages 2-8. Thorn also reported that the library has also partnered with Sylvan Learning and their Robotics Program. Thorn reported that she has met with Senator Rich Funke and is looking for State Funding. Thorn reported that the State funds Library Systems not Public Libraries. Discussion was held. Thorn reported that the Bloomfield Library conducted it's own survey seeking input in different areas. One thing that stood out universally was hours. Thorn reported that the public wanted more service hours for the daytime. Thorn reported that they did change their hours slightly. They are now closing at 8:00 PM in the evening and are open 10:00 AM - noon on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Discussion was held. Thorn also reported that they are required to file a Government Efficiency Plan by June 1, 2015 and she will be doing that. Discussion was held. Mitchell thanked Thorn for her work and the apparent positive changes she has made to the library.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Hawkins, to approve the Town Clerk's report. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Mitchell, Hawkins, and Crowley) Nays: 0

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Don Collin's submitted the following report in writing: Vanessa has concentrated on completing the applications for the STAR deadline of March 1, 2015. She has

been entering all the reval assessment values into the computer and filing the updated folders as well as adding sales and completing splits and merges of property. The 2015 Assessment Notification letters have all been prepared and sent as of Wednesday March 4, 2015. The Assessor's office has mailed out the assessment impact notices, as stated above. We have a spreadsheet to accommodate people wishing to have an informal meeting. We have posted assessment website information on the outside of the Assessor's office. I plan to meet 8:00am till 5:00pm each Friday with a half hour off for lunch, and Saturday appointments for people who cannot be here Friday. Peggy has agreed to help take appointments by phone when Vanessa is not here. I plan to complete these informal appointments prior to May 1, 2015. Grievance Day is May 27, 2015, the BAR will meet prior to grievance and establish hours for grievance. Any changes will be posted to the Town Website plus on the Town Hall bulletin board. STAR proposal changes and recent legislation (see attached).

New Ag Exemptions

New equalization rate is 100% it will need to be ratified prior to final roll.

Sales Books -The market area for East Bloomfield is 4 towns (see attached)

These market sales will be available upon request.

The tentative roll will be updated online by May 5, 2015

Don Collin's reported that there are 30,000 STAR Exemptions in Ontario County. The State is proposing to take over the STAR Program but they will only change 1,500 per year until complete. Don reported that in his opinion the State should do them all at once or nothing. Discussion was held. Mitchell suggested that Crowley take this issue up with the Ontario County Board of Supervisor before the Town Board considers taking any action with this. Crowley agreed and will report back with her findings at the next Board Meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Hawkins, to adopt the Resolution 2015-015 to Appoint Arthur Babcock as Chairman to the East Bloomfield Town Zoning Board and waive the reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Mitchell, Hawkins, and Crowley) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION 2015-015

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ARTHUR BABCOCK AS CHAIRMAN TO THE EAST BLOOMFIELD TOWN ZONING BOARD

WHEREAS, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman, Donald Rimlinger, resigned on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Babcock has served as Interim Chair since January 1, 2015 and has expressed his willingness to serve as Zoning Board Chair; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of East Bloomfield has been more than satisfied with his work; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby appoints Arthur Babcock of East Bloomfield, New York as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals starting Jan. 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015; and be it also

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Arthur Babcock and the East Bloomfield Code Enforcement Office.

Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fessner, to adopt the Resolution 2014-016 Authorizing the Town Supervisor to Approve "Change of Order" Requests for the Water Replacement Project for Water District #1 and Water District #2 and a reading of the Resolution was held. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Mitchell, Hawkins, and Crowley) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION 2015-016

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO APPROVE CHANGE OF ORDER REQUESTS FOR THE WATER REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR WATER DISTRICT #1 and WATER DISTRICT #2

WHEREAS, certain Change of Order requests are anticipated for the Water District Replacement Project for Water District #1 and Water District #2 and

WHEREAS, some of these Change of Orders must be accomplished in a timely manner and will not always be able to be brought before the Town Board for approval, without delay of the project and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor will need to approve these Change of Orders and be required to oversee that the total of the Change of Order requests do not exceed the approved Bond amount of \$698,307 for Water District #1 and \$2,642,530.00 for Water District #2, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to approve any Change of Order amounts that do not exceed a total amount of \$25,000 for the entire project, and, also, be it

RESOLVED, that this Town Board authorizes the Deputy Town Supervisor, in the absence of the Town Supervisor, to approve any Change of Order requests that do not exceed a total amount of \$25,000 for the entire project, and also, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor or the Deputy Town Supervisor, in the absence of the Town Supervisor, will inform the Town Board of any Change of Order requests as they are transacted.

Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Hawkins, to approve the January Financial Report. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes: 4 (Fessner, Mitchell, Hawkins, and Crowley) Nays 0 Hall reported on the bids received from Booies's and Crystal Carpet Cleaning & Floor Service for the cleaning of Veterans Park. Hall is requesting a twice a year cleaning be approved. A Spring Cleaning and a Fall Cleaning. Motion was made by Hawkins, seconded by Mitchell, for an expenditure of \$865.00 two times a year to perform a number of cleaning services to be provided by Crystal's and that the other bid received was in excess of \$2,000.00. Motion Approved: Ayes: 4 (Fessner, Mitchell, Hawkins, and Crowley) Nays 0 Crowley reported that the Town would like to offer residents the opportunity to participate in a free Town Direct Debit Payment Program and make water payments automatically. Hall asked if there was a fee to set this program up. Crowley said she wasn't sure and that she would check into that before moving forward. Hawkins noted that the Town doesn't have as many water users as the Village does and that Crowley may find out it's not worth setting up the program. Discussion was held.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit- Crowley reported that she has received a quote from Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C. for the Audit. Crowley reported that the cost to do the Town only, not including the Town Clerk's Office for the years 2013 and 2014 would cost \$8,500.00. Crowley reported that to do both Office's for those two years would cost \$11,500.00. Crowley recommended that the Board approve just doing the Town Audit only for two years for a price of \$8,500.00. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Hawkins, to approve the expenditure of \$8,500.00 to Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C. for a General Audit of the Town for the years 2013 and 2014. Motion Approved: Ayes: 4 (Fessner, Mitchell, Hawkins, and Crowley) Nays 0 Mitchell asked Crowley to Contact Wager and set up the Audit as soon as possible. Crowley reported she would contact Wager tomorrow. Discussion was held.

Buildings and Grounds: Hall reported that he is working with Crowley in regards to the mowing contract. Hall reported that the ramp located on the back of the Town Hall is deteriorating quite rapidly and is not safe at this point. Hall reported that he is going to move forward with local contractors to put a ramp on the front of the Town Hall and remove the ramp at the back of the Town Hall. Hall reported that the plantings would need to be removed in the front and replaced when the new ramp is completed. Hawkins asked that electric mats be used in the new ramp on the front of the Town Hall. Discussion was held. Hall reported that he

has received a request to allow a private burial on privately owned property to take place. Hall reported that the Town currently doesn't have any laws, rules, or regulations for this. Hall reported that the current request involves an 80 acre parcel. Hall reported that he feels it would decrease property values. Hawkins noted that Financial responsibility would need to be established by the resident along with a Deed Change that would have to be filed in the Ontario County Clerk's Office before any such burial could take place. Discussion was held. Mitchell asked Hall to contact the Association of Towns in regards to a private burial on private property and report back to the Board with his findings at the next Board meeting in two weeks. Mitchell then asked Crowley to put this on the Town Board's next Agenda so that more discussion could occur. Hall reported on the Usage at Veterans Park. Hall reported that the current system is not working nor is it fair to all the taxpayers. Hall reported that the Board needs to set some policies/guidelines soon so that he can enforce them. Hall reported that he currently cannot enforce anything. Discussion was held. Mitchell reported that there is a committee that is looking into new policies/guidelines but they are not prepared to make any recommendations at this point. Extensive Discussion Ensued.

HIGHWAY: Nothing to report

IT/Technology: Mitchell reported that MacMillan will have a proposal and a recommendation at the next Board Meeting.

INSURANCE: Nothing to report.

PARKS and RECREATION: Nothing to report.

WATER/SEWER VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD: Crowley reported that Brian Rayburn contacted her to let her know that a pipe at the base of the Water Tower located on 5 & 20 near Crosman was leaking. Rayburn told Crowley that it would be about three days before the problem would be fixed. Discussion was held.

COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing to report.

ROUND TABLE-OTHER BUSINESS: Hawkins asked Crowley about the \$400.00 expenditure to the Rotary Club. Crowley reported that it is a contribution the Town makes every year to them under Tourism. Crowley reported that Kim Rayburn has been hired as the new cleaner for the Town Hall. Crowley also reported that St. Catherine's church in Mendon has offered the Town a piano for Veterans Park. Discussion was held. The consensus of the Board was thank you for the offer but it's something they don't want there. Gochenaur reported that she has received a request from Jennifer Hess to reserve Elton Park for the Annual Pre-1916 Antique Auto Show which would be held on Sunday, July 12, 2015. If approved Jennifer will make arrangements to obtain the Insurance Certificate needed. Motion was made by Gochenaur, seconded by Hawkins, to allow Jennifer Hess to reserve Elton Park for the Annual Pre-1916 Antique Auto Show which would be held on Sunday, July 12, 2015 and to provide the appropriate Insurance Certificate needed. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Mitchell, Hawkins, and Crowley) Nays 0

BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Hawkins, to approve paying of the Bills. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Mitchell, Hawkins, and Crowley) Nays 0

General Fund A	- Abs. #505- Vouchers - 77,80-82,84,85,89-93,7060	\$ 11,995.30
General Fund B	- Abs. #505 - Vouchers - 79,85-87	\$ 958.07
Highway DA	- Abs. #505- Vouchers - 7055,7056,7058	\$ 22,293.64
Highway DB	- Abs. #505 - Vouchers - 7054,7057,7059,7061-7066	\$ 12,270.57
Water Infra Improv	- Abs. #505 - Voucher - 88	\$ 230.99
Sewer Dist. #1	- Abs. #505 - Voucher - 83	\$ 4,631.25
Water Dist. #1	- Abs. #505 - Voucher - 78	\$ 40.00

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Hawkins, to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 PM. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Mitchell, Hawkins, and Crowley) Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Gochenaur
Town Clerk