

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGBURG, INC.
REGULAR MEETING LOCATION: VILLAGE HALL
13 NORTH ROAD BLOOMINGBURG, NY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES: March 14, 2019

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Russell Wood, Jr.

VILLAGE TRUSTEE: Samuel Weingarten

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Alex Smith Esq.

Absent: VILLAGE TRUSTEE: Aaron Rabiner

Mayor Russell Wood, Jr. called to order the Village of Bloomingburg Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of March 14th, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Village of Bloomingburg Hall, Bloomingburg, N.Y.

The meeting was open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Wood asked Trustee Samuel Weingarten if he had a chance to review the monthly bills for February.

Trustee Samuel Weingarten confirmed he did.

Mayor Wood asks for a motion to approve February's monthly bills. Trustee Samuel Weingarten makes the motion and is seconded by Mayor Wood.

Mayor Wood asks Trustee Samuel Weingarten if he reviewed the minutes from the February meeting.

Trustee Samuel Weingarten confirms he has.

Mayor Wood asks for a motion to approve the minutes from February. Trustee Samuel Weingarten makes the motion and is seconded by Mayor Wood.

Mayor Wood: We have a proposal from E-code here tonight. We spoke about it last meeting but we didn't approve anything on it. I would like to approve the proposal this evening. I would like to ask for a motion to approve.

Trustee Samuel Weingarten: I will make the motion.

Mayor Wood: I second the motion. All in favor: Aye

Mayor Wood: The Village has been doing research on getting a water supply to the Village. We have done two interviews with two firms and have received proposals. The firms would be hired to help the Village secure a grant for this project. We will be meeting with them again before the next meeting. I would like to be prepared to vote on a firm by next month so we can move forward.

Mayor Wood: I myself along with the Village Attorney and Engineer met with Sullivan County this past week about getting sidewalks on Winterton Road. This doesn't look like it's going to be an easy process. The County will not let the Village put sidewalks on their county property. They will however give the property to the Village. Its not that simple as they say though. There is a small section there in between that is Mamakating as well. Alex our Village Attorney will have some research that he needs to do about annexation between the county and the town. So I don't foresee the sidewalks from the development to the Village line happening before the summer. We are in the process still getting the signatures signed for the easements for the sidewalks on the Village end of Winterton Road. Hopefully we will have this finalized soon.

Mayor Wood: Street lights. We are still waiting for the proposal from Orange and Rockland. Blake was promised to have it by today but they called her and told her they are still waiting on a few pries for some equipment they would need to install on some poles on Winterton Road.

Mayor Wood: We have 6 Old Roosa Gap Road on he agenda for this evening for the zoning change but Trustee Aaron Rabiner is not here this evening he had a prior commitment he needed to be at. I recused myself from this application last month as it is my old property. So I can not talk about this. A public hearing needs to be set but that will need to be set next month as I can not set that hearing with Trustee Samuel Weingarten.

Mayor Wood: The roads in the Village as you can see are terrible. We have been filling them for years. I have a meeting with Sullivan County Paving on Monday for a price on redoing Main Street. I am not sure how much that will cost. We do have some CHIPS money but that will not get us through doing all of Main Street. We will start with the top of Main Street by the Fire House when we do start as that is the worse section. I did get another estimate that I am waiting for. I cant remember off the top of my head the name of that company.

Mayor Wood: That is all I have tonight for you guys. Does anyone have anything else they would like to talk about?

Dr. Teich: Hi, I am sure most of you know me but if you do not my name is Clifford Teich I own the building over there across from the Church. Years ago I started the Gateway Arch Project here in the Village. We had a vision of putting a steal arch over by the bridge that said welcome to the Gateway of the Catskills. The project kind of went dead in the wind but I was able to collect money from many people. We did buy some steel for the project which is here in the back of the Village Hall. There is a checking account with the Village that is separate for this project. I have had some people come to me who donated the money and asked me what ever happened to the money they donated? And if they can have it back. I explain to them I don't have the money that its in the Village account and steel that we purchased. So what I am asking is if the Village can maybe give the money back to the people who donated or take the project back up? The steel in the back maybe we an have melted down and sell it and pay the people back?

Mayor Wood: Dr. Teich, I do remember this project. I am not sure why the past administration allowed a checking account to be opened in the Villages name for the project. We have no idea who donated the money and how much. We have no records of it to give anything back to the Maybe you do? What I can tell you is that the account was dormant for so long that the bank made us close the account out. We do have the money it was deposited into the General Checking per New York State because we didn't know what to do with it. They advised us to leave it in the General Account for the time being. If you want to pick up the project where you left off we can do that. As far as selling the steel or melting it down I don't think you will ever get what you paid for it. The Village can't use write checks back to people who donated money. Like I said we have no records of it and the past administration should have never allowed an account to be opened under the Village name for this project.

Mayor Wood: Do we have any more comments this evening?

Kathy Roemer: What's going on with the sewer plant? How Much longer can the Village afford these bills?

Mayor Wood: What are you speaking of Kathy ? The bills this month are basic maintence and utilities. Nothing going on there at the sewer plant at all. It is actually running an working smoothly.

Mayor Wood: Anything else? Ok, I would like a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Trustee Samuel Weingarten: I will make the motion.

Mayor Wood: I will seconded it. All in favor, Aye
Meeting was closed at 6:43pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Blake Call, Village Clerk