

A Public Hearing Scheduled for the Town of East Bloomfield was held at the East Bloomfield Town Hall on Monday August 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM with the regular scheduled Town Board Meeting to begin immediately following with Supervisor Frederick A. Wille presiding.

Present:	Supervisor	Frederick A. Wille
	Council Member	Michelle T. MacMillan
	Council Member	Frank W. Fessner
	Council Member	Kathleen M. Conradt
	Council Member	Stephen C. Lester

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member MacMillan.

Wille welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

Wille opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM and the Public Notice was read by Town Clerk Gochenaur Town of East Bloomfield Notice of Public Hearing to consider the Adoption of Local Law No.6 of 2024 to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c. No one from the public was present.

Wille closed the Public Hearing to consider the Adoption of Local Law No.6 of 2024, to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c at 7:02 PM.

Wille opened the regular Town Board meeting at 7:02 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Lester, to approve the August 12, 2024 minutes. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, 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, Conradt, Lester, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Conradt, to approve the July Financial Reports as submitted. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Conradt, to adopt Resolution 2024-036 Authorizing the Adoption of Local Law No.6 of 2024, to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c for the 2025 Budget, by the Town Board of the Town of East Bloomfield and waive the reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2024-036

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO.6 OF 2024, TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-c FOR THE 2025 BUDGET, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST BLOOMFIELD

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held by said Town Board on August 26, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the East Bloomfield Town Hall, 99 Main Street, East Bloomfield, New York, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c for the 2025 budget; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of East Bloomfield, on August 15, 2024, and all other notices required by law to be given were properly served, posted, or given; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing being duly held on August 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the East Bloomfield Town Hall, 99 Main Street, East Bloomfield, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of East Bloomfield, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town of East Bloomfield to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Bloomfield hereby adopts said Local Law No.6 of 2024, entitled, "A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c for the 2025 budget", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of East Bloomfield, and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit: Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds: Fessner asked for feedback regarding moving forward with the FMX maintenance software? Lester reported after attending the meeting he feels it is nothing more than a beefed-up shared calendar and regarding the maintenance it feels like overkill to him. Discussion was held. Conradt feels it will help in multiple areas and keeps the town moving forward with maintenance records and more. Lester asked Torno if the highway department would be using the software too. Torno replied they would not be using it at least not now. Discussion was held. Wille thinks this is right in line with what the town needs and is in favor of the purchase. Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Conradt, to approve the purchase agreement of \$5,970 to purchase the FMX Software Subscription. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Conradt, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 1 (Lester)

HIGHWAY: Nothing to report.

IT/TECHNOLOGY: Nothing to report.

INSURANCE: Nothing to report.

PARKS and RECREATION: Nothing to report.

WATER/SEWER VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD: Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL: Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Gochenaur reported on the grass/vegetation concern from a resident along the shoulder of Routes 5&20 which would be to the immediate east of the Route 5&20/Oakmount Ave. intersection – north side of the road. Gochenaur noted that Torno had been notified a few weeks ago about the safety concern and although it is a NYS DOT maintained road and their responsibility his crew went up and mowed it. He also acknowledged the state came through and mowed it again. Torno will continue to work with the state to ensure its maintenance. Discussion was held.

ROUND TABLE-OTHER BUSINESS: Torno spoke of the Code Enforcement Officer's truck regarding purchasing a new one or not. If the board decides to move forward his recommendation would be to order a Ford Hybrid Maverick at an approximate cost of \$31,500. Discussion was held. Torno recommended keeping the current Code Enforcement Officers truck longer. Torno also reported he will be keeping the Highway Superintendent's truck longer than 1 year moving forward. Discussion was held. Torno is considering purchasing a used Freightliner truck and Lowboy trailer for safety reasons. Discussion was held. Lester asked where we stand on our commitment for the ARPA money. Conradt reported they are waiting for a report from the engineer for the Annex building as that is the plan for the money. Lester asked what the balance was? Conradt reported about \$170,000-\$180,000 but she would have to confirm that amount. 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, Lester, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

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

General Fund A	- Abs. #416- Vouchers - 375-393	\$	17,853.22
General Fund B	- Abs. #416 - Vouchers - 375,379,383	\$	217.82
Highway DB	- Abs. #416 - Vouchers - 379,391,7447-7451	\$	8,119.27
Sewer Dist. #1	- Abs. #416 - Vouchers - 387	\$	54.82
Water Dist. #1	- Abs. #416 - Vouchers - 387	\$	24.23
Water Dist. #2	- Abs. #416 - Vouchers - 387	\$	22.21
Water Dist. #2 Ext.#2	- Abs. #416 - Vouchers - 387	\$	23.99

Water Dist. #2 Ext.#6 - Abs. #416 - Vouchers - 387	\$	2.20
Payroll Account (T/A) - Abs. #416 - Vouchers - 23	\$	4.86

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by Lester, to move into an Executive Session at 7:55 PM to discuss a matter for potential litigation and legal agreements. Motion Approved: Ayes: 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays: 0

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion was made by Conradt, seconded by Fessner, to end Executive Session and return to regular session at 8:20 PM. Motion Approved: Ayes: 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays: 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Lester, seconded by MacMillan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Lester, MacMillan, and Wille,) Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Gochenaur
Town Clerk