

January 22, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale was held on the above date in the Bloomingdale Firemen's Hall, 97 Hamburg Turnpike. Mayor Steenstra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Salute to the American Flag was held at the prior Inauguration Ceremony. The Municipal Attorney led the recitation of the Governing Body prayer.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Mayor: William Steenstra
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Council Members: Linda Huntley
Jennifer Altfield
Henry D. Sloomaker
Bernard H. Vroom
Thomas Marinaro
Dean Specchio

Professionals Present: Municipal Clerk: Jane McCarthy, RMC
Borough Attorney: Joseph V. "Joe" MacMahon, Esq.
Chief Financial Officer: Donna Mollineaux

PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT

Mayor Steenstra stated that adequate notice of this meeting was posted in the Bloomingdale Municipal Building and provided to The Suburban Trends; The North Jersey Herald & News; and all other local news media on December 17, 2007.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Vroom moved that the meeting be opened to Early Public Comment; seconded by Councilman Specchio and carried on voice vote with all members voting YES.

Since there was n one who wished to speak under Public Comment, Councilman Sloomaker moved that it be closed; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote with all members voting YES.

At this time, Councilwoman Huntley read a statement as to her request to review the documents prepared by the Budget Committee and Councilman Shoemaker's reply that she will receive them when it is ready for the entire Governing Body.

Councilwoman Huntley expressed her concern as to spending in the borough and felt it should be evaluated and made a motion to implement a hiring freeze. There was no second on the motion.

Mayor Steenstra stated that he has been told we are not hiring any more employees than we have had in previous years.

Councilwoman Altfield also noted that we have the same number of employees in 2008 that we had in 2004 and noted that they are necessary to get the work done that we need to get done.

Councilman Marinaro stated that we nominated Councilman Sloomaker to be the Budget Chairman and we should give him the opportunity to do it.

Councilman Sloomaker stated that he has been appointed the Chairman and needs an opportunity to look at the budget first; the process has begun and adjustments are already required; each Council Member will have an opportunity to review the budget before we go forward and have an understanding of what we are doing.

Borough Attorney MacMahon stated that there will be a budget prepared and each Council Member will have an opportunity to review before the adoption of the budget; they will have to certify that they have reviewed the budget.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Vroom moved that the following Consent Agenda be approved:

- A. Governing Body Minutes: November 5, 2007 and January 2, 2008
- B. Adoption of Resolution #2008-1.19: national Wear Red for Women Day
- C. Adoption of Resolution #2008-1.20: Read Across America Day
- D. Approval for Membership in Bloomingdale Fire Dept.; Kevin Miller

**RESOLUTION #2008-1.19
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE
Designating February, 2008 as American Heart Month and Friday, February 3, 2006, as
"Wear Red for Women Day" in Recognition and Support of the Fight Against Heart
Disease and Stroke Among Women**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body ("Governing Body") of the Borough of Bloomingdale ("Borough") finds and declares as follows:

✓ Diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death, and stroke is the third leading cause of death;

- ✓ Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) claim the lives of more than 460,000 American females (about one death per minute) each year
- ✓ Each year, 53 percent of all cardiovascular disease deaths occur in females, as compared to 47 percent in men, and about 29,500 more females than males die from a stroke
- ✓ The cost of CVD and stroke in the United States in 2008 is estimated at \$431.8 billion per year;
- ✓ More women die of cardiovascular disease than the next five leading causes of death combined, including all cancers;
- ✓ Only 13 percent of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk
- ✓ February is designated as American Heart Month;
- ✓ Go Red For women is the American Heart Association's national movement and call to increase awareness about heart disease – the leading cause of death for women – and to inspire women to love their hearts and take charge of their heart health;
- ✓ All women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using tools such as the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women Heart Checkup and by talking to their healthcare provider;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 1, 2008 to be

“NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY FOR WOMEN”

in the Borough of Bloomingdale and urge all citizens to “go red” for the day and wear red on February 1, 2008 to call attention to the magnitude of cardiovascular disease in women, and as a show of support to fight it, as well as in recognition of family, friends and neighbors who have suffered from cardiovascular disease. By increasing awareness of the risk factors for this devastating disease and taking actions to reduce them, we can save thousands of lives each year.

**RESOLUTION #2008-1.20
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Designating Thursday, March 3, 2008, as
Read Across America Day in the Borough of Bloomingdale***

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that the citizens of Borough stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that *NEA's Read Across America*, a national celebration of reading, is being held on March 3, 2008, which would have been the 104th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that *Read Across America-NJ* is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, Saturn-UAW, and their local affiliates across our state for the common purpose and goal of promoting reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to express its continuing resolve and commitment to supporting community involvement in the education of our youth based upon the basic principle that educational investment is key to our community's well-being and long-term quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby designate March 3, 2008, as *Read Across America Day in the Borough of Bloomingdale* and does hereby call upon all citizens of our community to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 3, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale enthusiastically endorses *NEA's Read Across America* and *Read Across America-NJ*, and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to help make America's children the best readers in the world.

Councilman Specchio seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: council Members: Vroom; Huntley; Sloodmaker; Marinaro; Specchio and Altfield all YES.

PENDING BUSINESS

Governmental Operations Committee

Adoption of Resolution #2008-1.21: Award of Contract with Borough Attorney Joseph MacMahon for legal services

Councilwoman Altfield offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2008-1.21
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Authorizing Award of Professional Services Agreement
to Municipal Attorney Joseph V. MacMahon, Esq.*

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizenry of the Borough to retain the professional services of a municipal attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that Joseph V. MacMahon, Esq., Oakland, New Jersey (“Professional”), has demonstrated the professional experience, judgment and aptitude during the year 2007 to warrant re-appointment as Municipal Attorney for the year 2008 by unanimous vote of the Governing Body cast at its January 2, 2008 Reorganization Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Professional has submitted a Professional Services Agreement (“Agreement”) for the continued performance of professional services as Municipal Attorney during the year 2008, which provides for no increase in cost to the Borough for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et seq.*, authorizes the Governing Body to authorize the award of a contract for “extraordinary, unspecifiable services,” which include the professional services to be performed by the Professional under the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the New Jersey Local Unit “Pay to Play” Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-4, *et seq.*, governs the award of the Agreement because its value is in excess of the sum of \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Professional has fully complied with the “Pay to Play” Law by completing and submitting to the Municipal Clerk a Business Entity Disclosure Certification (“Certification”), which certifies that the Professional has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough during the previous year, and that the award of the Agreement will prohibit the Professional from making any reportable contributions through the one-year term of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizenry of the Borough to authorize the execution of the Agreement with the Professional under such circumstances that the Professional has certified that he will not make any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough during the one-year term of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it has reviewed the terms and conditions of the Agreement and finds them to be consistent with the terms and conditions of the Agreement entered into with the Professional in 2008;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Chief Financial Officer shall cause municipal funds to be encumbered pursuant to individual purchase orders submitted by the Professional for payment in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizenry of the Borough to authorize the award of the Agreement to the Professional;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize the award of a Professional Services Agreement to Joseph V. MacMahon, Esq., Oakland, New Jersey, for the performance of professional services as Municipal Attorney during the year 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize any and all necessary and appropriate municipal officials to execute the foregoing Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to retain the foregoing Agreement and Certification on file with this Resolution, and to cause said Resolution to be published in the Official Newspaper of the Borough within twenty (20) days of the date hereof.

Councilman Marinaro seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: council Members: Altfield; Vroom; Huntley; Sloomaker; Marinaro and Specchio all Yes.

Adoption of Resolution#2008-1.22: Award of contract with Borough Auditor Joseph Faccone for Accounting Services

Councilwoman Altfield offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2008-1.22
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Authorizing Award of Professional Services Agreement
to Municipal Auditor Samuel Klein & Company***

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizenry of the Borough to retain the professional services of a municipal auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that Samuel Klein & Company, Newark, New Jersey, represented by Joseph J. Faccone, C.M.A. (“Professional”), has

demonstrated the professional experience, judgment and aptitude during the year 2007 to warrant re-appointment as Municipal Auditor for the year 2008 by unanimous vote of the Governing Body cast at an Official Meeting on January 2, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Professional has submitted a Professional Services Agreement (“Agreement”) for the continued performance of professional services as Municipal Auditor during the year 2008, which provides for no increase in cost to the Borough for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et seq.*, authorizes the Governing Body to authorize the award of a contract for “extraordinary, unspecifiable services,” which include the professional services to be performed by the Professional under the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the New Jersey Local Unit “Pay to Play” Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-4, *et seq.*, governs the award of the Agreement because its value is in excess of the sum of \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Professional has fully complied with the “Pay to Play” Law by completing and submitting to the Municipal Clerk a Business Entity Disclosure Certification (“Certification”), which certifies that the Professional has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough during the previous year, and that the award of the Agreement will prohibit the Professional from making any reportable contributions through the one-year term of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizenry of the Borough to authorize the execution of the Agreement with the Professional under such circumstances that the Professional has certified that it l not make any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough during the one-year term of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Borough Attorney has reviewed the terms and conditions of the Agreement and finds them to be consistent with the terms and conditions of the Agreement entered into with the Professional in 2008;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Chief Financial Officer shall cause municipal funds to be encumbered pursuant to individual purchase orders submitted by the Professional for payment in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizenry of the Borough to authorize the award of the Agreement to the Professional;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize the award of a Professional Services Agreement to Samuel Klein & Company, Newark, New Jersey, represented by Joseph J. Faccone, C.M.A., for the performance of professional services as Municipal Auditor during the year 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize any and all necessary and appropriate municipal officials to execute the foregoing Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to retain the foregoing Agreement and Certification on file with this Resolution, and to cause said Resolution to be published in the Official Newspaper of the Borough within twenty (20) days of the date hereof.

Councilman Sloodmaker seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: council Members: Vroom; Huntley; Sloodmaker; Marinaro; Specchio and Altfield all YES.

Adoption of Resolution #2008-1.23: Award of Contract with bond Counsel Jack Kraft for Bond Counsel Services

Councilwoman Altfield offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2008-1.23
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Authorizing Award of Professional Services Agreement
to Municipal Bond Counsel John L. Kraft, Esq., L.L.C.***

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizenry of the Borough to retain the professional services of a municipal bond counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that Lomurro, Davison, Eastman & Munoz, PA, of 100 Willow Brook Road, Freehold, NJ 07728, represented by John L. Kraft, Esq. (“Professional”), has demonstrated the professional experience, judgment and aptitude during the year 2007 to warrant re-appointment as Municipal Bond Counsel for the year 2008 by unanimous vote of the Governing Body cast at an Official Meeting on January 2, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Professional has submitted a Professional Services Agreement (“Agreement”) for the continued performance of professional services as Municipal Bond Counsel during the year 2008, which provides for no increase in cost to the Borough for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et seq.*, authorizes the Governing Body to authorize the award of a contract for “extraordinary, unspecifiable services,” which include the professional services to be performed by the Professional under the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the New Jersey Local Unit “Pay to Play” Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-4, *et seq.*, governs the award of the Agreement because its value may exceed the sum of \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Professional has fully complied with the “Pay to Play” Law by completing and submitting to the Municipal Clerk a Business Entity Disclosure Certification (“Certification”), which certifies that the Professional has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough during the previous year, and that the award of the Agreement will prohibit the Professional from making any reportable contributions through the one-year term of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizenry of the Borough to authorize the execution of the Agreement with the Professional under such circumstances that the Professional has certified that it will not make any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough during the one-year term of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Borough Attorney has reviewed the terms and conditions of the Agreement and finds them to be consistent with the terms and conditions of the Agreement entered into with the Professional in 2008;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Chief Financial Officer shall cause municipal funds to be encumbered pursuant to individual purchase orders submitted by the Professional for payment in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizenry of the Borough to authorize the award of the Agreement to the Professional;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize the award of a Professional Services Agreement to Lomurro, Davison, Eastman & Munoz, P.A., of 100 Willow Brook Road, Freehold, New Jersey, represented by John L. Kraft, Esq., for the performance of professional services as Municipal Bond Counsel during the year 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize any and all necessary and appropriate municipal officials to execute the foregoing Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to retain the foregoing Agreement and Certification on file with this Resolution, and to cause said Resolution to be published in the Official Newspaper of the Borough within twenty (20) days of the date hereof.

Councilman Vroom seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Huntley; Sloodmaker; Marinaro; Specchio; Altfield and Vroom all YES.

Adoption of Resolution #2008-1.24: Award of Contract with Vozza Agency for risk Consultant Services

Councilman Vroom offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2008-1.24
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Authorizing Award of Professional Services Agreement
to Municipal Risk Management Consultant, The Vozza Agency***

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizenry of the Borough to retain the professional services of a municipal risk management consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that The Vozza Agency, Park Ridge, New Jersey (“Professional”), has demonstrated the professional experience, judgment and aptitude during the year 2007 to warrant re-appointment as Municipal Risk Management Consultant for the year 2008 by unanimous vote of the Governing Body cast at an Official Meeting held on January 2, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Professional has submitted a Professional Services Agreement (“Agreement”) for the continued performance of professional services as Municipal Risk Management Consultant during the year 2008, which provides for no increase in cost to the Borough for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., authorizes the Governing Body to authorize the award of a contract for “extraordinary, unspecifiable services,” which include the professional services to be performed by the Professional under the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the New Jersey Local Unit “Pay to Play” Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-4, et seq., does not govern the award of the Agreement because its value does not excess of the sum of \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Borough Attorney has reviewed the terms and conditions of the Agreement and finds them to be consistent with the terms and conditions of the Agreement entered into with the Professional in 2008;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Interim Chief Financial Officer shall cause municipal funds to be encumbered pursuant to individual purchase orders submitted by the Professional for payment in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizenry of the Borough to authorize the award of the Agreement to the Professional;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize the award of a Professional Services Agreement to The Vozza Agency, Park Ridge, New Jersey, for the performance of professional services as Municipal Risk Management Consultant during the year 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize any and all necessary and appropriate municipal officials to execute the foregoing Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to retain the foregoing Agreement on file with this Resolution, and to cause said Resolution to be published in the Official Newspaper of the Borough within twenty (20) days of the date hereof.

Councilwoman Altfield seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Sloomaker; Marinaro; Specchio; Altfield; Vroom and Huntley all YES.

Adoption of Resolution #2008-1.____: Award of Contract with Action Data Services, Inc. for payroll Services

Borough Attorney asked that this be carried to the next meeting

Public Health & Safety Committee

Councilman Sloomaker noted that the Committee will be meeting in approximately two weeks.

Governmental Operations committee

Councilman Specchio stated that the committee met on January 16 with DPW Superintendent, Water/Sewer superintendent and the Borough Administrator and addressed various items, ie. Recycling contract, Borough impound yard, new police station and various shared services.

Ratables & Revenues Committee

Councilman Marinaro stated that they are in the process of stating a venture with various municipalities to bring in a few towns that increased their commercial revenue and invite their Economic Development people to a meeting to discuss it with our governing body.

Grant Writers committee

Councilwoman Huntley stated that she has been in contact with the borough Engineer as to Department of Transportation grants available.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

Governmental Operations Committee

Adoption of Resolution #2008-1.25: Payment of Municipal Obligations

Councilwoman Altfield offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION - #2008-1.25
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing Payment of Municipal Obligations

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that certain municipal obligations have come due and are now payable; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that said obligations have been itemized on the annexed schedules, which are hereby deemed part of this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize payment of said municipal obligations, in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Treasurer, from the following accounts and in the following amounts:

BILLS LIST		PREPAID LIST	
CURRENT	1,274,534.37	CURRENT	433,191.45
UTILITY	437,489.04	UTILITY	7,217.05
CAPITAL	5,458.27	UNEMPLOY.	385.52
UTILITY CAPITAL		RECYCLING	2,843.39
TRUST	1,818.31	CAPITAL	
DOG	1,259.12	TRUST	14,999.25
RECREATION	4,867.70	SPEC. ASSESS.	0.00
UNEMPLOYMENT		RECREATION	000.00
ROSE FUND	36,896.50	UTILITY CAP.	0.00
RECYCLING	00.00	DOG	00.00
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TOTAL	1,762,323.31	TOTAL	458,636.66

Councilman Vroom seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Huntley asked why the DPW Chipper was paid from the ROSE Fund and Chief Financial Officer sated that the ROSE Fund will also be using the mulch from the chipper to maintain the fields; this will alleviate an outside contractor doing this.

The motion carried as per the following roll call: Council members: Marinaro, YES; Specchio, YES; Altfield, YES; Vroom, YES; Huntley, NO and Sloomaker, YES.

Adoption of Resolution #2008-1.26: Authorizing Appropriation of Reserves

Councilman Specchio offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2008-1.26
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing Appropriation of Reserves

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides that the Governing Body may, should it become necessary during the first three months of the fiscal year to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of any respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, by resolution setting forth the facts and adopted by not less than two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full membership of the Borough Council, transfer the amount of such excess of those appropriations deemed to be insufficient; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Administrator have determined that the following transfers are both necessary and appropriate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the FY2007 Reserve Budget:

FROM:

Municipal Court SW	7-01-43-490-001-013	\$500.00
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TO:

Municipal Court OE	7-01-43-490-001-096	\$500.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby directed to forward a true copy of the foregoing Resolution to the Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Treasurer.

Councilman Vroom seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: council members: Specchio; Altfield; Vroom; Huntley; Sloodmaker and Marinaro all YES.

Adoption of Resolution #2008-1.27: Amending the 2008 Temporary Municipal Budget

Councilman Specchio offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2008-1.27

OF THE GOVERNING BODY

OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

Amending the 2008 Temporary Municipal Budget

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that the FY2008 Temporary Municipal Budget was adopted on January 2, 2008, for the purpose of providing for temporary appropriations for the conduct of municipal governance; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has been advised by the Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Treasurer that additional temporary appropriations in the FY2008 Temporary Municipal Budget are required in order to provide funding for the conduct of municipal governance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the FY2008 Temporary Municipal Budget be and is hereby amended to provide for the following additional temporary appropriations in the Current Account:

Interlocal Agreement West Milford Registrar Services	Other Expenses	\$7,500.00
Interlocal Agreement Butler Construction Services	Other Expenses	\$37,500.00
Municipal Alliance Grant	Other Expenses	\$18,900.00
Municipal Alliance Cash Match	Other Expenses	\$4,725.00
Body Armor Grant	Other Expenses	\$1,696.88
Total Current		\$70,321.88

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby directed to forward a true copy of the foregoing Resolution to the Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Treasurer for appropriate

Councilman Sloodmaker seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call:
council members: Altfield; Vroom; Huntley; Sloodmaker; Marinaro and Specchio all YES.

Adoption of Resolution #2008-1.28: Resolution of Support for State Rail Plan Grant

Councilwoman Huntley offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2008-1.28
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing Resolution of Support for State Rail Plan Grant

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale County of Passaic is supporting of Grant Funding which will renew Rail , Bridge Timbers and the installation of New Ties, Ballast, Surface and;

WHEREAS, the State Rail Plan Agreement approved a grant for the Line Rehabilitation between Hawthorne (MP 23.3) and Sparta (MP 63.0) in the amount of 900,000.00 to The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation, and;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale would realize increased rail safety with said project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby support the Rail Line Rehabilitation between Hawthorne (MP 23.3) and Sparta (MP 63.0).

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms are acceptable.

Councilwoman Huntley seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: council Members: Vroom; Huntley; Sloodmaker; Marinaro; Specchio; and Altfield all YES.

Approval of New laborer for DPW

Councilman Marinaro moved that the Borough Administrator be authorized to hire a new DPW Laborer; seconded by Councilman Sloodmaker and carried as per the following roll call: council Members: Huntley; NO; Sloodmaker, YES; Marinaro, YES; Specchio, YES; Altfield, YES and Vroom, YES

Adoption of Resolution #2008-1.29: authorizing contract with Aquatic Technologies, Inc.

Councilman Vroom offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2008-1.29
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Authorizing Award of Contract
to Aquatic Technologies, Inc.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize the award of a Contract to Aquatic Technologies, Inc. of Branchville, NJ as per the terms outlined in their January 10, 2008 letter to Borough Administrator Ted Ehrenburg.

Councilman Specchio seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: council members: Sloomaker; Marinaro; Specchio; Altfield; Vroom and Huntley all YES.

Adoption of Resolution #2008-1.30: Authorizing Hiring of DPW Road Laborer

Borough Attorney advised that an official resolution should be done to hire Mr. Block for DPW road Laborer.

Councilwoman Altfield offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2008-1.30
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorization for Hiring of DPW Employees

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale authorization is given for the hiring of the following DPW Road Laborer at a salary of \$31,354.

Robert Block

Councilman Vroom seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: council members: Marinaro, YS; Specchio, YES; Altfield, YES; Vroom, YES; Huntley, NO and Sloomaker, YES.

Adoption of Resolution #2008-1.31: Authorizing Overpayments in Tax Office

Councilwoman Altfield offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2008-1.31
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing Overpayments in Tax Office

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that the Tax Assessor and the Tax Collector have received a tax appeal on a certain property in Bloomingdale on December 31, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the foregoing property owner was granted a Passaic County Board tax appeal on an added assessment for 2007, and

WHEREAS, this owner has paid their 2007 taxes in full, and is now entitled to a refund ,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue refund check to the following property owner:

Homeowner: Nancy Just
 Property: Block 44 Lot 11
 Address: 142 Pine Tree Road
 Bloomingdale, NJ 07403

County Board Tax Appeal Granted Amount: \$ 79.65

Councilman Sloomaker seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call:
 Council Members: Specchio; Altfield; Vroom; Huntley; Sloomaker and Marinaro all YES.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ORDINANCES

Ordinance #1-2008: Appropriating \$253,000 from the General Capital Surplus Fund

Municipal Clerk McCarthy read the Public Notice Statement.

Councilwoman Altfield moved that the ordinance be read by title; seconded by Councilman Specchio and carried on voice vote with all members voting YES.

ORDINANCE -1-2008

**ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$253,000.00 AVAILABLE FROM THE
 GENERAL CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS
 PURPOSES DESCRIBED HEREIN IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF
 BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
 BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. \$253,000.00 is available from the Capital Surplus Fund to provide for the following purposes:

<u>Description of Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Improvements to Municipal Complex and Municipal Facilities including Equipment and Systems	\$ 38,000.00
Purchase of various vehicles and equipment for but not limited to the Department of Public Works and the Animal Control department	\$215,000.00
TOTAL:	\$253,000.00

Section 2. The capital budget of the Borough of Bloomingdale is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect ten days after final publication hereof as provided by N.J.S.A. 40:49-9.

Municipal Clerk McCarthy read the ordinance by title.

Councilwoman Altfield opened the meeting to a Public hearing on this ordinance; seconded by Councilman Marinaro and carried on voice vote with all members voting YES.

Since there was no one who wished to speak in regard to this ordinance; Councilman Sloomaker moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilman Specchio and carried on voice vote with all Council members voting YES.

Councilman Sloomaker moved for the adoption of this ordinance; seconded by councilman Specchio and carried as per the following roll call: council Members: Altfield; Vroom; Huntley; Sloomaker; Marinaro and Specchio all YES.

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Marinaro opened the meeting to Late Public Comment; seconded by councilman Specchio and carried on voice vote with all members voting YES.

Ron Caputo, 42 Bogue Drive, as if when the mayor was on the Budget committee he authorized taking surplus from the water/sewer and the Mayor indicated no.

Connie Parisi, 83 Hamburg Turnpike, inquired as to what services Aquatic Technologies would perform and it was noted that they would take care of algae at Bogue Pond and Oakwood lake and was informed it was a requirement of the DEP.

Ms. Parisi asked that Reynolds Pond on Fichter Street be addressed, and it was noted that this was on private property.

Dot Tntle, Van Dam Avenue, noted that we should check with the borough of Butler for shared services instead of purchasing a chipper.

Since there was no one else who wished to speak under public comment, Councilwoman Altfield moved that it be closed; seconded by councilman Specchio and carried on voice vote with all members voting YES.

NEW BORO LOGO

Borough Administrator asked if the governing Body was in agreement with the proposed new logo which would cost \$1,500 for the design and artwork. Discussion followed.

Consensus that this will be on the next work session and the Borough Administrator will get a cost for the logo to go on the Borough vehicles.

GOAL SETTING MEETING

Consensus that goal setting meeting will be at the February 12 meeting.

Councilwoman Altfield moved that the February 12, 2008 meeting time be changed to commence at 6 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Marinaro and carried on voice vote with all members voting YES.

Adoption of Resolution #2008-1.32: Authorizing Executive Session

Councilwoman Altfield offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2008-1.32
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing the Convening of an Executive Session

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of, and action upon, the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
3. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Pending Litigation – Avalon Bay
4. Minutes will be taken.
5. It is anticipated at this time that minutes of the above-referenced subject matter will be made public when it is in order to do so.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman Marinaro seconded the motion, and it carried on voice vote with all members voting YES.

(At this time, the Mayor and Council went into Late Executive Session)

RECONVENED

Mayor Steenstra reconvened the meeting at 8:58 p.m. and noted that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Because there was no further public business to be conducted, Councilwoman Altfield moved to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:58 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote with all members voting YES.

Jane McCarthy, RMC

Municipal Clerk