

A Public Hearing Scheduled for the Town of East Bloomfield was held at the East Bloomfield Town Hall on Monday November 13, 2023 at 6:30 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	William J. Mitchell Jr.

Attending the meeting were Margaret Gochenaur (Town Clerk), Robert Torno (Highway Superintendent), and Kim Rayburn (Code Enforcement Officer).

Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Clerk Gochenaur.

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

Wille opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM and the Public Notice was read by Town Clerk Gochenaur to adopt the 2024 Proposed Final Budget of the Town of East Bloomfield for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2024. No one from the public was in attendance.

Wille closed the Public Hearing to adopt the 2024 Proposed Final Budget of the Town of East Bloomfield for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2024 at 6:34 PM.

Wille opened the regular Town Board meeting at 6:40 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by MacMillan, to approve the October 23, 2023 minutes. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT: Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Fessner, to approve the Town Clerk’s report. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by MacMillan, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer’s report. No Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Conradt, to adopt Resolution 2023-031 A Resolution Adopting the Annual Budget of the Town of East Bloomfield for the Year 2024 and waive the reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

**RESOLUTION 2023-031
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EAST BLOOMFIELD FOR THE YEAR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Town Board (hereinafter “Town Board”) of the Town of East Bloomfield (hereinafter “Town”), on the 13th day of November 2023, commencing at 6:30pm at the East Bloomfield Town Hall, duly held a public hearing on the Town’s 2024 proposed final budget submitted and approved by the Town Board and filed with the Town Clerk of the Town for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the office newspaper of the Town of East Bloomfield on November 3, 2023 and all other notices required by law to be given were properly served, posted, or given; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter, and the matter of the said budget for the Town for such fiscal year was fully discussed and considered by the Town Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The said year 2024 proposed final budget of the Town of East Bloomfield submitted, approved, and filed, as previously mentioned, be and the same is hereby adopted and established as the year 2024 annual budget for the Town of East Bloomfield for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024. Said annual budget as so adopted and established shall be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board.

Section 2. The Town Clerk of the Town shall prepare and certify, as provided by law, duplicate copies of the said Town annual budget hereby adopted and established and shall deliver one of such copy to the Supervisor of the Town; and the said Supervisor of the Town shall present such copy (2 Copies) to the Board of Supervisors Clerk of the County of Ontario as required by law.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fessner, to adopt Resolution 2023-032 A Resolution Authorizing Town Supervisor to Sign New Legal Services Contract with Dylan Harris (formerly of Lewis & Greer) and waived the reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion Adopted: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2023-032

A RESOLUTION Authorizing Town Supervisor to Sign New Legal Services Contract with Dylan Harris (formerly of Lewis & Greer)

WHEREAS, Lewis & Greer Law Firm in Poughkeepsie NY has been providing legal services to the Town of East Bloomfield, NY for Solar Litigation, and

WHEREAS, Lewis & Greer has closed said Law Firm, and

WHEREAS, Dylan Harris and other attorneys from Lewis and Greer have now formally joined the Law Firm of Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna, LLP, and

WHEREAS, Dylan Harris will be a partner with this well-established Law Firm, and

WHEREAS, legal fees and expenses will remain unchanged with new Law Firm, and

WHEREAS Dylan Harris will continue to represent the interests of the Town of East Bloomfield in Article 7 Tax Certiorari proceedings, and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign attached contract, and

Be it further resolved those copies of the signed contract be sent to Dylan Harris, ESQ. and be on file with the East Bloomfield Town Clerk's Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit: Motion was made Mitchell, seconded by MacMillan, to authorize the purchase of new tables and chairs for the board room at a cost of \$6,279.89 as described in quote #1016962 from Nickerson Furniture, Equipment, Design Service dated November 9, 2023 and to furthermore, authorize an additional 10% on top of that in case something does not go as planned. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

Buildings and Grounds: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by MacMillan, to approve the proposed License Agreement to rent out the four storage units at Veterans Park to groups and charge an annual fee of \$300 due on January 1st of each year. Discussion was held. Motion Approved: Ayes 4 (Fessner, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0 Abstain: 1 (Conradt) Fessner reported the new tables were delivered at Veterans Park last Friday November 10th. Discussion was held. Conradt gave special thanks to Karl Rubenstein for coming in on his day off to help unload all the tables.

HIGHWAY: Torno reported starting January 1, 2024 the town will be charged \$27.50 per month for each Fuel Cloud authorization device/iPad. Discussion was held. Torno requested to go into Executive Session after the payment of the bills.

IT/TECHNOLOGY: Wille reported he has been in contact with Sean Barry from the Ontario County Information Technology Department regarding the towns IT needs. Barry will be coming out by the end of the year to do an assessment regarding the towns needs moving forward. Discussion was held.

INSURANCE: Nothing to report.

PARKS and RECREATION: Nothing to report.

WATER/SEWER VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD: Mitchell reported Water District #4 is currently held up because not all parties involved have signed the petition. Discussion was held.

PERSONNEL: Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Gochenaur read a letter she received from Supervisor Wille from Mike Bartle, President of the Bloomfield Lions Club asking for storage space (6'X8' or 8'X10') at Veterans Park to house handicap equipment for those in need. Fessner replied there is no space available at this time. Fessner will contact Mike Bartle or Rick Francis to let them know. Discussion was held.

ROUND TABLE – OTHER BUSINESS: Wille reported he has been asked by Mike Long to poll the town board regarding the possibility of allowing additional Real Property Exemptions for Volunteer Fire and EMS persons along with Senior Citizens. Discussion was held. MacMillan noted that when it is investigated it should include Veterans. Wille reported he will investigate it.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion was made by Fessner, seconded by MacMillan, 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. #321- Vouchers - 460,463-479,481-485,7244,7245	\$	18,190.12
General Fund B	- Abs. #321 - Vouchers - 459,460,467,477,483	\$	476.97
Highway DA	- Abs. #321 - Vouchers - 7243,7248	\$	71.84
Highway DB	- Abs. #321 - Vouchers - 7229-7242,7246,7247	\$	84,519.65
Sewer Dist. #1	- Abs. #321 - Vouchers - 465	\$	42.90
Water Dist. #1	- Abs. #321 - Vouchers - 458,461,480,	\$	12,934.96
Water Dist. #2	- Abs. #321 - Vouchers - 461,462,465	\$	250.67
Water Dist. #2 Ext.#2	- Abs. #321 - Vouchers - 458,461	\$	1,024.49
Water Dist. #2 Ext.#6	- Abs. #321 - Vouchers - 461,462,465	\$	27.81

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Conradt, to move into an Executive Session at 7:24 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 7:32 PM. Motion Approved: Ayes: 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays: 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by MacMillan, seconded by Conradt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. Motion Approved: Ayes 5 (Fessner, Conradt, Mitchell, MacMillan, and Wille) Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Gochenaur
Town Clerk