

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES: April 15th, 2019

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 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of Monday April 15th, 2019 at 6:01pm in the Village of Bloomingburg Hall, Bloomingburg, N.Y.

The meeting was open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Wood asked the Board if they had a chance to review the minutes from March.

Trustee Samuel Weingarten confirmed he did. Trustee Aaron Rabiner said he wasn't at the meeting last month but he did read them.

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

Mayor Wood asks Trustee's if they had a chance to review the monthly bills from March.

Trustee Samuel Weingarten and Trustee Aaron Rabiner both agree they have.

Mayor Wood asks for a motion to approve the bills from March. Trustee Samuel Weingarten makes the motion and is seconded by Trustee Aaron Rabiner.

Mayor Wood: We have been interviewing a few firms for a water proposal for the Village. We are looking to have some studies completed to bring municipal water to the Village in the future. The right firm would help apply and write the grants. This is for future growth to the Village. We are just exploring the possibilities.

Mayor Wood: I have a proposed local law here to construct mandatory sidewalks if you are doing a project in the Village. I would like to set a public hearing for this local law on May 9th at 6:00pm. Can I have a motion to set this public hearing?

Aaron Rabiner: I will make it.

Samuel Weingarten: I will second it.

Mayor Wood: All in favor, Aye.

Mayor Wood: I have a resolution here prepared by our Village Attorney Alex Smith. This resolution is for delinquent taxes from 2016-2017. This resolution allows Alex to take these property owners to small claims court to try to collect the back taxes. Can I have a motion to approve this resolution?

Aaron Rabiner: I will make the motion.

Samuel Weingarten: I will second the motion.

Mayor Wood: All in favor, Aye.

Mayor Wood: I have a resolution here allowing Sullivan County to be our official dump for Bulk Pick Up in 2019, We will be having our Bulk Pick Up later this week Thursday and Friday. Can I have a motion to approve this.

Samuel Weingarten: I will make a motion.

Aaron Rabiner: I will second it.

Mayor Wood: Ok, We finally have the proposal from Orange and Rockland for adding the extra streetlights on Winterton Road. There are 11 lights they will be an extra \$123.00 a month on the Village electric bill. We do however have to pay for the install and the arms for the poles upfront which are \$2,160.00. It is a one time fee for all the work to be done.

Chris Lester: Are these lights on dust to dawn?

Mayor Wood: Yes.

Teek Persaud: Why does the Village have to pay for this. Shouldn't the development? It is for them.

Mayor Wood: The Village will pay because its for our residents. All the residents in Chestnut Ridge pay taxes like everyone else and they should be able to benefit from lighting just like Main Street and upper Winterton do.

Mayor Wood: Can I have a motion to sign this contract with Orange and Rockland.

Aaron Rabiner: I will make it.

Samuel Weingarten: I will second it.

Mayor Wood: All in favor. Aye

Aaron Rabiner: I would like to talk about the garbage can Law #5 of 2015. I think we should look at this law a little better. There are a few properties in the Village on Main Street that they have long driveways or the house is higher up. Maybe we should think of allowing some type of enclosure at the bottom of their property line they can store their cans in? They are getting a lot of garbage cans fines. Who wants to drag cans up a long driveway all the time?

Mayor Wood: I agree we can do something. The way the law reads now is the cans should be out of site by the property. Maybe we can do so many feet so its off the sidewalk?

Alex Smith: City of Middletown is 30ft from the curb. We can revise the law to read that and also allow for enclosures so it looks neat and off the sidewalks. I will look into it and we can set a public hearing next month.

Mayor Wood: Sidewalk easements. We have three people who are not willing to sign the easements at this time. So we are going to have Alex start the appraisal process of these parcels and begin adamant domain.

Alex Smith: I will begin working on that.

Chris Lester: Why won't they sign them?

Mayor Wood: Chris I am not sure. One property owner wanted to keep his privacy so we drew up in the easement that we would plant shrubs for him and until they grew we would even put up a fence for him to keep his privacy. Now he wont sign.

Mayor Wood: Next is 6 Old Roosa Gap Road for the zoning change request and I have recused myself from this application.

Aaron Rabiner: I will take over. We need to set a Public hearing for this application. So I would like to set the public hearing for next month's meeting May 9th at 6:00pm. Can I have a motion to set this hearing?

Samuel Weingarten: I will make it.

Aaron Rabiner: I will second it. All in favor, Aye

Mayor Wood: I have given everyone a proposed budget for 2019/2020. It is just proposed. I would like everyone to take a look at it and set a Public Hearing for the Budget on May 9th at 6:00pm. Can I have a motion.

Aaron Rabiner: I will make the motion.

Samuel Weingarten: I will second the motion.

Mayor Wood: All in favor, Aye.

Mayor Wood: I had Sullivan County Paving here to give me a price on doing the repairs and paving to Main Street. They gave me a price of \$135,000 to do all of Main Street from Mobil down to the bridge. That also included fixing the issue by the light and the hardware store. We do not have to do it all at once. We can do it in portions. We have a little over \$50,000 in Chips money. We are also working with the County to have the lines restriped they handle that. The pedestrian walk way should be repainted soon now that the weather is nicer.

Mayor Wood: We have a letter here form Arianna Phelps on the snow removal fine she received in the mail. She is asking we waive the fine because she didn't know the Village would be enforcing the local law with fines. She also said she has been having problems with her mail and did not received the 2 letters we sent to the residents.

Aaron Rabiner: Well maybe we can think about it.

Mayor Wood: Well you know how I feel about this Aaron if we waive it for one person then everyone is going to want it to be waived. The snow removal law has been in effect for years.

Aaron Rabiner: Lets table it.

Mayors Report

Mayor Wood: We had the streets cleaned again. They look good. Anthony the Maintenance guy has been walking around and pick up any garage that might have flown away during the wind storms we have been having. Trying to clean all of Main Street cleaned. I think it looks good. The sewer plants needs some small repairs nothing major. Just wear and tear things.

Pat Kahn: What's going on with 75 Main Street.

Mayor Wood: Alex you want to answer that.

Alex Smith: He has been in court. He was coming to get a building permit to do the demo of the building. He wants to come to the ZBA and put a nice house there. He needs to have the building down before the next court date in May I told him.

Pat Kahn: what's the fine?

Alex Smith: We haven't worked that out yet. I hope to do that next month. My main concern was to get his attention which I did, to get the building repaired or taken down. So it worked. We will reduce the fine, just not sure at this time to what.

Mayor Wood: do we have anything else? Ok, I would like a motion to adjourn this meeting to next month.

Aaron Rabiner: I will make it.

Samuel Weingarten: I will second it.

Mayor Wood: All in favor; Aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Blake Call, Village Clerk