

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES: April 12, 2018

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 April 12th, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Village of Bloomingburg Hall, Bloomingburg, N.Y.

The meeting was open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Russell Wood, Jr. introduced the new Village Trustee Samuel Weingarten to the public.

The minutes from March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were all reviewed by Mayor Russell Wood, Jr. & Aaron Rabiner. Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 8<sup>th</sup>. Aaron Rabiner made the motion and was seconded by Mayor Wood. The minutes from March 8<sup>th</sup> 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 March. Aaron Rabiner made the motion and was seconded by Mayor Wood. All in favor the March abstracts were approved.

Public Hearing

Mayor Wood asked for a motion to open the evenings Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2018 to establish an alternate member for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Aaron Rabiner made the motion to open the Public Hearing and was seconded by Trustee Samuel Weingarten.

Village Attorney Alex Smith, Esq reads Local Law #1 of 2018 to the Public and explains what the Local Law is for.

Mayor Wood asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Aaron Rabiner made the motion and was seconded by Trustee Samuel Weingarten. Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Wood asked for a resolution to approve Local Law #1 of 2018. Village Trustees Aaron Rabiner & Samuel Weingarten both approved the resolution as well as Mayor Wood. All in favor Aye.

### Budget 2018-2019

Mayor Wood explains the budget for 2018-2019. Most of the budget has stayed the same. There have been a few changes to the budget. We added a little more to the Sanitation line. We are going to add bulk pick up to the village 3 times a year and also do recycling pick up 1 time a week instead of 2 times a month as we have done in the past. We added a little more to the street light budget as we are in the process of speaking with Orange and Rockland about adding more street lights in certain areas of the Village and changing some of the lights to LED.

Mayor Wood asked for a motion to set a Public Hearing for the 2018-2019 Budget on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm. Trustee Aaron Rabiner made the motion and was seconded by Samuel Weingarten. All in Favor Aye.

### Sewer Plant Operator

Mayor Wood says we have prepared a bid to go out for a new Sewer Plant Operator, but we will not out the bid out as we have spoke with JCO our current Sewer Plant Operator and they have agreed to keep our pricing and contract all the same. They have also agreed to keep better records and will be supplying the Village with accurate numbers on a weekly and monthly basis.

### Garbage Bid

Mayor Wood asks for a motion to put the new garbage bid into the newspaper. Trustee Aaron Rabiner makes the motion and is seconded by Trustee Samuel Weingarten. All in Favor Aye.

Holly Roche: I have some concerns about the boxes all over the Village. Even with a recycling pick up every week its not going to make people pick up their boxes. Have you as the Village Board thought about ways to make the boxes go away or be picked up? We have now been talking about the boxes for years. If they get too high, which they are, rodents will make nests and live in these boxes. Then the Village will have a problem with rodents. Have you thought about going to the Ringo and speaking with the owner or management since It seems this is here the boxes are coming from? Maybe they can use reusable bags. Maybe charge a \$1 for the bag and if they continue to bring the bags back they can get a quarter or something off their bill. I don't know I am just brain storming here. Maybe you all as our Village Board should go down there and speak with them.

### Local Law #2 of 2018-

A local law to providing enforcement of the terms or conditions of special use permits or site plans approved by the planning board.

Mayor Wood asks for a motion for a Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2018 on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm. Trustee Aaron Rabiner made the motion and was seconded by Trustee Samuel Weingarten. All in Favor, Aye.

### Local Law #3 of 2018

A Local Law providing enforcement of the terms or conditions of area variances or use variances approved by the zoning board of appeals.

Mayor Wood asked for motion to set Public Hearing for Local Law #3 of 2018 on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm. Trustee Aaron Rabiner made the motion and was seconded by Trustee Samuel Weingarten. All in Favor, Aye.

### Road Repairs

Mayor Wood informs the public that the Village has money in a CHIP account through NYS that has rolled over and accumulated through the years. Mayor Wood states he's going to call a few places to get prices on cutting the bad sections of Main Street and have them repaired. Mayor Wood explains that the Village will have to lay the money out and we will be reimbursed from NY State. He's looking to have the repairs done in June when the Village has the extra money to lay out from taxes. The Village would be reimbursed around September sometime from NYS. We have about \$40,000.00 in money from the state to use. The Village Engineer Tom Deputy is drawing up specs for the repairs.

### Mayor Report

Mayor Wood announces now that we have a new Trustee he works evenings and is requesting that we move the monthly Board of Trustee meetings up to 6:00pm. Mayor Wood says he has no problem with the change. Trustee Aaron Rabiner says he doesn't have any issues either. Nor does the Village Attorney or Clerk.

Mayor Wood asks for a motion to change the monthly Board of Trustees meeting time to 6:00pm. Trustee Aaron Rabiner makes the motion and is seconded by Trustee Samuel Weingarten. All in Favor, Aye.

Mayor Wood explains the Water Protocol for the Village has been determined. There is a copy here within the Village Hall and you can speak to Blake the Clerk and you can FOIL a copy if you want it.

Mayor Wood announces that Tetz will be cleaning the streets. He's waiting on a date that they will be coming through. A day before they come he will have someone sweep the side walks to get all dirt and debris into the road for an easier clean up. Mayor Wood asks if you have a side walk in front of your home to please sweep them into the road side.

Mayor Wood tells the public the Fire House would like to put up a small shed on their property for some storage. They are asking for the Building Permit to be waived, I will recuse myself from this decision.

Trustee Aaron Rabiner and Trustee Samuel Weingarten have no objections to waiving the Building Permit Fee. Trustee Aaron Rabiner asked for a motion to approve waiving the fee and Samuel Weingarten makes the motion. All in favor, Aye

### Public Comment

Lesleigh Weinstein: Why hasn't anyone been in Hickory Court yet? I understand its under new management and one of the people who are managing it are on one of the Village Boards. Why aren't they allowing anyone in to inspect it? Why are there still Shuka's up in the village?

Mayor Wood: To my understanding Chaim has spoken to Village Building Inspector AL Dodd and they have made arrangements. As for the Shuka's there are two of them and they are both in court. It's not that easy Lesleigh we can't just go take on people's property and take them down.

Village Attorney Alex Smith, Esq: We are in court it was brought to our knowledge that the people who the charge was brought against no longer own the home and now there is a new owner. We are trying to get the new owner to file charges against them.

Lesleigh Weinstein: There is a doctor's office going in where Jeff Bank was. Don't they have to come to the Village Planning Board for a change of use?

Mayor Wood: No, they don't. It was approved for office space and that what they are doing. There is nothing in the codes that specify what kind of office space even if its medical. They can open a doctor's office. If they make changes inside the building, then they must go to the Building Dept for a permit.

Lesleigh Weinstein: Russ, why is there no non-Hasidic people on your boards? It seems like they are all Hasidic. I know people who are non-Hasidic that want to be on the boards.

Mayor Wood: Tell them to put in an application because I haven't received any. I always hear this, but no one comes to the Village Hall and gives us an application to be on the boards.

Lesleigh Weinstein: The garbage in Chestnut Ridge is so bad. What's going on with this. This is your village Russ.

Mayor Wood: I am working with Amy Platt at the assessor's office in Mamakating on the assessments of the units and adding garbage pick up to their taxes, this is something we have been discussing. Then they will be included in the village pickups. It was never put into their Village taxes because they were reasonable for their own garbage pick up in the past.

Linda Helms: What's going on over at Pat Mianos old place it a mess. It breaks my heart that poor Mrs. Scott was dragged into court to clean up the little bit she had outside but Mianos place looks like that.

Mayor Wood: Pat Mianos Estate has been in court since the fall. The court wasn't getting anywhere with the attorney for the estate and the property was getting worse. Today Alex Smith was up at the County to get an order to allow the Village to clean the place up. The Village Justice doesn't have enough power to order that, so we had to go to the county. We are sending someone in to clean up all the garbage except for the cars because we can't remove the cars. They Village will pay for it to be cleaned up and it will go against the property.

Pat Kahn: Are the Fire Hydrants activated yet?

Mayor Wood: I am not sure if they are all active or not. I can check with the development's office. The Village survived all these years without them we will be ok.

Mayor Russell Wood, Jr. I would like to make a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting. Aaron Rabiner made the motion and was seconded by Samuel Weingarten. Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Blake Call  
Village Clerk