

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

PRESENT:

VILLAGE TRUSTEE: Aaron Rabiner  
VILLAGE TRUSTEE: Samuel Weingarten  
MAYOR: Russell Wood, Jr.  
VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Alex Smith Esq.

Mayor Russell Wood, Jr. called to order the Village of Bloomingburg Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of February 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 if the Board members all had a chance to review the monthly bills for January.

Mayor Wood, I will ask for a motion to approve the monthly bills for January. Trustee Aaron Rabiner will make the motion, Trustee Samuel Weingarten, I'll second the motion. All in favor: Aye.

Mayor Wood, has everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the January's meetings ?

Trustee Aaron Rabiner: I did review them and I'll make a motion to approve them. Trustee Samuel Weingarten I'll second the motion. All in favor: Aye

Mayor Wood: Janet Evans is our current Tax Collector for the Village. She is resigning as Tax Collector effective March 31. We would like to appoint Blake Call the Village Clerk to continue her appointment until we do our reorganizational meeting for the Village.

Chris Lester: Is she resigning from Mamakating as well?

Mayor Wood: No I don't believe so she will run again for Tax Collector I am told. She is retiring from here as well as Court Clerk for Mamakating. She wants to spend more time with her family on the West Coast. With that being said can I have a motion to appoint Blake Call for the remainder of the term.

Aaron Rabiner: I'll Make the motion.

Samuel Weingarten: I'll second it.

Mayor Wood: All in favor: Aye.

Mayor Wood: Ok, next order of business is the Village Election. We will have the Village Election on Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm -9:00pm. There is only one seat on this election and that is Aarons Trustee position. It is a two year term. Aaron is the only candidate that filed a petition for the seat. I would like to make a motion to approve this resolution for the Village Election.

Samuel Weingarten: I'll make the motion.

Aaron Rabiner: I'll seconded the motion.

Mayor Wood: All in favor, Aye.

Mayor Wood: New York State made a mandatory Law that all Employers adopt a Sexual Harassment Policy for their work force. We have a model policy that New York State made for Municipalities that we are going to adopt this evening. One person from the Village will also have to go to a training class. That person will then also have to train the rest of the municipality. That includes all professional that work with the Village as well.

Mayor Wood: Can I have a motion to adopt this resolution?

Aaron Rabiner: I'll make the motion.

Samuel Weingarten: I'll second the motion.

Mayor Wood: All in favor: Aye.

Mayor Wood: Ok, the past few months we have been working on a local law to exempt certain parcels from having to go before the ZBA for a recommendation to come to the Village Board for a Zoning Change. It was felt that it was making the process take too long because Public Hearing had to be set and times waited. We as a Board have listened to everyone's concerns. We have changed the proposed local law a little bit and we have a resolution for it. We will only change that an application doesn't have to go to the ZBA first for the BOT to hear and review the application. We the Board will take the application and place them on the agenda from there they will still have to get a recommendation from the ZBA. This way it will only speed the process up by getting the application to the BOT to review. The past the applicant would have to get the recommendation first from the ZBA and had things take a little more time, We are still requiring the recommendation from the ZBA. So with that being said I would like a motion to approve this resolution for local law # 1 of 2019.

Samuel Weingarten: I'll make the motion.

Aaron Rabiner: I'll second the motion.

Mayor Wood: All in favor: Aye.

Mayor Wood: We have a public hearing set for tonight for Local Law # 2 of 2019 for prohibiting sidewalk obstructions and blockages. Can I have a motion to open the public hearing.

Aaron Rabiner: I'll make the motion

Samuel Weingarten: I'll second the motion.

Mayor Wood: Alex can you please read the local law.

Alex Smith: Reads the Text of the Local Law.

Mayor Wood: Are there any questions? Ok, with that I would like to close the public hearing.

Aaron Rabiner: I'll make the motion.

Mayor Wood: Ill seconded it. Can I have a motion to approve this Local Law.

Aaron Rabiner: I'll make the motion

Samuel Weingarten: I'll second the motion.

Mayor Wood: We have another public hearing this evening for another local law #3 of 2019 to add shabbat whistles to the exemptions to the Bloomingburg noise law. Can I have a motion to open the public hearing.

Aaron Rabiner: I'll make the motion

Samuel Weingarten: I'll second the motion.

Mayor Wood: Alex can you please read this local law as well for the public.

Alex Smith: Reads the text of the law.

Mayor Wood: Any questions?

Mr. Myer: Where is this whistle going to be ?

Mayor Wood: I am nit too sure. I believe Chestnut Ridge.

Chris Lester: When will it go off?

Samuel Weingarten: Shabbat changes times week to week. It goes with sun down so it will always change. It's a whistle letting the Jewish community know that Shabbat is about to begin.

Mayor Wood: Can I have a motion to close the Public Hearing?

Aaron Rabiner: I'll make the motion

Samuel Weingarten: I'll second the motion.

Mayor Wood: Can I have a motion to approve local law #3 of 2019.

Aaron Rabiner: I'll make the motion

Samuel Weingarten: I'll second the motion.

Mayor Wood: We have an application to the BOT for a Zoning change to 6 Old Roosa Gap Road. The application was given a recommendation from the ZBA at their last meeting. I am recusing myself from this application because this was my old house for anyone who doesn't know that.

Pat Kahn: What do they want to put there? Why do they need to change from an R1 to the NBD there?

Aaron Rabiner: We aren't sure what they want to put there.

Chris Lester: We can't be spot zoning.

Aaron Rabiner: It wouldn't spot zoning because the barn on the corner is NBD.

Mayor Wood: I know I have recused myself but I would like to add that we can not keep doing zoning changes to the whole Village. We just allowed two zoning changes down Winterton Road. We have to watch because if we keep approving the applicants who ask for them we will have to change the whole comprehensive plan for the Village and that takes a lot of time and money to do. The Village isn't ready for that. I as the Mayor am not ready for that at this time.

Aaron Rabiner: I can say that I personally am not comfortable voting on this tonight. I have to think about this. I am not making any decisions on this at this time.

Samuel Weingarten: I agree lets take some time and think about it.

Gloria Finley: Residential should stay residential. I don't want a school or a development across the street from my house. It was made this way for a reason.

Mayor Wood: We had the owner of 75 Main Street ask to tap into the Village sewer. They would come in as an outside user.

Mr. Myer: Isn't that the Village?

Mayor Wood: No, its not. This address is on the other side of High Street which is Mamakating.

Chris Lester: Why does he want to be part of the Village sewer?

Mayor Wood: My guess is that he is having septic issues. Here's my problem with allowing him to tap in to the Village. We have Walnut Ridge asking to do the same. They are the little development of houses across from Godfrey Meadows. If we allow them to come in as outside users we have to watch the capacity of our sewer now. We have to make sure we have enough reserve for the people who live here now. We have an application before the ZBA for 10 units right now. If that is approved we have to make sure we have enough for them. We have to make sure we have enough for whatever other projects are before the Village that are Village residents.

Aaron Rabiner: I agree we can't just start letting people tap into the sewer at this time.

Samuel Weingarten: I have to agree as well. We need to see where we stand with the sewer capacity as of right now.

Mayor Wood: If we allow this it can put us in trouble and we will need to build another sewer plant. So I am going to say we make no decisions this application at this time.

Aaron Rabiner: I agree.

Mayor Wood: I had a meeting with eth Commission of the DPW in Sullivan County about street lights on Winterton Road. They told me they have no issues with the street lights going up on the poles that are in their property lines as long as the Village pays for them. I have the permit from the county and we will get on board with Orange and Rockland for the install. Now we all now that will take some time it look almost 7 months for the last ones we had done in the Village, so please be patient.

Mayor Wood: I also spoke to them about the sidewalks on the county lines. They will not allow us to place sidewalks on the county property so we are trying to arrange another meeting to have with the county about taking the part of the road over from the Village line to the development. This will also take a little time bear with me. We are finally going in the right direction with this.

Moses Fekete: Are there any easements that have been signed?

Mayor Wood: We have one easement signed. Another one the owner loves in FL and he's coming up will be here the first week in April. He wants to sign them in person not through the mail. Another two we had to make changes to the easement which we did.

Pat Kahn: Who will be responsible for the sidewalk maintenance.

Alex Smith: The Village will be but the residents will still be responsible for the local laws for snow removal and obstructions. Village will maintain them for repairs.

Mayor Wood: Do we have anything else for tonight's meeting? If not any public comment? Ok Ill make a motion to close the meeting.

Aaron Rabiner: Ill second the motion.

Mayor Wood: All in favor, Aye.

Meeting was closed at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Blake Call  
Village Clerk