

**WORK SESSION OF  
THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**December 9, 2008**

Mayor Steenstra called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

<i>In Attendance:</i>	Mayor:	William Steenstra
	Council President:	Jennifer Altfield
	Council Pres. Pro Tem	Bernie Vroom
	Council Members:	Linda J. Huntley Dean Specchio
Absent:	Council Members:	Henry Sloomaker (Excused) Tom Marinaro (Excused)
<i>Professionals Present:</i>	Municipal Clerk:	Jane McCarthy, RMC
	Borough Administrator:	Ted Ehrenburg
	Borough Attorney:	Joseph V. "Joe" MacMahon, Esq.

**SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Mayor Steenstra led the Salute to the Flag followed by a moment of silence for the passing of Borough residents Mildred Bird; Helen Gilberto and Jerry LaSala.

**PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT**

Mayor Steenstra stated that on December 17, 2007, publication notification of the date, time and place of this Official Meeting was faxed and mailed to all local news media and posted in the Bloomingdale Municipal Building.

**EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilman Vroom opened the meeting up to Public Comment; seconded by Councilwoman Altfield and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Sloomaker and Marinaro

Since there was no one who wished to speak under Public Comment, Councilwoman Altfield moved that it be closed; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Sloodmaker and Marinaro

## **PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

### **Municipal Clerk**

**2008 General Election** – Municipal Clerk stated that she has received the Certification from the County Clerk as to Council Members Huntley and Vroom being the successful candidates in the 2008 General Election.

### **Borough Attorney**

Borough Attorney stated that he has an additional item for Executive Session DR Horton v. Borough of Bloomingdale.

## **PRESENTATION TO BLOOMINGDALE YOUTH ORGANIZATION CHIEFS CHEERLEADING/NJ UCC STATE CHAMPIONS**

At this time, Certificates of Appreciation were given to the BYO Chiefs Cheerleaders for their recent UCC State Championship.

The presentation was roundly applauded by all those in attendance.

## **RECESS**

The Mayor and Council took a short recess at this time.

## **RECONVENED**

Mayor Steenstra reconvened the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

### **Borough Administrator**

At this time, the Borough Administrator gave the following 2008 Status Report on Goals which were accomplished during 2008:

### **2008 Status Report of Goals**

<u>Capital Improvements</u>	<u>Status</u>
1) Construction of new Department of Public Works Building. (450K Cont.)	Under Construction
2) Purchase of Yuhas Building for Police Station Site. (550K)	Purchased 10/3/08
3) Status of Bloomingdale Library.	Not Determined

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| 4) Water Tank Repair & Repaint. (2002 Project)                                 | Prepare Bid for Spring of 2009             |
| 5) Sloan Park Bridge Replacement.  | Pending Funds and Partner W/Passaic Valley |
| 6) Highland Ave Road Improvement.  | Completed 11/1/08                          |
| 7) Drainage Improvements to Sophia Street                                      | Completed 11/1/08                          |
| 8) Replacement of Communication<br>& Power Lines to Salvation Army Water Tank. | Completed 10/15/08                         |
| 9) Morse Lake Road & Drainage Improvements                                     | Completed 11/1/08                          |
| 10) Purchase and Install New Boilers for Borough Hall                          | Completed 11/10/08                         |
| 11) DEP Drinking Water Project for Morse Lake                                  | Under Construction                         |
| 12) Replaced Entry Doors to Borough Hall & Firehouse                           | Completed 2/11/08                          |
| 13) Installed Porticos for Entries for Union Firehouse                         | Completed 12/5/08                          |
| 14) Repaired Borough Hall Lawn Sprinkler                                       | Repaired 6/25/08                           |
| 15) Replaced Borough Main Computer Server (1997 Project)                       | Installed 11/5/08                          |
| 16) New Pumper Fire Truck  | Ordered 10/1/08                            |
| 17) Storm Water Repair at Hillside/Hill Crest (2002 Project)                   | Repaired 8/1/08                            |
| 18) Storm Water Repair at Hillside Drive (2000 Project)                        | Repaired 11/1/08                           |

#### Department Head Goals

##### Police Goals

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|---|-------------------|
| 1) Promotion of Four Sergeants                              | Promoted 9/1/08   |
| 2) Hiring of additional Officer (18 Sworn)                  | Hired 12/1/08     |
| 3) Re-write Police Rules & Regulations and Police Ordinance | Approved 10/28/08 |
| 4) Hired Police Secretary Full-Time                         | Hired 6/1/08      |

##### Construction Goal

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| 1) Added Kinnelon Borough under Shared Services for Construct.   | Started 10/1/08     |
| 2) P/T assistant for Construction added because of increase work | Approved on 9/22/08 |

##### Department of Public Work

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| 1) Added one New Vehicle                             |               |
| 2) Purchased and Received New Sanitation Truck       | 5/17/08       |
| 3) Replaced Staff to full Compliment of (17 members) | As of 11/1/08 |

##### Municipal Clerk

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| 1) Full time assistant hired Borough Clerk/Registrar | Hired 6/1/08           |
| 2) Codifications of Ordinances on-Line               | Pending Funds          |
| 3) Applications and Forms downloadable               | In process             |
| 4) Borough Records Purge (Police/Borough)            | Completed as per State |

##### Tax Office

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| 1) New Scanner  | Under review |
| 2) Bill Printer | Under Review |

##### Animal Control

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| 1) Purchased New Animal Control Van                | Complete 11/1/08    |
| 2) Hired additional P/T ACO person (1 Full, 2 P/T) | Hired 06/1/08       |
| 3) Applications and Forms Downloadable             | Under Development   |
| 4) Storage Shed for Cages and Supplies             | Researching options |
| 5) Replacement of Lap top Computer                 | Pending funds       |

Projects/Programs

Status

Water/Sewer Department

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Hire additional Staff | No Funds              |
| 2) Supplies for Repair   | No Funds              |
| 3) Upgrade Water Meter   | No Funds              |
| 4) I&I Studies Ongoing   | Negotiations W/Butler |

Office of Emergency Management

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| 1) Replacement of OEM Vehicle | Under Review |
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Recreation Department

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| 1) Enhance Recreation Programs           | Under Review   |
| 2) Construction of New Recreation Center | No Funds 2010? |

Borough Administrator 2008 Goals

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| 1) Police Rules and Regulations                    | Completed                  |
| 2) Police Ordinance                                | Completed                  |
| 3) New Borough Wide Telephone System               | Prepare Proposal 2009      |
| 4) Borough Debt Reduced                            | 5,983,517.00               |
| 5) Rewrite Sanitation Ordinance                    | Ordinance Review Committee |
| 6) Installed New Borough Vehicle Logo              | 10/15/08                   |
| 7) Digital Tax Maps for revaluation                | Postponed to 2009          |
| 8) Expansion of Water Tank site at Star Lake Camp. | Under Negotiation          |

Saving Tax Dollars by being Prudent

- 1) Purchased two used Police Vehicles from other municipalities for Borough Use.
- 2) Going Green, Four Day Work week, lower Heat/Air/ Electric and providing better service to residents
- 3) Purchased one used Generators

Mayor and Committee Assignments

- 1) Implemented 21 New Ordinances
- 2) Implemented the Rezoning of Union Ave to Generate Revenue

2008 Expanded Shared Services Expansion

- 1) 2008 New Animal Control Agreement for Ringwood
- 2) 2008 New Animal Control Agreement for North Caldwell
- 3) 2008 New Construction/Sub-Code Official Service for Kinnelon
- 4) 2008 Street Sweeping Services between Pompton Lakes & Bloomingdale

- 5) 2008 Vegetated Waste Service between Pompton Lakes & Bloomingdale
- 6) 2008 Waste Service Agreement with RER for Recycling

#### 2009 Proposed Goals

- 1) 2009 Expand our Shared Services for Animal Control
- 2) 2009 Expand our Shared Services for Construction/Sub-Code Official
- 3) 2009 Service/Repair for Fleet Maintenance to other Municipalities
- 4) 2009 E-Mail Server for Recording E-Mails and Reducing Opra Requests
- 5) 2009 Expand Sanitation Services to other Municipalities

At this time, Councilwoman Huntley asked when a vote was taken as to putting the DPW in trailers while the old building was taken down and also stated that the sign in front of the DPW Building should read "Closed Temporarily". The Municipal Clerk will check the minutes to see if a vote was taken as to approval of trailers.

#### **PENDING BUSINESS**

##### **Governmental Operations Committee**

##### **Discussion as to leaf pickup in the Borough**

At this time, the Mayor and Council discussed with the DPW Superintendent Al Gallagher the leaf pickup in the Borough. In response to how long our machine will last, DPW Superintendent stated that it may last one more year and the cost for a new one would be \$55,000.

Mayor Steenstra asked Mr. Gallagher for the actual costs this year for leaf pickup and what the cost would be to bag leaves next year.

Borough Attorney MacMahon reiterated the fact that if we are going to continue leaf pickup, information needs to be provided to the residents as to the DEP regulations in regard to leaves in catch basins and fines which may be imposed.

Councilman Specchio stated that a decision should be made early in 2009 and the Borough Administrator stated that it should be decided early during the 2009 Goal meeting.

Councilwoman Huntley felt we should speak with other towns that had equipment we could use and also look into outsourcing the leaf pickup.

##### **Reintroduction of Ordinance #23-2008 – Authorizing Execution and Delivery of the 2008 Amendment to the 1990 Amendment to the 1985 Service Contract/PRBRSA**

***AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE 2008 AMENDMENT TO THE 1990 AMENDMENT TO THE 1985 SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY AND THE BOROUGHS OF BLOOMINGDALE, BUTLER***

**AND KINNELON** was introduced by title by Councilman Specchio who moved that second and final reading and public hearing be held on December 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Borough Attorney stated that he has reviewed the ordinance and the language does seem to indicate a reduction to the borough; he will get a clarification in writing from the PRBRSA as to our scarce resource order and our capacity.

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

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS**

### **Governmental Operations Committee**

#### **Adoption of Resolution #2008-12.1: Cancellation of Ordinance #10-98**

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-12.1  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Authorizing Cancellation of Ordinance 10-98 Prospective Assessments Receivable  
Hamburg Turnpike Sidewalk Project***

**WHEREAS**, there has been a previous cancellation of the balance of Ordinance 10-98 for the Hamburg Turnpike Sidewalk Project; and

**WHEREAS**, there still exists a balance of \$154,850.00 earmarked for Prospective Assessments Receivable for the above mentioned project that needs to be formally cancelled per the 2007 audit comments;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the amount of \$154,850.00 be cancelled for the Prospective Assessments Receivable for Ordinance 10-98.

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

#### **Adoption of Resolution #2008-12.2: Authorizing Chapter 159 Body Armor Grant**

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-12.2  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Authorizing the Insertion into the FY2008 Municipal Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87  
(Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) of a Special Item of Revenue in the Form of a State of New Jersey  
Body Armor Grant*

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Director”), within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Borough to request approval of the insertion into the Borough’s FY2008 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue based upon a grant secured by the Borough from the State of New Jersey;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby request that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, approve the insertion into the Borough’s FY2008 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue in the sum of \$1,562.39, which item is now available as revenue in the form of a State of New Jersey Current Fund – Body Armor Grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$1,562.39 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption:

*Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations  
Body Armor Grant*

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that three (3) certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services, within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, for this purpose.

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

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-12.3: Authorizing Receipt and Review of FY2007 Audit Report and Adopting Corrective Action Plan**

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

**RESOLUTION #2008012.3  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Acknowledging Receipt and Review of FY2007 Audit Report  
and Adopting Corrective Action Plan***

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions to be made and completed within six months after the close of its fiscal year, and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report of Audit for FY2007 for the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) has been filed by a Registered Municipal Account with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the Governing Body of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Audit Report for FY2006 contains certain sections entitled “General Comments” and “Recommendations,” which have been prepared by the Borough Auditor in an effort to enhance and improve the fiscal health and operations of the Borough’s municipal government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board (“Board”) of the State of New Jersey that all members of said governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Governing Body of the Borough have personally reviewed at a minimum the Annual Report of Audit for FY2007, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

as evidenced by the Group Affidavit Form of the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS**, such resolution of-certification shall be adopted by said governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the Board's regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the Board's regulations may subject the members of said governing body to the following penalty provision of N.J.S.A. 52:27BB-52:

*A local officer or member of a local Governing Body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails to obey an order of the Director of Local Government Services, under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.*

and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the Governing Body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the Board's minimum requirements, as aforesaid, and have subscribed to the affidavit as required thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Chief Financial Officer has prepared a Corrective Action Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference, for the purpose of acting upon and/or implementing the foregoing sections entitled "General Comments" and "Recommendations," as set forth in the Borough's Annual Report of Audit for FY2007; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the Governing Body have received, reviewed and approved the Corrective Action Plan for purposes of its implementation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby acknowledge receipt and review of the Borough's Annual Audit Report for FY2007 and does hereby states that it has complied with the promulgations, dated July 30, 1968, of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bloomingdale be and is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of this Resolution and the required Affidavit to the Local Finance Board to demonstrates such compliance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby adopt the Corrective Action Plan for the FY2007 Audit Report, as prepared and recommended by the Chief Financial Officer, and direct the appropriate municipal officials to undertake its immediate implementation.

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

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-12.4: Authorizing Transfer Resolution**

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

**RESOLUTION - #2008-12.4  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***RESOLUTION RE: Authorizing the Transfer of 2008 Appropriations***

WHEREAS, Title 40A:4-58 provides that should it become necessary during the last two 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, the Governing Body may by resolution setting forth the facts adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, 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 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 she is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the FY2008 Budget.

<b>FROM:</b>			
Legal OE		8-01-20-155-001-028	\$ 25,000.00
Total			\$ 25,000.00
<b>TO:</b>			
Social Security		8-01-36-472-001-100	\$ 25,000.00
Total			\$ 25,000.00

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

**Introduction of Ordinance #24-2008: Amending Fee Ordinance**

***AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE AMENDING CERTAIN SPECIFIED FEES*** was introduced by title by Councilwoman Altfield who moved that second and final reading and public hearing be held on December 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

***Acceptance of Resignation of John Wegele as Licensed Water/Sewer Operator***

Councilwoman Altfield moved to accept with regret the resignation of John Wegele as Licensed Water/Sewer Operator effective December 31, 2008; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Altfield; Vroom; Huntley and Specchio all YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Sloomaker and Marinaro

***Adoption of Resolution #2008-12.5: Appointment of Jose Martinez as Licensed Water Operator effective January 1, 2009***

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-12.5  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Designating Official Agent for NJDEP Water Distribution System Improvement Permitting***

***WHEREAS***, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that applications for water distribution system improvement permits must be submitted to the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”), in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:10-11.10; and

***WHEREAS***, the Governing Body further finds and declares that Jose Martinez, L.O./C.P.W.M., was confirmed as Municipal Water Distribution System Operator at an Official Meeting held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008; and

***WHEREAS***, the Governing Body further finds and declares that Jose Martinez, L.O./C.P.W.M., is qualified to serve as the Borough’s official agent for purposes of all water distribution system permitting as may be required by NJDEP;

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that Jose Martinez, L.O./C.P.W.M., be and is hereby authorized to execute, as the official agent of the Borough of Bloomingdale, any and all water distribution system permit applications required to be submitted to the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, during calendar year January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

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

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-12.6: Appointment of Ralph Porrino as Fire Subcode Officer**

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

*RESOLVED that Ralph Porrino be appointed as Fire Subcode Official for a four year term; term expiring 12/31/12.*

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

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-12.7: Renewal of contract with Borough of North Caldwell for Animal Control Services**

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

*RESOLVED, that a contract between the Borough of Bloomingdale and Borough of North Caldwell for a term January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2014 as filed in the Municipal Clerk's office be approved.*

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

**Adoption of Resolution #2008-12.8: Renewal of contract with Township of West Milford for Registrar Services**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of West Milford and the Borough of Bloomingdale for Vital Statistics for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 for a total of 14 hours/week for a sum of \$16,300.00 and outline in contract on file in the Municipal Clerk's office be approved.

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

**Introduction of Ordinance #25-2008: Solid Waste Management**

***AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE AMENDING CHAPTER XIX, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE*** was

introduced by title by Councilwoman Altfield who moved that second and final reading and public Hearing be held on December 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Vroom seconded the motion, and it carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Sloomaker and Marinaro

***Adoption of Resolution #2008-12.9: Excused Absences for Councilman Sloomaker***

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

***RESOLVED***, that Councilman Sloomaker be excused from attendance at meeting for the remainder of the year and the absences will be marked as excused.

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

***Public Health and Safety Committee***

***Adoption of Resolution #2008-12.10: Approval for participation in the Gypsy Moth Egg Survey***

Councilwoman Huntley moved that the Borough be authorized to participate in the Gypsy Moth Egg Survey and submit the application; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried as per the following roll call: Council members: Huntley; Specchio; Altfield and Vroom all YES.

***PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #22-2008: Appropriating \$285,575 Available form the General Surplus Fund***

***ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$285,575.00 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*** was given second and final reading and public hearing at this time.

Councilwoman Altfield moved that the ordinance be read by title; seconded by Councilman Specchio and carried on roll call with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council members: Sloomaker and Marinaro

**ORDINANCE 22-2008**

**ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$285,575.00 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. \$285,575.00 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	\$ 40,575.00
Purchase of various vehicles and equipment for but not limited to the Department of Public Works and the Police Department	\$245,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$285,575.00</b>

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.

At this time, the Borough Attorney read the explanatory statement.

Councilman Vroom opened the meeting to a Public Hearing on this ordinance; seconded by Councilman Specchio and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council members: Sloomaker and Marinaro

Since there was no one who wished to speak during the Public Hearing, Councilwoman Altfield moved that it be closed; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council members: Sloomaker and Marinaro

Councilwoman Altfield moved for the adoption of this ordinance; seconded by Councilman Vroom.

Councilwoman Huntley felt we should not be purchasing any additional trucks due to the fact we are in a recession; we should make due with what we have.

The ordinance was adopted as per the following roll call: Council Members: Specchio, YES; Altfield, YES; Vroom, YES and Huntley, NO. ABSENT: Council Members: Sloodmaker and Marinaro

### **LATE PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilman Specchio moved to open the meeting up to Late Public Comment; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Sloodmaker and Marinaro

Linda Shortman, Kampfe Lake, stated that she was told by a Borough employee that we were going to eliminate our leaf pickup and felt that would be a hardship on the seniors and a reduction in services. Mrs. Shortman felt we should find out what we would save if we would go to bagging leaves and would this reduce the number of employees at the DPW.

Mrs. Shortman felt the DPW do a wonderful job and this is a service that should not be reduced.

Borough Attorney stated that he must reiterate the potential exposure as to compliance with the DEP as to the catch basins and fines which could be imposed.

Mrs. Shortman spoke about cans being put out on Good Friday when there is no trash pickup; information should be put out as to not putting trash out over holiday weekends.

Councilman Specchio stated that his main concern with the weight of the trash cans is safety.

Since there was no one who else wished to speak during Late Public Comment; Councilman Specchio moved that it be closed; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Sloodmaker and Marinaro

### **LATE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **Adoption of Resolution #2008-10.11: Authorization for Executive Session**

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-12.11  
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:
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  - A. Litigation – One matter
  - B. Negotiations – Three matters
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.

Councilwoman Altfeld seconded the motion, and it carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES. ABSENT: Council Members: Sloodmaker and Marinaro

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

**RECONVENED**

Mayor Steenstra reconvened the meeting at 9:14 p.m. and noted that Councilwoman Huntley left the meeting during the Executive Session due to a conflict and no action was taken during the Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Since there as no further business to be conducted, Councilwoman Altfeld moved to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 9:14 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Specchio and carried on voice

vote with all Council Members present voting YES. Absent: Council Members: Sloomaker and Marinaro

Jane McCarthy, RMC  
Municipal Clerk