

**BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 27, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on May 27, 2014 at Borough Hall, 91 Brunswick Avenue, Bloomsbury, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by the reading of the Sunshine Law by Lisa Burd Reindel.

As required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 16, 2014 by the Publication of said notice in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the posting of said notice in the Municipal Building on the same date.

ROLL CALL:	Chris James	Al Stiehler
	Kathleen Jordan	Chris Smith – arrived 7:03
	Vicky Papics	Eric Weger
	Martha Tersigni, Mayor	William Edleston, Esq.

FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Tersigni stated that public comment will be limited to five minutes per person. She added that Council will go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss litigation on a tax matter and she expects action to be taken.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that on the agenda tonight there is a rice notice hearing. She asked if the same would be heard in public or in closed session. Mr. Russo advised the same would be in public.

Mrs. Tersigni asked that Council move to approval of the minutes of last month. Mr. Russo apologized and said that they would prefer the matter not be waived in public and instead be handle in private. Mr. Edleston acknowledged the same and stated that Council would have to adopt a resolution to exclude the public from that portion. He asked Mrs. Tersigni if she would like to take the matter out of order, stating that because it will be discussed in executive she can choose to change the agenda. Discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Papics moved Council adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2014; seconded by Mr. Stiehler. All ayes. James-abstain; Weger-abstain. Motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS

Mrs. Jordan moved Council approve the Tax Collector's Monthly Report dated April 30, 2014; seconded by Mrs. Papics.

ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Jordan-aye; Papics-aye; Smith-aye; Stiehler-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mr. Francisco stated there was one last minute item added to the list tonight, as he was notified by Mr. James of a \$73.19 expenditure which will be paid from the Clean Communities Grant money. Brief discussion followed.

Mr. James moved Council approve the amended Bill List of May 27, 2014; seconded by Mr. Weger.

ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Jordan-aye, except payroll; Papics-aye, except payroll; Smith-aye; Stiehler-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

RICE NOTICE HEARING

Mr. Edleston stated that Council will now go to item 9E on the agenda and adopt a resolution to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. He asked that the public kindly step outside for a brief time while discussions can be completed.

RESOLUTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury has deemed it necessary to go into a closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury will go into closed session for the following reasons as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:14-2 to discuss personnel matter.

Mr. Smith moved Council to go into closed session, seconded by Mr. James at 7:09 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Jordan-aye; Papics-aye; Smith-aye; Stiehler-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

No action was taken.

Mr. James moved Council close executive and return to regular session; seconded by Mr. Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Edleston stated that no motion was made in executive so Council has returned to regular session to discuss how the matter moves forward now that we have returned to public session. The Clerk asked Mr. Edleston why Council discussion would have to be in public, stating she understood that any action taken had to be in public but that they could have held discussion in executive. Mr. Edleston confirmed that action would have to be taken in public but discussion could have been in closed session and could now be held when Council went back into executive at the end of the meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mrs. Tersigni stated there were no grass mowing violations on the report. Mr. Creveling stated that he sent a few notices and those properties were taken care of. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Papics moved Council accept the Code Enforcement Report of May 2014; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

E. Weger:

Streets & Roads-

- Mr. Weger stated that he put together a list of areas in need of paving. The Clerk obtained two quotes from ABE & Pips's Paving. Mr. Weger stated that he called both companies to try to get verification on the quotes in order to compare apples to apples. He explained that the wish list comes out to more than we budgeted for but Pip's has a better price. Mr. Weger asked Council consider spending an additional \$5,000 for a total of \$15,000. He explained that if Pip's drops their price a bit more, we could do most of the spots for the \$15,000. Discussion followed.

Mr. Weger moved Council authorize paving work for a cost not to exceed \$15,000; seconded by Mr. James.

ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Jordan-aye; Papics-aye; Smith-aye; Stiehler-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Weger will work with the Clerk to finalize what areas will be paved.

K. Jordan:

Board of Education-

- Mrs. Jordan reported that there were two Board of Education meetings this month, a Budget meeting held on May 7th where the Budget was approved and the regular meeting on May 13th at which time the school calendar was approved.

C. James:

Environmental Advisory Committee –

- Town wide clean up and storm drain labeling event was held on May 17th and went well. Mr. James explained that there are still a few drains in the street which need to be labeled. He stated that they would like to give a \$250 donation to the Boy Scout Troop to thank them for their help. Mr. James will draft a letter of thanks and forward the same to the Mayor for her to sign.

Golf Outing-

- Mr. James reported that the golf outing netted about \$550.

Mr. James will forward a picture and information to Mrs. Jordan for inclusion in the June 1st Newsletter.

C. Smith:

Recreation –

- Mr. Smith reported that the golf outing netted \$550.00.
- The last lacrosse game was on May 17th and they brought in an additional \$410 in gross sales that day. Mr. Smith believes they netted just under \$1,000 for the season.
- Mr. Smith stated that the one bathroom still needs the doors replaced. Discussion followed. The Clerk will follow up with Dave Heinrich about the status of ordering the correct door.
- Mr. Smith reported that he obtained a second quote for installation of a new backstop for just under \$9,000 compared to the first quote of \$14,500. Discussion followed. Mr. Smith will ask that the quote be broken down into labor and materials. The Clerk stated that she has not yet received a response from the Borough Engineer regarding any possible municipal safety guidelines. Mr. James will ask if the contractor can come out to do a site walk through.
- Mr. Smith stated that we still need to discuss the hiring process for summer recreation aides. He instructed the program director to come up with a list of candidates that Council can consider. Discussion followed. Council agreed that they can use their summer recreation employment application. Mr. Francisco and Mr. Edleston will review the same. Mrs. Tersigni asked if Council needed to establish an hourly wage for these positions. Mr. Francisco confirmed the same. Council discussed adding the hourly wages to the salary ordinance up for consideration later on the agenda.

The Clerk questioned if that can be done without first amending the Salary Ordinance to include ranges for the positions. Mr. Francisco agreed. The Clerk asked if this should be done tonight so that a public hearing can be held prior to the start of the summer recreation program. Mr. Smith and Council discussed hourly pay ranges for the Director, Jr. Director and Aides.

INTRODUCTION- ORDINANCE # 101-14A - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARIES & WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2014

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor & Common Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey.

Section 1. This ordinance shall fix the salaries or wages of the employees of the Borough of Bloomsbury at the following ranges for the year 2014:

Section 2. Salary and wage ranges for the year 2014 are as follows:

- a. Borough Clerk/Administrator \$20,000 - \$47,000 per year, plus \$28.00-\$38.50/hr for additional hours.
- b. Deputy Clerk \$9.00 - \$11.00 per hour
- c. Registrar \$1,000 - \$3,000 per year
- d. Deputy Registrar \$100 - \$500 per year
- e. Chief Financial Officer \$9,000 - \$21,000 per year
- f. Tax Assessor \$5,000 - \$11,000 per year
- g. Tax Collector \$5,000 - \$11,500 per year
- h. Public Works Superintendent \$6,500 - \$18,500 per year, plus \$20.00-25.00/hr for hours in excess of 65 per month
- i. Public Works Laborer #1 \$5,000 - \$16,500 per year, plus \$15.00-20.50/hr for hours in excess of 65 per month
- j. Public Works Laborer #2 \$3,600 - \$9,000 per year
- k. Public Works Laborer #3 \$3,000 - \$7,500 per year
- l. Planning Bd. Secretary \$1,500 - \$5,000 per year
- m. Code Enforcement Officer \$5,000 - \$8,000 per year, plus \$25.00 per sidewalk inspection
- n. Assistant Code Enfor. Officer \$13.00 - \$15.00 per hour
- o. Emergency Mgt. Coordinator \$1,700 - \$4,000 per year \$9.00 - \$11.00/hr. for extraordinary FEMA events
- p. Recycling Coordinator \$250 - \$1,000 per year
- q. Dog/Cat Licensing Official \$400 - \$2,000 per year
- r. Tax Clerk \$2,400 - \$3,000 per year
- s. Assistant EMC \$7.50 - \$10.00 per hour
- t. School Crossing Guard \$28.00 - \$32.50 per day
- u. Regular Laborer \$15.00 - \$18.00 per hour
- v. Seasonal Laborer \$9.00 - \$12.00 per hour
- w. Summer Recreation Director \$15.00 - \$25.00 per hour
- x. Summer Recreation Jr. Director \$7.25 - \$11.00 per hour
- y. Summer Recreation Aide \$7.25 - \$8.25 per hour

Section 3. This Ordinance amends Ordinance #101-14 which was previously adopted by Borough Council on February 28, 2014.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Section 5. The exact annual salary or hourly wage for each position shall be specified by a resolution adopted by the Borough Council during the time this ordinance is effective.

Section 6. No Borough employee shall receive longevity or bonus pay.

Mr. Weger moved Council Introduce Ordinance 101-14A, amending the Salary Ordinance; seconded by Mr. Smith.

ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Jordan-abstain; Papics-abstain; Smith-abstain; Stiehler-aye; Weger-aye; Tersigni-aye. Motion carried.

V. Papics:

Bloomsbury Hose Company –

- Mrs. Papics attended the Fire Department meeting and they discussed Rescue moving in and the things they are going to have to work out by September. Mr. James asked if the Fire Department and Rescue are going to merge. Mrs. Papics stated that they are just renting space so that they have time to figure out exactly what they are going to do.

Bloomsbury Rescue Squad –

- Rescue reported that they have officially been put on dual alert with Pattenburg for Bethlehem Township.
- Mrs. Papics stated that Rescue has two more payments due for the truck, one due this August, and the last due next August. Mrs. Tersigni asked if they provided proof of this, as she had requested. Nothing has been received to date.
- They will hold a coin toss on the 15th from 9 AM – 3 PM.

BCC-

- Mrs. Papics reported that the Celebrations Committee plan to have a history tent set up during the Town for Sale on June 14th. History Information will be forwarded to Mrs. Jordan for inclusion in the newsletter.

A .Stiehler:

Bethlehem Recycling Center-

- Mr. Stiehler reported that Mayor Muir stated they will open their recycling center to Bloomsbury residents and he will be sending additional information to him in the near term and the same will be included in the newsletter if received in time.

Bloomsbury Bethlehem Court-

- Mr. Stiehler met with Mr. Francisco last week following his meeting with Bethlehem Township and the Court last month. They did not get the defined answer that they would have liked, so Mr. Francisco sent them a form that we plan to use moving forward to determine what our percent will be. Mr. Stiehler and Mr. Francisco will meet with them again on Tuesday, June 3rd at 2 PM.

Clerk/Administrator's Report-

Spooky Sprint-

- The Clerk explained that Colleen Kerfoot and Megan Henry had reached out to request Council support to hold the Spooky Sprint this year on October 25th. Mr. Smith will check to ensure there will be no conflicts with any Recreation events and report back next meeting.

Raritan Valley Disposal-

- The Clerk explained that the new contract with Raritan Valley Disposal will begin on June 9th. They have confirmed that Clean Up Day will be held on July 19th from 8 -11 AM, and will be in contact as the date approached to finalize a plan for dumpster delivery and pick up.

Newsletter-

- The Clerk explained that a vendor provided sample glossy booklet newsletters that they would produce free of charge for the Borough. She explained that they sell ads to area businesses to pay for the cost of production and work with the Borough to include the Borough content. The Clerk gave Mrs. Jordan the samples for her review.

Illegal Dumping-

- The Clerk received two complaints that an Ehrlich Pest Control Specialist was throwing used traps into the borough park garbage cans. She called the regional supervisor who was able to track down the person responsible and he apologized and assured her that it will not happen again.

Main Street Phase III-

- The Clerk reported that she published the Notice to Bidders last Thursday and bids are due into Mr. Roseberry by June 10th.

Open Space-

- The Clerk reported that she received a check from the County for \$20,600.62. She explained that the parcel is currently assessed at \$21,600, and she spoke to property owner who said she would be happy to accept the amount given by the County. The Clerk added that she spoke to Mr. Edleston about the costs for title work and all legal work and he estimated that to be between \$700 - \$1,000. These fees cannot be paid from the Open Space Trust Fund Dollars, so they will have to come from Borough funds. Mr. Edleston will work on preparing a simple agreement. A Capital Ordinance is required to accept and spend the funds.

Mr. Francisco stated he thought the Ordinance should be for \$25,000 so that it would cover the cost of the acquisition and any related fees. He explained that of the \$25,000, \$20,600.62 would come from the Hunterdon County Open Space Reserve and \$4,399.38 will come from Borough fund out of our Capital Improvement Funds. There will be no borrowing and anything money that is not used will be refunded to the capital improvement fund.

ORDINANCE 103-14 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CAPITAL PURCHASE AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000 FROM THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NJ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The capital purchase described in Section 2 of this Ordinance is hereby authorized as a General Improvement to be made by the Borough of Bloomsbury. There is hereby appropriated \$4,399.38 from the Capital Improvement Fund and \$20,600.62 from the Hunterdon County Open Space Reserve for Land Purchase (\$25,000 total) for the said purpose stated in Section 2.

Section 2: The purchase is hereby authorized and the proposed authorization is for the following purpose:

Purchase of land for preservation of open space

The maximum amount of money to be appropriated is \$25,000, no part of which is to be borrowed.

Section 3: The said purchase described in Section 2 is not a current expense and is for the purchase stated above.

Section 4: This appropriation is made as a result of the desire to preserve open space within the Borough.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law. Final passage is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Borough Hall, 91 Brunswick Avenue, Bloomsbury, NJ or at such other date and time to which it may be adjourned.

Section 6: This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage as provided herein.

Mr. Weger moved Council Introduce Ordinance 103-14 authorizing \$25,000 for the acquisition of Stone Walk; seconded by Mrs. Papics.

ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Jordan-aye; Papics-aye; Smith-aye; Stiehler-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

M. Tersigni:

Planning Board –

- Mrs. Tersigni reported that a Planning Board meeting was held on May 20th and there was a presentation by the Hunterdon County Planning Board. She explained that the Freeholders want to know our concerns at the municipal level and they are specifically interested in economic initiatives that are occurring in the County. The Board developed a list of including septic requirements, safe routes to schools, mill redevelopment, foreclosure properties and Tom Reilly drafted a letter which Council reviewed. He is asking that all Planning Board and Council members sign the same. Mr. Tersigni asked that all comments or changes be forwarded to the Clerk by Thursday so that this letter can go out. Mr. Weger will forward his concerns regarding septic requirements to the Clerk.

In-Rem Foreclosure-

- Late last week, Stuart Klepesh advised that the final judgment had been filed at the County for the foreclosure properties. Mrs. Tersigni has asked that Mr. Edleston prepare a basic roadmap for what we need to do to protect ourselves and protect the properties. Discussion followed. The Clerk stated that she felt that she received two different answers from Mr. Klepesh regarding when the Borough actually takes ownership of the properties. Mr. Edleston stated that the Borough takes ownership once they are filed with the County but advised Council to keep in mind that the property owner does have a three month right of redemption so technically they still have the right to pay the total amount due for up to three months after that is done.

Mr. Edleston stated the Borough does have the right to secure the building and to inventory and remove any personal property in the buildings. The Clerk asked if anything could be sold. Mr. Edleston said yes but only pursuant to the sale of public property. Mrs. Tersigni asked if we can sell the properties. Mr. Edleston stated he would say Council should wait the three months to be sure there is no right of redemption.

The Clerk reported that she spoke to Lisa in the county recording office and she advised that judgments are typically recorded within 24 hours of receipt. The Clerk also spoke to Bob Gemmell who said he would have to look into the matter and find out when the Borough would need to insure the buildings. She voiced concern over the conflicting information she has received. The Clerk stated that she feels the Borough should be able to get concrete answers about how this process works and what they can expect. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that she wants to form a subcommittee for this matter to include herself and Tom Reilly and two members of Council. Mr. James volunteered to participate. The Clerk stated that she will call the County Clerk's Office every day to see when the final judgment is recorded and then she will ensure that Bob Gemmell is aware of the same. The Clerk will also call the Lock Doctor and have the locks changed as soon as possible. Discussion followed.

Mayor's Round Table –

- The Last Mayor's Roundtable was held on May 1st and they do not anticipate the need to hold another. Mrs. Tersigni stated that the Mayors, Rescue and Fire were present. As of June 15th, Rescue will occupy the third floor of this building. They will not pay any rent or utilities and since the Borough pays a percentage of this buildings utilities, she suggests that we watch those bills as they come in as she does not feel we should be contributing more. She advised that they will be keeping 2 – 3 vehicles here, one they hope to stage in Pohatcong Township. She said Rescue was supposed to have voted on this whole process the Monday following their May 1st meeting and she has not heard of a vote yet. Mrs. Tersigni stated that Rescue was supposed to provide a statement of intent similar to the letter that the Fire Department gave us but to date it has not been received.

Alexandria, Pohatcong and Bloomsbury are on board and Mrs. Papics reported that Bethlehem will have dual response. The Fire Department has stated that they will need to know that they have every municipalities continued support in order to make this work. Pete Horsch will be handling the merger and they are utilizing a pro-bono service and both Rescue and Fire will have attorneys to handle a complete dissolution of the Rescue Squad and a merger by September.

Tax Appeals-

- Mrs. Tersigni said she had asked for a report from the Assessor but she did not get an official report. She advised that the information she has is from notes she took during a phone conversation with Mr. Edleston. It looks like the overall reduction that was granted at the hearings was \$237,700.00. She advised we still have one residential and two commercial properties that are not settled.

STATE POLICE – PERRYVILLE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

MAIN STREET PHASE III

The Clerk provided an update in her report.

BRUNSWICK AVENUE PHASE I

Mrs. Tersigni advised she received a letter from the State today advising they are unable to provide municipal aid for this this year.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Nothing new to report but it will be on our list going to the Hunterdon County Planning Board.

MILL REDEVELOPMENT

Nothing new to report.

NORTH STREET/PICKEL LANE UPDATE

Nothing new to report.

MUNICIPAL REASSESSMENT

Council reviewed the contract for services between the Borough and Assessor Services LLC which was drafted by Mr. Edleston and approved by the Tax Assessor. Mrs. Tersigni stated that we will have a separate agreement for Mrs. Hagaman's services which will be on the agenda next month. Mr. James asked if Council had voted to move forward with the assessment. The Mayor stated that we voted to go ahead with the contract. The Clerk stated that she believes that Mr. James is correct as she does not recall a vote by Council to move forward with this, just discussion about having Mr. Edleston start working on the contract. The Clerk agreed that we should have a roll call vote on the record in order to move forward with this. Discussion followed.

Council members voiced concern over the cost of the reassessment and the effect on residents' tax bills. Lengthy discussion followed. The Clerk provided information to Council about two commercial appeals. Discussion continued.

Mr. Weger moved Council authorize moving forward with the reassessment for a cost not to exceed \$15,000 and to authorize the contracts be signed as needed; seconded by Mr. Smith. ROLL CALL VOTE: James- nay; Jordan-aye; Papics-aye; Smith-aye; Stiehler-nay; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-

AUDIT OF 2013

Council members all confirmed that they have read at a minimum, the comments and recommendations of the audit and they signed the group affidavit as required.

RESOLUTION # 38-14 - GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2013 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Borough Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A.40a:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the section of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendation"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, specifically the section of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendation", as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of

New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the Local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date of fixed compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Mr. Weger moved Council adopt Resolution # 38-14; seconded by Mrs. Jordan.
ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Jordan –aye; Papics-aye; Smith-aye; Stiehler-aye; Weger-aye.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 39-14 - BLOOMSBURY HOSE COMPANY LIQUOR LICENSE 2014

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Hose Company is the holder of a liquor license which is to expire June 30, 2014,

WHEREAS, the appropriate application forms and renewal fees have been submitted to the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, there appear to be no reasons to deny renewal of the aforesaid liquor license,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council as follows:

1. The liquor license of the Bloomsbury Hose Company No. 1 be and the same is hereby extended for the one-year period beginning July 1, 2014 and terminating June 30, 2015.
2. Nothing herein shall be construed as relieving the license holder to the obligation to fully comply with all state and municipal regulations relating to the license holder.

Mr. Weger moved Council adopt Resolution # 39-14; seconded by Mrs. Papics. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 40-14 - 2014 SALARY RESOLUTION

Mrs. Tersigni explained that Council had been provided four different versions reflecting, 0%, 1%, 1.5% and 2% increases.

The Clerk stated that she did not think that Council could consider this Resolution tonight as the Recreation wages had not yet been added. This Resolution will be tabled until the June meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the letter of proposed rate increase from AQUA. Brief discussion followed.

Council reviewed a letter from Thomas Kelly, the attorney representing Service Electric Cable TV regarding renewal of the franchise agreement. Mrs. Tersigni stated that it mentions that the current agreement will expire in less than 36 months and she asked Mr. Edleston if we have plenty of time to do this. Mr. Edleston confirmed the same. Mrs. Tersigni voiced concern that the process got messed up last time. She added that they are asking the Borough and the BPU to commence the renewal process. Mr. Edleston stated they are asking to authorize this now and this will require a letter from the Borough giving municipal consent to renewing the agreement. He added that this could be signed by the Mayor or the Clerk.

The Clerk asked if we need to negotiate any of the terms of the agreement. She explained that we would want to keep our complimentary service at Borough Hall, the Fire House, the Bloomsbury Elementary School and that she would also like service at the Borough Park Garage so that she is able to view the security cameras remotely. She stated that Mr. Edleston said we just send a letter to renew but she questioned if by simply doing his, does the Borough get the same terms – or could we lose any services.

Mr. James asked if our letter is then going to say that we are interested in renewing and want to begin negotiations. Mr. Edleston stated the letter will now say that we want to consider renewing the franchise but that we may negotiate some terms. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anne Ferrero, 54 Main Street voiced concern about traffic and trucks parking along Route 173 by the truck stops. She explained that she feels that it is a safety concern and that it just continues to get worse. She said that Union Township has been very aggressive with dealing with their truck stops, so perhaps we could reach out to them to ideas. Mrs. Ferrero stated she was speaking to the Code Enforcement Officer and he advised that the parking ticket that we currently give is only \$54 and she does not feel that that is enough of a deterrent. She said she would like Council to consider passing a No Idling Ordinance to be consistent with state law so that it would give the Officer another option for ticketing because that is a \$250 ticket. Mrs. Ferrero stated she thought maybe we could do some better partnership with Perryville because it has been her observation that she doesn't think they are writing tickets at all. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Stiehler will reach out to Bloomsbury/Bethlehem Court or NJSP to try to obtain information regarding tickets issued in the area of the truck stops.

Mrs. Papics moved Council close Public Comment; seconded by Mr. Weger. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury has deemed it necessary to go into a closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury will go into closed session for the following reasons as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:14-2 to discuss litigation.

Mr. James moved Council to go into closed session, seconded by Stiehler at 9:18 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Weger moved Council close executive and return to regular session; seconded by Mrs. Papics. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council returned from executive session at approximately 10:15 PM.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that Council needs to take action on two items.

Mr. Edleston stated that Council will authorize a settlement proposal to Schuler's attorneys for 2013 & 2014 for \$190,000 and that letter will go out tomorrow. Mr. Weger moved Council authorize the same; seconded by Mrs. Papics. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Edleston stated that he will send a letter to Mr. Pacenti's Attorney indicating that a subcommittee of Council will conduct an investigation and that upon the conclusion of the investigation, he will be notified of the findings within 30 days. Mrs. Tersigni asked Mr. Stiehler if would like Mr. Edleston to send a draft letter to him for his review prior to sending it. Mr. Stiehler stated he can send it but he is the expert. Mr. Weger moved Council authorize the same; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. All ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Weger; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Burd Reindel, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk/Administrator