

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

**April 13, 2010**

Mayor Steenstra called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

*In Attendance:*

Mayor:	William Steenstra
Council President:	Dean Specchio
Council President Pro Tem:	Bernie Vroom

Council Members:	Linda J. Huntley
	Jo-Ann

Pituch

Glenn Schiffman

Absent:	Council Member:	Thomas Marinaro
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*Professionals Present:*

Municipal Clerk:	Jane McCarthy, RMC
Borough Administrator:	Ted Ehrenburg
Borough Attorney:	Joseph V. MacMahon, Esq.
Chief Financial Officer:	Donna Mollineaux

**SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Mayor Steenstra led the Salute to the Flag.

**PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT**

Mayor Steenstra stated that on December 17, 2009, 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 Schiffman opened the meeting up to Public Comment; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote with all Council Members present voting YES.

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

### **PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

No Reports

### **ATTENDANCE OF RER IN REGARD TO COMPOSTE/RECYCLING**

At this time, Andrew Flockhart, owner of RER, was in attendance along with Mr. Pasanao, Manager of the Bloomingdale site, to discuss some concerns of the Governing Body in regard to odor emitting from the composte site.

Councilwoman Huntley who lives on Van Dam Avenue where the site is stated that the odor is unbearable and not acceptable and presented a petition from 41 residents in the area stating the same.

Mr. Flockhart explained the procedure involved with the composting at this site; noted that he is trying to do composting at another site and use this site for those that do not have to be broken down; odor has gotten better. Within a month, the majority of the mulch will be gone.

In response to Councilwoman Pituch, Mr. Flockhart stated that they do not take heat measurements; they flip it periodically. He noted that he cannot guarantee it will be odor free.

In response to councilman Specchio, Mr. Flockhart stated that they are in compliance with all the DEP regulations.

Discussion followed re other towns in which RER operates a facility, i.e. Riverdale and Wantage.

Consensus that this will be reviewed again by May 14<sup>th</sup>, any problems will be forwarded to the Borough Administrator at which time it will be discussed again.

### **PENDING BUSINESS**

#### **Governmental Operations Committee**

**Introduction of ordinance #2-2010-: Fee Ordinance for Beaches, Swimming Pools, Hot tub/spa and Wading Pools Revision to \$125 /year**

Borough Attorney asked everyone to review this proposed ordinance and let him know their thoughts, etc. and we will bring this up at another meeting for consideration.

**Introduction of Ordinance #3-2010: Fees for Recreational Programs**

***AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE AMENDING BOROUGH CODE SECTION 2-64.11, FEES FOR RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS*** was introduced by title by Councilman Specchio who moved that second and final reading and public hearing be held on April 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Vroom seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Huntley; Pituch; Schiffman; Specchio and Vroom all Yes. ABSENT: Councilman Marinaro (Excused)

**Discussion re BASS negotiations**

Mayor Steenstra stated that this will be discussed at the April 27, 2010 meeting.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY**

**New Police Station**

Committee has met with the Police Chief and discussed the new proposed facility; architect has prepared drawings and the process is moving forward.

Discussion was also held with the Police Chief in regard to reverse 911.

Noted that a form will be hand-delivered to all the residents in the flood area as to the reverse 911; it will be for regular and cell phones.

**Ordinance Review Committee**

Committee met on April 5<sup>th</sup> and discussed the proposed transparency in municipal government ordinances; several issues still have to be worked on.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS**

**Governmental Operations Committee**

Letter from County of Passaic in regard to Reconstruction of the Paterson/Hamburg Turnpike Bridge

Notice as to work which will be done on the Paterson/Hamburg Turnpike Bridge and closure of lane, etc.

***Adoption of Resolution #2010-4.1: Authoring Senior Citizens to apply for Community Development Block Grant Funds***

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

**RESOLUTION #2010-4.1  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Authorizing the Bloomingdale Senior Center to apply to the County of Passaic for Community Development Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$91,700 to implement a Handy Hank Repair Program for low to moderate income senior and disable homeowners*

WHEREAS, the Borough Bloomingdale is desirous of submitting an application for funding to the County of Passaic Department of Economic Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to implement a home repair program; and

WHEREAS, if funded Handy hank Repair Program would be administered by the Director of the borough Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the program is to fund small repairs not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000), emergencies, five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for Bloomingdale's low to moderate income senior and disabled homeowner population;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council Members of the Borough of Bloomingdale, that it hereby authorizes the Director of the Senior Center to apply for and administer the funds from the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant Program for the purpose of implementing a home repair program for low and moderate income senior and disabled residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if awarded said funds, the program will be implemented in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations to ensure compliance.

Councilman Vroom seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Pituch; Schiffman; Specchio; Vroom and Huntley all YES. ABSENT: Councilman Marinaro (Excused)

***Adoption of Resolution #2010-4.2: Authorization to Hire Animal Control  
Officer Kaitlin Kopshaw***

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

**RESOLUTION #2010-4.2  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Authorizing Hire of A  
Part Time Animal Control Officer*

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for a additional Part Time Animal Control Officer due to the granted unpaid leave of one of the part time Animal Control Officers; and

**WHEREAS**, interviews were held by Lisa Perry, the Department Head for the Animal Control Division and by Ted Ehrenburg, Borough Administrator for prospective candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, based on these interviews, it was determined that Kaitlin Kopshaw of Riverdale, New Jersey was the successful candidate;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Kaitlin Kopshaw be hired as a Part Time Animal Control Officer effective April 13, 2010 at the prevailing rate of the White Collar Contract to temporarily fill the position currently vacant.

Councilwoman Huntley seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: council Members: Schiffman; Specchio; Vroom; Huntley and Pituch all YES. ABSENT: Councilman Marinaro (Excused)

**Adoption of Resolution #2010-4.3: Authorization to enter into a contract with DMC**

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

RESOLVED, that authorization be given to enter into a contract with DMC Surveyors in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for updating and making any necessary changes on our tax maps.

Chief Financial Officer Mollineaux also stated that DMC will make themselves available to the Planning Board on subdivision applications which fee is paid by the applicant.

Councilman Vroom seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Specchio; Vroom; Huntley; Pituch and Schiffman all YES. ABSENT: Councilman Marinaro (Excused)

**Adoption of Resolution #2010-4.4: Authorization for a Temporary budget**

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

**Resolution #2010-4.4**

**RESOLUTION #2010-BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**  
**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION**  
**N.J.S.A.40A:4-20 (TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:4-19 the Borough council of the Borough of Bloomingdale adopted Resolutions to provide temporary funds for the period from January 1, 2010 until the adoption of the Operating Budget for the Borough of Bloomingdale, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, additional appropriations will be required from April 13, 2010 until the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides that the governing body by two-thirds vote may make temporary emergency appropriations for any purpose for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for said year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, NEW JERSEY, that:

1. The governing body by a two-thirds vote of its full membership hereby amends its temporary budget by making the following emergency temporary appropriations:

CURRENT FUND

Administrator	Salary & Wages		\$25,500.00
Administrator	Other Expenses		\$2,000.00
Mayor and Council	Salary & Wages		\$2,500.00
Mayor and Council	Other Expenses		\$1,000.00
Municipal Clerk	Salary & Wages		\$29,300.00
Municipal Clerk	Other Expenses		\$5,000.00
Finance	Salary & Wages		\$20,000.00
Finance	Other Expenses		\$1,000.00
Tax Collector	Salary & Wages		\$12,800.00
Tax Collector	Other Expenses		\$2,000.00
Tax Assessment	Salary & Wages		\$7,800.00
Tax Assessment	Other Expenses		\$1,000.00
Legal	Salary & Wages		\$11,000.00
Legal	Other Expenses		\$8,000.00
Engineering	Other Expenses		\$10,000.00
Planning Board	Salary & Wages		\$3,000.00
Planning Board	Other Expenses		\$10,000.00
UCC	Other Expenses		\$10,000.00
Property Maintenance	Salary & Wages		\$8,500.00
Group Insurance	Other Expenses		\$288,000.00
Police	Salary & Wages		\$655,000.00
Police	Other Expenses		\$20,000.00
Dispatchers	Salary & Wages		\$27,700.00

OEM	Other Expenses	\$2,000.00
Fire	Other Expenses	\$10,000.00
Fire Prevention	Salary & Wages	\$2,000.00
Fire Prevention	Other Expenses	\$3,000.00
Roads	Salary & Wages	\$110,000.00
Roads	Other Expenses	\$10,000.00
Beautification	Other Expenses	\$2,000.00
Sanitation	Salary & Wages	\$82,000.00
Sanitation	Other Expenses	\$10,000.00
Buildings and Grounds	Other Expenses	\$5,000.00
Animal Control	Salary & Wages	\$30,000.00
Animal Control	Other Expenses	\$5,000.00
Recreation	Salary & Wages	\$4,000.00
Recreation	Other Expenses	\$4,000.00
Celebration of Public Events	Other Expenses	\$3,000.00
Senior Citizen	Salary & Wages	\$3,200.00
Senior Citizen	Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
Electricity	Other Expenses	\$20,000.00
Telephone	Other Expenses	\$4,000.00
Water	Other Expenses	\$4,000.00
Natural Gas	Other Expenses	\$3,000.00
Gasoline	Other Expenses	\$20,000.00
Webmaster	Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
Tipping Fees	Other Expenses	\$50,000.00
Municipal Court	Salary & Wages	\$18,500.00
Municipal Court	Other Expenses	\$1,500.00
Interlocal-Construction	Salary & Wages	\$75,000.00
Interlocal-Pequannock Health	Other Expenses	\$22,000.00
PERS	Other Expenses	\$207,991.00
PFRS	Other Expenses	\$338,602.00
Clean Communities Grant	Other Expenses	\$9,600.00
Library	Other Expenses	\$85,000.00
<u>TOTAL CURRENT FUND</u>		\$2,307,493.00

WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND

Municipal Utility Services	Salary & Wages	\$ 30,000.00
Municipal Utility Services	Other Expenses	\$500,000.00
<u>TOTAL WATER/SEWER</u>		\$530,000.00

2. This action shall take effect April 13, 2010

3. A copy of this resolution shall be immediately filed with the Director of Local Government Services by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Bloomingdale.

Councilman Schiffman seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: council Members: Vroom; Huntley; Pituch; Schiffman and Specchio all YES. ABSENT: Councilman Marinaro (Excused)

**Adoption of Resolution #2010-4.5: Authorizing State Tax Court Refund; 93 Main Street**

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

**RESOLUTION # 2010-4.5  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Authorizing State Tax Court Refund***

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that on January 29, 2010 the Municipality was notified of a State Tax Court judgment, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that this judgment is on Block 82, Lot 26, known as 93 MAIN STREET, owned by MARZANO ASSOCIATES, LLC

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that since this judgment is against the 2007, 2008 & 2009 tax assessment for taxes, and that the 2007, 2008 & 2009 taxes have already been paid in full by the owner, and

**WHEREAS**, per the directives of the STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT filed with the STATE TAX COURT any refund of monies is to be paid to the plaintiff’s attorney, McKirdy & Riskin, PA

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the Borough Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$ 15,745.83 payable to McKirdy & Riskin, PA, 136 South Street, PO Box 2379 Morristown, NJ 07962

Councilman Specchio seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Huntley; Pituch; Schiffman; Specchio and Vroom all YES. ABSENT: Councilman Marinaro (Excused)

***Adoption of Resolution #2010-4.6: Authorizing Redemption and Cancellation of Tax Title Lien Certificate #090004***

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

**RESOLUTION #2010 -4.6  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Authorizing Redemption and Cancellation of Tax Title Lien Certificate #090005***

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that, at the Borough Tax Sale held on February 4, 2010, a lien was sold on,

104 STAR LAKE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, for delinquent year 2009 taxes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the foregoing property is also known as Block 5, Lot 44, owned by REYNALDO & GLADYS FAYA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the foregoing lien is known as Tax Title Lien Certificate (TTL) # 090005, which was sold to LIEN TIMES, LLC for a PREMIUM of \$4,900.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that CITIMORTGAGE, INC, mortgage holder of property, has requested redemption of TTL # 090005, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that CITIMORTGAGE, INC, has paid all monies due on TTL # 090005, including supporting affidavits from the lien holder and current taxes, to the Borough of Bloomingdale;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the Borough Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a checks in the amount of \$ 4,918.54 for the lien redemption and \$ 4,900.00 for return of the PREMIUM payable to LIEN TIMES, LLC, 203 Stephens Road, West Milford, NJ 07480 for the redemption and cancellation of Tax Title Lien Certificate # 090005.

1099 = \$ 93.85

Councilman Vroom seconded the motion and it carried as per the following roll call: Council members: Pituch; Schiffman; Specchio; Vroom and Huntley all YES. ABSENT: councilman Marinaro (Excused)

***Adoption of Resolution #2010-4.7: Authorizing Redemption and Cancellation of Tax Title Lien Certificate #090004***

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

**RESOLUTION #2010 -4.7  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Authorizing Redemption and Cancellation of Tax Title Lien Certificate #090014***

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that, at the Borough Tax Sale held on February 4, 2010, a lien was sold on,  
19 SANDRA LANE, BLOOMINGDALE, for delinquent year 2009 taxes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the foregoing property is also known as Block 92, Lot 30.19, owned by CESAR GILBANG; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the foregoing lien is known as Tax Title Lien Certificate (TTL) # 090014, which was sold to US BANK CUST FOR CCTS CAPITAL, LLC for a PREMIUM of \$ 2,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that LPS PROPOERTY TAX SOLUTIONS, mortgage holder of property, has requested redemption of TTL # 090014, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body further finds and declares that LPS PROPERTY TAX SOLUTIONS, has paid all monies due on TTL # 090014, including supporting affidavits from the lien holder and current taxes, to the Borough of Bloomingdale;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the Borough Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a checks in the amount of \$ 3,662.43 for the lien redemption and \$ 2,500.00 for return of the PREMIUM payable to US BANK CUST FOR CCTS CAPITAL, LLC, 2 Liberty Place, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street- Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102 for the redemption and cancellation of Tax Title Lien Certificate # 090014.

1099 = \$ 60.43

Councilman Vroom seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call:  
council members: Schiffman; Specchio; Vroom; Huntley and Pituch all YES.  
ABSENT: Councilman Marinaro (Excused)

**Adoption of Resolution #2010-4.8: Lien against 22 Hillcrest Avenue**

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

RESOLVED, that the Borough Attorney be authorized to place a lien against 22 Hillcrest Avenue due to their never having paid their sewer hook up fee after the assessment for this project in the amount of \$12,000.

Councilman Specchio seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Specchio; Vroom; Huntley; Pituch and Schiffman all Yes.

**Adoption of Resolution #2010-4.9: Approval of \$60,000 Dewberry Engineering Bill**

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

RESOLVED, that authorization is given for payment to be made to Dewberry Engineering in the amount of \$60,000 for inspections on the Morse Lakes project.

Councilman Schiffman seconded the motion and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Vroom, YES; Huntley, YES; Pituch, YES; Schiffman, RECUSED and Specchio, NO. ABSNET: Councilman Marinaro (Excused)

**Adoption of Resolution #2010-4.\_\_\_\_: Approval of change in Economic Development Grant from Hamburg Turnpike sidewalks to Union Avenue sidewalks, curbs and drainage**

Borough Administrator stated that he met with Deborah Hoffman from the County and there is some additional legwork that needs to be done to move \$100,000 from this grant to Union Avenue. Ms. Hoffman will be here at the next meeting and we can discuss all of this at this time.

**LATE PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Steenstra opened the Late Public Comment

Ron Caputo, Bogue Drive, asked if the project on Union avenue was going to cost the taxpayers any money; Discussion followed as being an assessment project and noted that this is different from Morse lakes water project as that was a public hazard.

Geraldine Delazier, , asked why the composting is being done in our borough and the Borough Administrator explained that the Borough had entered into a Shared Service Agreement with Pompton Lakes and is getting \$20,000 for it plus free mulch for our resident.

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

**Adoption of Resolution #2010-4.10: Authorization for Executive Session**

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

**RESOLUTION #2010-4.10  
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. Negotiations – Two 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.

Councilman Schiffman seconded the motion, and it carried on voice vote.

**(At this time, 8:59 p.m., the Mayor and Council went into Executive Session)**

**RECONVENED**

Mayor Steenstra reconvened the meeting at 10:26 p.m. and noted that Councilman Specchio left after the Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Since there as no further business to be conducted, Councilwoman Pituch moved to ADJOURN the meeting at 10:06 p.m.; seconded by Councilwoman Huntley and carried on voice vote. ABSENT: Councilman Marinaro (Excused)

Jane McCarthy, RMC  
Municipal Clerk