

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Russell Wood, Jr.

VILLAGE TRUSTEE: Aaron Rabiner

VILLAGE TRUSTEE: Samuel Weingarten

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Alex Smith Esq.

Mayor Russell Wood, Jr. called to order the Village of Bloomingburg Board of Trustees Meeting of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:31 pm in the Village of Bloomingburg Hall, Bloomingburg, N.Y.

The meeting was open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regular Meeting

The minutes from the December 12, 2019 meeting were all reviewed by board. Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes from December. Aaron Rabiner made the motion and was seconded by Samuel Weingarten. The minutes from December were all approved.

The monthly abstracts for the general and sewer bills were all reviewed by the Board of Trustees. Mayor Russell Wood, Jr. asked for a motion to approve all the monthly abstracts for the month of December. Aaron Rabiner made the motion and was seconded by Samuel Weingarten. All in favor the Decembers abstracts were approved.

Public Hearing

Mayor Wood asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing for Local Law #7 of 2019. Aaron Rabiner made the motion and was seconded by Samuel Weingarten. All in Favor, Aye. Public Hearing is now open.

Mayor Wood explained that after the close of the December meeting there was a Petition that had been signed to return the terms of the elected positions back to a 2 year term from the proposed change of the term length of 4 years. Attorney Alex Smith stated he would make the resolution for Local Law #7 to be repealed.

It has been determined that there will be NO zoning changes within the next 90 days. There will be a Comprehensive Workshop held on Wednesday January 15, 2020 at 10:30am. Motion to accept Aaron Rabiner seconded by Samuel Weingarten. All in Favor, Aye.

### Mayors Report:

Mayor Wood discussed the sidewalk easement, meets and bounds for the new side walks to be put in from Market Street to Chestnut Ridge. Mayor Wood explain that the sidewalks will be 5ft wide. He stated that we are still waiting on the final OK from the Sullivan County Legislators, who will be having a meeting later in the month (tentative meeting date January 14<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>).

Mr. Meyer asked about the sidewalks from Market Street to the Village? Mayor Wood responded that the Village is responsible for the replacement of the sidewalks from Market Street to the Village.

Mayor Wood stated he would be meeting next week with a developer as the Village is requesting to take over the water at Chestnut Ridge. Attorney Alex Smith will look into the procedure and steps for the Village to take over the water to Chestnut Ridge.

After review of the monthly bills a question came from Katherine Roemer - Mayor Wood the Plumbing bill is this necessary to replace the pumps every year as a cost the tax payers in the village? Mayor Wood responded that its been a while since the pumps have been replaced on Main Street and that he had to review the bill with Joe the Plumber before the bill was paid. Mayor Wood stated that the Village would send out the "flushing letter" again as a reminder as to what is safe to flush and what is not safe to flush.

Mayor Wood introduced Alyssa Freeman, the new village clerk. Alyssa trained with Blake Call for the month of December before Blake left us at the beginning of the year. Blake is still Tax Collector for the Village.

Mr. Meyer found an error in the total for the monthly bill statement – the correct monthly bill amount is \$35,601.75.

### Public Comment:

Mr. Meyer stated that the garbage was still around by the Post Office which needs to be cleaned up. Chaim Friedman stated at a previous meeting that if he was shown where the garbage was he would be more than happy to clean it up for him. Mr. Meyer stated its by the Post Office just drive by and you'll see it. Mr. Friedman stated he would have one of his guys clean up the garbage that's there.

The Village Water Study Status – there is still a balance owed for the study. The current amount paid to date is \$2,141.00. The water study to date is not completed. There have been multiple meetings to reach the completion of the water study.

Bob Cassidy - Mayor Wood I believe the village should be collecting more in taxes!

Mayor Wood – Why is that Mr. Cassidy?

Bob Cassidy – to maintain its roads better. Church Road doesn't get maintained by the Village properly

Mayor Wood – That’s because Church Road is a Private Road not a Village Road Bob. The village has never maintained that road before.

Bob Cassidy – since the new sewer pipes were put in on my road, it’s now causing the road to sink.

Mayor Wood – Its up to the residents on the PRIVATE ROAD to pull together and maintain the road its not a Village road for the Village to keep up the maintenance on Bob.

Bob Cassidy – YES it is! It was signed over to the village and made into a village road from a Private road.

Mayor Wood – Ok Bob. Show me proof and then we can maintain the road.

Katherine Roemer – I’m sorry Mr. Cassidy but Church Road has always been a Private Road

Mayor Wood – The Board can make that decision as to whether or not the Village will now take over maintaining Church Road.

Chaim Friedman – Well in that case Joseph Court is now going to go from being a private road to a village road so the village can do the maintenance on it. ....and be paved as well just like Mr. Cassidy wants for his road

Trustee Aaron Rabiner - I will research who owns Church Road

Bob Cassidy - in the mean time can the Village send a letter to the residents of Church Road stating to them that the Home Owners all need to pitch in to take care and maintain the road

Mayor Wood – Bob I will look into that for you and see what I can do about that letter

The Church is replacing its steps, caution tape is out . The church is a town of Mamakating Building the Village of Bloomingburg has no part in the Historic Society. The well at the Historic Society building has been fix/ repaired.

Chaim Friedman – Problem with the wells that keep drying up

121 Main street 4 or 5 other houses in 2004 and 2011

Katherine Roemer – You’re turning a 1 family home for a family of 4 or 5 people into homes supporting 12-16 people a well cant support that

Chaim Friedman – Concerned raised with more water being used due to more people moving in the area

Mayor Wood – Chaim a water rate goes up by the amount you use. If you only use “X” amount for 3 month but then you use 5 times “x” amount for 2 months you will get billed for a higher amount the 2 months that you used more water.

There is a well protocol stating that \_\_\_\_ supports this in a single family home.

Before the water approval goes through Mayor Wood will find the well protocol.

Chaim Friedman – The Planning Board needs to review each application individually and differently so there is no 90 day hold time.

Board Answered unanimously come prepared with everything that’s required by the engineer and attorney and there will be no wait time or hold time you will be approved.

If the Comprehensive Hearing Plan is agree upon it will go back to a public hearing

Meeting Closed at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted

Alyssa Freeman, Village Clerk