

The regularly scheduled meeting for the Town of East Bloomfield was held at the East Bloomfield Town Hall on Monday evening, July 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM with Supervisor Frederick Wille presiding.

Wille opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:00 PM.

Present:	Supervisor	Frederick A. Wille
	Council Member	Michelle T. MacMillan
	Council Member	Frank W. Fessner
	Council Member	Kathleen M. Conratt
	Council Member	William J. Mitchell Jr.

Attending the meeting were Margaret Gochenaur (Town Clerk), Robert Torno (Highway Superintendent), Gary Hooper, and Steve Lester.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Highway Superintendent Torno.

Wille welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Fessner introduced Josh Secor as the new full time maintenance assistant. Discussion was held.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Fessner, to approve the July 11, 2023 minutes. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conratt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille,) Nays 0

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by MacMillan, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conratt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0 Torno reported on the proposal from Verizon to erect a cell tower on town property above the stone mine. Torno reported there are too many issues, and he does not recommend moving forward. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Conratt, to discontinue involvement with coming to an agreement with Verizon for a cell tower. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conratt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0 Torno outlined the procedure for ordering new vehicles. Discussion was held. Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Mitchell, to authorize the Highway Superintendent to order an an F-350, including the plow assembly at a cost not to exceed \$70,000 to be delivered in 2024. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conratt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0 Mitchell asked about salting at the school. Torno reported a meeting was held and the school is making provisions for salting in 2024/25. The Town will continue salting in 2023/24. Discussion was held. Torno reported the relationship with the Village regarding salting is not going smoothly. Torno went on to say that Mayor Falsone tabled the conversation until October. Discussion was held.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by MacMillan, to approve the June Financial Reports as submitted. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conratt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0 Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Conratt, to approve the January-June 2023 Financial Reports as submitted. Mitchell asked where the NYCLASS new contributions came from. Mitchell does not recall any conversation occurring since the original contribution amount was agreed upon. Discussion was held. Conratt will speak with the bookkeeper. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conratt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit:** Conratt is seeking a phone stipend for Angel for her personal cell phone. Mitchell asked why is she using her personal phone? Is she undergoing a hardship? Discussion was held. Motion was made by Conratt, seconded by Wille, to pay Angel a pro-rated rate of \$600 annually for her cell phone. Discussion was held. Motion Denied: Ayes 2 (Conratt, and Wille), Nays 3 (Fessner, Mitchell, and MacMillan)

**Buildings and Grounds:** Fessner reported the new employee is working out well during his first week. Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Mitchell, to authorize the expenditure of \$6,000 for the remodel of the Veterans Park storage shed to have four storage units with lights and a new entrance door. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conratt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

**HIGHWAY:** Nothing to report.

**IT/TECHNOLOGY:** MacMillan reported it came to her attention there are issues with WI-FI and the ability to download information at the Town Hall and the Highway Garage. MacMillan is suggesting we contact Empire Access and have them give us recommendations on what is needed instead of guessing. Discussion was held. Wille will contact Empire Access tomorrow 7/25/23 to set up that meeting and walk through.

**INSURANCE:** Nothing to report.

**PARKS and RECREATION:** Fessner reported Summer Recreation Camp is going well.

**WATER/SEWER VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD:** Mitchell reported the new water proposal is moving along. Discussion was held. Mitchell reported he is still working on what needs to be done regarding cost for a new sewer district. Discussion was held.

**PERSONNEL:** Conradt reported we are going to be losing a full-time highway employee in April 2024 due to retirement. Conradt would like to create a temporary full-time position until April 2024. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Conradt, seconded by MacMillan, to create and hire a temporary full-time position until April 2024 and fill said position with Sean Rubenstein effective August 25, 2023. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0 Conradt reported the budget for the new maintenance position is short \$3,500 for the year. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Conradt, to amend A1620.1 to cover the salary increase from part-time to full-time for our new maintenance worker for approximately \$3,500 which can come from contingent. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**ROUND TABLE-OTHER BUSINESS:** Mitchell asked if the contributions to the reserve funds have been done for the year? Conradt replied "not yet." Discussion was held.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS:** Motion was made by Conradt, seconded by Fessner, to approve the Budget Transfers and Amendments as submitted. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to approve paying of the bills as submitted. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

General Fund A	- Abs. #314- Vouchers - 298,302,303,305-316,318	\$ 11,180.07
General Fund B	- Abs. #314 - Vouchers - 303,307,317	\$ 200.81
Highway DB	- Abs. #314 - Vouchers - 304,317,7155-7158	\$ 10,157.49
Sewer Dist. #1	- Abs. #314 - Vouchers - 316	\$ 52.12
Water Dist. #1	- Abs. #314 - Vouchers - 301,316,319	\$ 10,381.04
Water Dist. #2	- Abs. #314 - Vouchers - 299-301,316	\$ 1,173.76
Water Dist. #2 Ext.#2	- Abs. #314 - Vouchers - 299,301,319	\$ 1,084.38
Water Dist. #2 Ext.#6	- Abs. #314 - Vouchers - 299,301,316	\$ 28.98

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fessner, to move into an Executive Session at 8:48 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, salary, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal of a particular person or corporation. Motion Approved: Ayes: 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays: 0

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:** Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Conradt, to end Executive Session and return to regular session at 9:01 PM. Motion Approved: Ayes: 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays: 0

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by MacMillan, to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Gochenaur  
Town Clerk