

## **Regular monthly meeting of October 26, 2022**

**Present:** Mayor Mark Falsone, Trustees: Gail Harrington, David Poole, Mike Didas. Excused: Marco Falsone. Others present: Clerk/Treasurer: Donna Wollschleger DPW Supervisor: Brian Rayburn, Rick Francis and Bob Knopf.

The meeting was opened at 5:30 with the pledge to the flag.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the September 29, 2022 meeting were approved as amended.

### **Privilege of the floor:**

1. Rick Francis spoke about the Christmas tree lighting in December. The Lions Club plans to get additional lights. The Village has offered to help with the cost of new lights. Discussion was held to have the lights go around the tree vs. up and down. The Village received several comments about how it would look so much nicer if the lights were to go around the tree vs. up and down. Extreme Tree has donated their time in the past to put the lights up but are unable to go around with them. The Village has expressed interest in seeing how much it would cost to have it professionally done. Donna will seek out estimates.
2. Rick also mentioned that Light Up Bloomfield will happen again. This is a decoration contest for anyone in the Bloomfield Central School District.
3. Bob Knopf spoke on behalf of the Lions Club, and they would like to check into doing a Hometown Hero Banner Project in the Village. He asked if the Village would be willing to put up the banners, if they were able to get the project going. The Lions received a large donation from the American Legion when it closed and that would help defray the cost of poles and brackets. Individuals would have to pay for the banners and would get them back when they came down. Several issues would still have to be worked out. Bob is talking to other Towns and Villages to see how their programs work. The Trustees thought this was a great idea, and Brian will get a pole count for the next meeting.

5:57 Rick and Bob left the meeting

### **Mayor's report:**

1. The Mayor mentioned that we have 3 positions up for election in March. The Mayor position and 2 trustee positions currently held by Harrington and Poole. He asked that if someone was not going to run again to please let him know.
2. The Mayor asked that everyone look at the list of ideas for the Village that was handed out at the last meeting. We will discuss later.
3. The death of Mr. Lucas was discussed along with his State Street property. The board has agreed to wait a couple of months before moving forward to give the family time to grieve, but that the property is uninhabitable and a risk and needs to either be fixed or torn down.
4. Tax cap override was discussed. Although, we have no intent to override the tax cap we will be holding a public hearing at the next board meeting on November 30, 2022. This is the recommendation of NYS that we do the Public Hearing and Local Law every year. Donna will send the notice to the paper.

5. No update on St. Peter's.

**Clerk/Treasurer report:**

1. Abstract #5 (vouchers 96-125 (not sure how but ended up with duplicate numbers from abstract 4), TA 22) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$18,892.54; water fund \$37,842.28; sewer fund \$16,566.31; and TA \$99.00. The clerk and DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. Trustee Poole motioned, seconded by Trustee Didas, and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.
2. The treasurer reports for September were submitted for review and discussion.
3. Donna reported that a total of \$5,575 of interest has been earned in NYCLASS since 9/1/22.
4. Village taxes will roll over to the County on November 2, 2022. The Trustees signed the certification form to go with the balance. We only have 6 unpaid properties as of today.
5. We are receiving \$132,000 in sales tax for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. This puts our revenue collected at 62% of the year. We will be exceeding the budget for sales tax revenue. We are up 11.1% to last year.

**CEO report:** September report was submitted for review. See Mayor report #3 as Lucas was discussed.

**Public works report:**

**Water:**

1. The pressure reducing valves have all been serviced for the year. One of the four was found to have a bad casting so a replacement is on the way.
2. The Pooler water tap and water main for the town has been completed.
3. There are three remaining water taps to do for the town this fall.
4. We should have final approval from the DOH on the water project any day. It will then go to bid.

**Sewer and WWTP:**

1. The final report for the I&I flow study should be arriving any time. Once received we will further study any problem areas.
2. There was a plugged effluent line in the WWTP. It has been excavated and repaired.
3. All three sand filters will be drained, cleaned, and have the sand replaced this month. This is done every few years.

**Streets and Equipment:**

1. The concrete work has been completed for the summer.
2. Blacktopping is complete for the year.

3. Several of the trees scheduled for take down are complete.
4. Crack sealing of Main Street is complete.
5. The installation of drainage pipe for Burlingame's on East Main Street is complete.
6. Winterization of the parks is complete.
7. The fiscal year report has been completed.
8. Banners will be removed by Halloween.
9. Pickle Park will have the leaves cleaned up this month.
10. Snowplows will be fitted this month for the winter season.

**Personnel:**

1. Interviews are under way for the new hire. Brian asked for permission to hire before the next board meeting. Permission was granted.
2. The Mayor told Brian he and his crew need to come to the office for pictures with proper clothing for name badges as soon as possible.
3. The Mayor told Brian he needs the completed and signed evaluation forms.

**Village Engineer:** Still working on Water and Sewer projects. See DPW report for updates.

**Standing committees:** none

**Special Committees:** none

**Unfinished Business:** none

**Unfinished Business:** Gateway signs: Donna researched the history of the Gateway signs, and it was decided among the Board to remove the advertisement signs from the Gateway sign. Brian will hold the signs or give them to the businesses that paid for them.

**New business:**

1. The Mayor discussed changing the November meeting because of Thanksgiving. A motion was made by Mayor Falsone, Seconded by Trustee Didas to approve the change of the November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting to November 30<sup>th</sup>. All in favor

**Adjournment:** The November meeting will be Wednesday, November 30, 2022. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Didas seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wollschleger,  
Clerk/Treasurer