

Regular monthly meeting of March 27, 2024

Present: Mayor Mark Falsone, Trustees: Gail Harrington, Mike Didas, Marco Falsone, David Poole. Others present: Clerk: Donna Wollschleger, DPW Supervisor: Dan Whittaker, Village Attorney Curtis Johnson and CEO: Kimberly Rayburn
Community members: Tracy Hammond, Glenda Barcklow, Carol Altemus, Jim & Joyce Bellis, Mark Case and Jeff and Kathy Smith.

The meeting was opened at 5:31 with the pledge to the flag.

5:32-Public Hearing: Mayor Falsone opened the public hearing pursuant to the Chapter 59 of the Village Code requiring the owner of 19 State Street, Bloomfield, NY 14469 (the “Premises”), Lucas Living Trust (the “Owner”), to show cause why an order should not be entered compelling the Owner to make the Premises safe by demolishing and removing all derelict buildings located at the Premises and removing all debris resulting from the demolition of those buildings, and all other debris and items on the ground at the Premises. The Mayor waived reading the notice.

CEO Rayburn addressed the Board stating that there had been no major improvements since the property owner was personally served papers and given 60 days to comply.

Privilege of the floor: Several of the community members expressed concerns about the condition of the property, noting that it poses safety risks, detracts from the neighborhood's appearance, and harbors varmints. Given its location within the historical district of the Village, the house and building should be removed, along with a thorough cleanup of all debris on the property.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:57

The Mayor indicated that the next course of action would involve issuing a Board Order to remove the building and clear all debris within a specified timeframe. Failure to comply would necessitate the Village seeking bids for the demolition of the property and subsequent cleanup. All associated expenses, including legal fees, would be levied against the property. Discussion was held.

Trustee Poole made a motion, seconded by Trustee Falsone to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2024-001
VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD
UNSAFE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 19 STATE ST

ORDER OF THE VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD

WHEREAS, pursuant to Village Code Chapter 59 regarding Unsafe Buildings, the Code Enforcement Officer investigated the condition of buildings at 19 State Street, Bloomfield, NY 14469 (the “Premises”) and submitted a written report with her findings and recommendations to the Village of Bloomfield;

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer recommended demolition and removal of the buildings at the Premises in a report dated January 23, 2024 which was presented to the Village Board on January 24, 2024;

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2024 the Village Board scheduled a public hearing to hear public comment, and comment from the owner of the Premises concerning the question of an order requiring the buildings on the Premises to be demolished and removed which hearing was scheduled for March 27, 2024;

WHEREAS, Notice of the Hearing Pursuant to Village Code Chapter 59 (the "Notice") was posted pursuant to Village Code and served on Judy Judy, trustee of the Lucas Living Trust, owner of the Premises, which notice required the Lucas Living Trust to show cause why an order should not be entered compelling the Owner to make the Premises safe by demolishing and removing all derelict buildings located at the Premises and removing all debris resulting from the demolition of those buildings, and all other debris and items on the ground at the Premises, requiring demolition and removal to commence within thirty days of its entry;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on March 27, 2024 where residents of the Village of Bloomfield expressed their health and safety concerns regarding the buildings at the Premises;

WHEREAS, no representative of the Lucas Living Trust appeared at the public hearing; WHEREAS, the Village Board considered and approved a motion to issue an order, with language substantially similar to that set forth in the Notice, compelling the Lucas Living Trust to make the Premises safe by demolishing and removing all derelict buildings located at the Premises and removing all debris resulting from the demolition of those buildings, and all other debris and items on the ground at the Premises, requiring demolition and removal to commence within thirty days of its entry; it is hereby

ORDERED that the Lucas Living Trust, owner of 19 State Street, Bloomfield, NY 14469 (the "Premises"), must make the Premises safe by demolishing and removing all derelict buildings located at the Premises and removing all debris resulting from the demolition of those buildings, and all other debris and items on the ground at the Premises; and it is further

ORDERED that demolition and removal to commence within thirty (30) days of service of notice of entry of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that if demolition and removal have not commenced within thirty (30) days of notice of entry of this Order, the Village will solicit bids, retain a contractor, and undertake demolition and removal of buildings and debris from the Premises, the cost of which, including legal costs and fees, will be assessed against the Premises or collected through a special proceeding pursuant to Gen. Mun. Law § 78-b.

Discussion was held.

Motion Adopted: Ayes 5 (Trustee Harrington, Trustee Falsone, Trustee Didas, Trustee Poole, Mayor Falsone) Nays 0

6:10 Budget Public hearing: the public hearing was opened regarding the adoption of the 2024-2025 Budget at and the Mayor waived reading the legal notice. No one was present from the public and no written or phone comments were received regarding the budget.

Minutes:

1. The minutes from the February 27, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted.

Mayor’s report:

1. We received 3 estimates for the Board and Batten siding and 3 estimates for the A/C heating wall units. Discussions were held and the following motions were made:

Trustee Poole made a motion, seconded by Trustee Didas to award the estimate for the Board and Batten siding and repair beam to Kevin Wyand for \$36,000. All in favor

Trustee Falsone made a motion, seconded by Mayor Falsone to award the estimate for the AC/Heating wall units to Steelhead HVAC for \$9,800. All in favor.

2. We received our Fiscal Scores based on the Annual Financial Report for the year ending 2023. Our Fiscal Stress is a 6.7 (0-44.9-no designation) and the Environmental Stress is 3.3 (0-29.9-no designation).
3. The Mayor had a meeting for Memorial Day and the progress of the ceremony is underway. Bob Greene will be the speaker this year.
4. Gail asked about getting a water softener in the new office. Discussions were held and Donna will get some estimates before the next meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer report: by Donna Wollschleger

1. Trustee Harrington made a motion, seconded by Trustee Didas, to approve the following budget transfers.

TRANSFERS-MARCH 2024

TO:		FROM:			
A1490.1	PERSONNEL-DEPUTY	A5010.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$	1,500.00
A1620.1	PERSONNEL-CLEANER	A5010.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$	1,500.00
A1620.4	BUILDINGS	A5410.4	SIDEWALKS	\$	25,000.00
F8320.4	SOURCE/SUPPLY	F8340.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$	11,000.00
				\$	39,000.00

2. Treasurer reports were distributed prior to the meeting.
3. Abstract #10 (vouchers 328-366, TA-10) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$44,268.19; water fund \$14,175.94; sewer fund \$9,721.68; and TA \$99.00. The clerk and Deputy DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. **Trustee Falsone motioned, seconded by Trustee Harrington, and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.**
4. We received our payment from Ontario County on the properties that were releived onto the Town and County bills.
5. We received our funds from NYS for CHIPS and Pave NY that Dan submitted.

6. Water sewer billing will be going out at the end of the month. We currently have 28 properties that will go on the relevy list if they are not paid by the end of April.
7. Reported on NYCLASS. Discussion was held.
8. Donna looked into leasing computers, and it would cost us more. We will plan to buy 2 new computers in the new year as budgeted.

CEO report: Discussions were held. The Mayor will reach out to Kim and ask her to do the yearly Village maintenance drive around.

Public works report: By Dan Whittaker

Water:

1. The DPW is continuing work on both pumphouses, (piping, prepping pipes and walls for paint).
2. A foot valve was replaced at the Oakmount pumphouse.

Sewer and WWTP:

1. Chris and Corey are looking at what dates will work for them to sign up for sewer school.
2. Dan has signed up to do all the reporting to the DEC and has signed up for his sewer grade 3 exam for the 30th of April.
3. Continued maintenance as needed.

Streets and Equipment:

1. The DPW is continuing equipment maintenance preparing for spring.
2. Plowing as needed.
3. Dan have been approached by the town inquiring about the possibility of us salting our own roads instead of them salting for us. This was tabled and will be talked about at a future meeting.

Misc:

1. Our employee that has been out on disability should be back on the first of April.

Upcoming:

1. Dan will be away at training in Saratoga April 9-11th.
2. Cory and Merrick will be at water school the week of the 15th.
3. Weather permitting, they will begin flushing hydrants and starting spring cleanup throughout the village.

6:40 The public hearing on the 2024-2025 budget was closed.

New Business:

1. Budget: Discussion were held.

Trustee Falsone made a motion to adopt the 2024/2025 Budget; seconded by Trustee Poole. The roll call vote Trustees- Falsone-yes, Didas-yes, Poole-yes, Harrington-yes, and Mayor Falsone-yes and the 2024/2025 Budget was adopted.

Adjournment: The April meeting will be Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Falsone seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Wollschleger-Clerk