

**BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on February 24, 2015 at Borough Hall, 91 Brunswick Avenue, Bloomsbury, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the reading of the Sunshine Law by Kim Francisco

As required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 8, 2015 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 – excused
	Kathleen Jordan	Chris Smith
	Vicky Papics	Eric Weger
	Martha Tersigni, Mayor	William Edleston, Esq.

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Weger moved Council approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 25 & December 23, 2014, the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2014 & the Reorganization Meeting Minutes of January 1, 2015 by consent agenda; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. All ayes. James-abstain from Reorganization Meeting Minutes; Papics- abstain from November 25, 2014 Minutes and Weger- abstain from November 25, 2014 Minutes. Motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS

Mr. James moved Council approve the Tax Collector's Monthly Reports of December & January and the Annual Report for 2014 by consent agenda; seconded by Mrs. Papics.

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mr. Weger moved Council approve the Bill List of January 27, 2015 and February 24, 2015; seconded by Mr. Smith.

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

DRAFT BUDGET

Mr. Francisco provided Council with a copy of the proposed Budget for 2015. He stated that the revaluation for the Borough went down by \$20,000,000 collectively as a town. He explained it was worth \$109,000,000 and now its worth about \$89,000,000 so our tax rate will go up because if this. Mr. Francisco stated that the proposed budget would require a slight increase. He explained that if we were using last year's rate, most people would pay an additional \$27, but that with the re-val, some may pay less and some may pay more, but it is a modest increase of about \$12,000 total.

Mr. Francisco stated that 2% for salaries was included, a \$1,000 increase for the Fire Department, the pension and health insurance were adjusted based on the figures provided by the State, our liability insurance went down by \$6,000 which was a nice savings and during our insurance audit they recommended we add equipment to our playground to be ADA compliant so they are proposing those funds be used to buy some equipment this year. The garbage contract went up \$1,200 for the year.

Mr. Francisco reported that last year the summer recreation lost a lot of money and a budget transfer was needed. They had a trust fund but that money is depleted so we are going to have to current fund money for the summer rec program if it moves forward, so he did include that in this budget. Just because it is in there, doesn't mean we have to spend it. Discussion followed. Mr. Francisco explained that \$22,000 has been budgeted for engineering costs should we get a road improvement grant this year, and \$15,000 has been included for road work by a contractor like Pip's Paving as we did last year.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mrs. Tersigni stated that Council was reviewing reports dated January and February but they appear to cover from December 8th – February 12th, 2015. She advised that on January 23rd, two snow tickets were written and on February 23rd, 6 were issued.

Mr. Weger moved Council accept the Code Enforcement Reports of January and February; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

C. Smith:

Recreation –

- Mr. Smith advised that he met with the new lacrosse coordinator from Greenwich, Rob Donnelly and he advised they are planning opening day to be March 28th. Discussion followed. He asked about perhaps renting a port-o-john for the season as they will have 3 – 5 games every Saturday and Sunday in April and May. He added that this is good for concessions and they talked about adjusting the menu and he is favoring the same method of food being served at the lower level by the shed instead of having people walk up to the upper field. One issue raised was parking and they may have to consider adding signage because he know there have been concerns about parking on the grass. He would also like to utilize other areas for practice, perhaps behind the salt shed or in the softball outfield. Mr. Smith stated they would install temporary fencing and striping for this purpose, but they are looking for at least one other spot. It does not look like Greenwich will be utilizing our fields for softball this year, mostly due to reduced enrollment.
- Mr. Smith stated they have not had their March meeting yet, but summer recreation and deciding if they want to give it another go will be their primary discussion. He stated that they need to decide if they want to try again as is, with shorter hours, fewer weeks, etc. Mr. Smith stated that he is a fan of the program as a rule, but not of losing money. Mrs. Jordan stated that as a parent she feels that the kids are just bored. Discussion followed.

- Mr. James asked Council not forget about the Golf Outing for May 3rd for Green Pond Country Club. He advised it may cost an additional \$5 his year but they will need a check for the day of the event. They will not know the amount of the check until the day of. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Smith stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015.

K. Jordan:

Newsletter -

- Mrs. Jordan stated the Newsletter will be ready on Sunday – she will include the Spring Clean Up, an OEM announcement asking people to check their smoke detectors, Egg Hunt, Golf Outing, Senior Submission, EC Committee member request, Town for Sale on June 13th and info from the County website for collection days. Any additional information needs to be forwarded to Mrs. Jordan as soon as possible.

Board of Education –

- The High School is still on target to open in 2016.

C. James:

Environmental Committee –

- The Environmental Committee is seeking new members.

E. Weger:

DPW-

- Mr. Weger stated that the Clerk had provided information about getting a plow for the Kubota Tractor last year and he thinks that that would be a good option as it is difficult and dangerous to plow the alleys with the trucks. Mr. Weger stated that he had personally donated about 19 hours in the tractor or a truck helping to clear alleys and he has been shocked at how many vehicles have been left on the streets noting many are repeat offenders. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Weger stated that he has inspected the vehicles and they take a beating. He stated that just doing normal maintenance, oils changes, etc. could run us about \$1,000 a vehicle, but it needs to be done and one vehicle may need tires next year. Mr. Weger stated that he feels Council should consider purchasing a second mower as well so the DPW has a back up. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Tersigni thanked Mr. Weger for all the time he has put in and Mrs. Jordan thanked him for clearing snow at the curb by the school.

V.Papics:

BCC-

- The BCC will host the Town for Sale on June 13, 2015.

Fire Department-

- No report from Fire this month, but Mrs. Papics reminded everyone to check their smoke detectors, especially following the recent fire in town. She added that the home owners did find all of their cats.

Rescue-

- Mrs. Papics reported that according to a letter received tonight from Hunterdon County Communication, the Rescue Squad will cease operations March 5, 2015. Mrs. Tersigni stated that a few things occurred today, including Jim Anderson sending an email to Harry Heller at Communications stating that they will cease operations. Harry Heller then called the Clerk to give her a heads up and faxed a letter to the Mayor's Attention this afternoon reiterating the same. Mrs. Tersigni stated that this is how the Borough found out, and added that the Rescue Squad has not responded to any of her efforts to get any information regarding their contribution being put into this year's budget and we are still holding the money from last year. Council discussed rumors that the Rescue Squad is selling equipment. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Tersigni presented:**Clerk/Administrator's Report:****On Call Employees –**

- New Hire – Scott Gonzalez

2015 Financial Disclosure Statements –

- Mrs. Tersigni stated that the Clerk had mentioned that if we no longer have Commissions, those members would no longer have to complete the same.

M. Tersigni:**Planning Board-**

- The Planning Board met in January and February for their reorganization and regular meetings. Kimberly Wentzel is the Chairperson and Tom Reilly is the Vice Chair. The main topic for both meetings was approval for amended site plan for Travel Centers of America which will double the number of pumps and increase the size of the auto canopy. There will be improvements to lighting and site circulation.

Norfolk Southern Meetings-

- Mrs. Papics stated that she will attend a meeting on Thursday regarding oil tankers such as the one that recently exploded in Virginia. She explained that they are highly flammable and she will gather more information at the meeting on Thursday and report back.

Louis Tree Service-

- Mrs. Tersigni stated that she received notice that Louis Tree Service will be conducting tree trimming within the Borough and they are supposed to contact the Borough and property owners when they are doing the work, but they do have an easement to perform the same.

Mill Redevelopment –

- Mrs. Tersigni stated that she has been contacted by someone who has expressed an interest in the Black Mill, and that he has lots of ideas and the funding to move forward, but may now feel that 55 North could be a better fit. Mr. Edleston stated that he has received the signed deed from Zaleski and has sent the same to the County for filing last week, so the Mill is the Borough's again.

Recycling Coordinator –

- Mrs. Tersigni explained that Mr. Douglas has resigned as Borough Recycling Coordinator because his certification has expired and the cost to take the recertification credits will actually cost more than if he started over. She explained that she received correspondence from Alan Johnson, Hunterdon County district recycling coordinator stating that he has a \$4,000 grant with which he is going to investigate Hunterdon Council shared service for hauling trash and recycling hauling. She stated that she wants to contact Alan and ask about a shared service for a county wide recycling coordinator. Mr. Weger asked if the Borough garbage hauler may be qualified to be our coordinator. Discussion followed.

Bethlehem/Bloomsbury Joint Municipal Court –

- Mrs. Tersigni stated that we received a check for \$1,304.33 and the January report. Mr. Francisco stated that we also received a check yesterday for about \$1,096 and he is hopeful that we will receive about \$1,000 a month.

Service Electric Franchise Agreement –

- Mrs. Tersigni stated that we also received \$2416.00 for the Service Electric Franchise Agreement Fee.

Mrs. Tersigni reported that she was online and saw an article about Bloomsbury and the snow we have received and there were several pictures of kids on four wheel vehicles riding all over the park and she can't seem to stop it, but the State Police have been given that information.

PERRYVILLE STATE POLICE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

MAIN STREET PHASE III UPDATE

Mrs. Tersigni stated that she thinks we just need curb painting and striping at this time. We are holding the performance bond and they will need to reseed in the spring. Discussion followed.

BRUNSWICK AVENUE PHASE I

Mrs. Tersigni stated she has no news about the application. Mr. Smith asked if we had a plan for other streets in town. Discussion followed. Mr. Smith stated that he was recently made aware a few small sink holes on Deer Path. Mrs. Tersigni requested that someone provide official notification to the Clerk. Mr. Smith will get details about the location to Mrs. Tersigni so that the Engineer can look into it.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Mrs. Tersigni stated that she believes it is time to submit a letter to NJDOT and have them officially rescind the grant because we cannot meet the requirements. Martha stated that she could first write a letter to the Senators to see if there is anything they can do.

NORTH STREET/PICKEL LANE

Mrs. Tersigni stated that she knows that the Clerk has information regarding alleys and this will be discussed next month when she can be present.

NEW BUSINESS-

RESOLUTION 18-15 - CANCELLATION OF TAXES Block 17 Lot 41

WHEREAS, the following property has outstanding property taxes for 2015;

WHEREAS, this outstanding amount occurred due to the Borough of Bloomsbury acquiring the property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury this 27th day of January, 2015 that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the following taxes:

**Block 17 Lot 41
Borough of Bloomsbury
91 Brunswick Ave.**

1st Qtr.	\$121.88
2nd Qtr	<u>\$121.88</u>
Total	\$243.76

Mr. Weger Council adopt Resolution # 18-15, seconded Mrs. Papics.

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

RESOLUTION # 19-15 - ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES 2015

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Division of Public Health Services has determined to provide administration services for animal control officer services for the year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the County has awarded the services for municipalities within Hunterdon County to Animal Control & Investigative Services, LLC, 249 Goat Hill Road, Lambertville, NJ 08530 for 2015; and

WHEREAS, Bloomsbury Borough’s price for the year is \$1,200, to be billed by Hunterdon County on a quarterly basis, and which price is equal to or less than the proposals that were obtained individually;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED by the Common Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey as follows:

The Council is accepting the Hunterdon County proposal by advocating their authority to Hunterdon County to conduct Animal Control Services; and

The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute an amendment/rider to the Health Services Agreement between the Borough of Bloomsbury and Hunterdon County.

Mr. Weger Council adopt Resolution #19-15, seconded Mrs. Jordan.

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

RESOLUTION # 20-15 - BLOOMSBURY HOSE COMPANY # 1 INC. ON PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Hose Company No. 1 Inc. is the licensee on the application to conduct an On-Premise 50/50 Raffle on March 20, 2015 to be held at the Bloomsbury Hose Company, 91 Brunswick Avenue, from 6:00 – 11:00 PM.

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

WHEREAS, there appear to be no reasons to deny the aforesaid on-premise 50/50 raffle,

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

1. The on-premise 50/50 raffle application is approved contingent to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission approving said application.

RESOLUTION # 21-15 - BLOOMSBURY HOSE COMPANY # 1 INC. ON PREMISE DRAW RAFFLE

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Hose Company No. 1 Inc. is the licensee on the application to conduct an On-Premise Draw Raffle on March 20, 2015 to be held at the Bloomsbury Hose Company, 91 Brunswick Avenue, from 6:00 – 11:00 PM.

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

WHEREAS, there appear to be no reasons to deny the aforesaid On-Premise Draw Raffle,

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

1. The On-Premise Draw Raffle application is approved contingent to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission approving said application.

Mrs. Tersigni asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions #20-15 & #21-15 by consent agenda.

Mrs. Papics moved Council adopt Resolutions #20-15 & #21-15; seconded by Mrs. Jordan.
All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 22-15 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT WITH CERTAIN BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomsbury, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey requires the services of an engineer, auditor, attorney, and planner; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury are satisfied that the services to be provided by an engineer, auditor, attorney, special counsel and municipal planner are not susceptible to precise definition and that the bidding of same would be impracticable; and

WHEREAS, C. Richard Roseberry, P.E., P.P., C.M.E, of Maser Consulting is a duly qualified licensed engineer of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, William Schroeder of Nisivoccia and Company, is a duly qualified licensed auditor of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, William Edleston, Esq. is a duly licensed attorney of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, David Banisch, PP/AICP, of Banisch and Associates, is a duly qualified licensed professional planner of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Klepesch, Esq. is a duly licensed attorney of the State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are desirous of retaining the services of the aforementioned individuals;

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified that the contracts (recited below) with C. Richard Roseberry, of Maser Consulting, William Schroeder of Nisivoccia and Company, William Edleston, Esq., David Banisch of Banisch and Associates and Stuart Klepesch Esq. may exceed \$17,500 in value, and such parties have furnished to the Borough of Bloomsbury (or will furnish to the Borough of Bloomsbury prior to the effectiveness of an award of contract with them) a Business Entity Disclosure Certification certifying that their entity has not made any reportable contributions under the New Jersey Local Pay-To-Play Law (N.J.S.A. 19:4A-20.4 et seq.) and that they will not, during the term of their contract make any political contribution so reportable; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1et seq.) requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for Professional services without competitive bidding must be advertised,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

A. That the Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Bloomsbury are hereby authorized and directed to execute contracts with the following all being for a period of one year, ending on January 1, 2016, contingent upon receipt from each of the following where the contract may exceed \$17,500 of a Business Entity Certification certifying that their entity has not made any reportable contributions under the New Jersey Local Pay-To-Play Law (N.J.S.A. 19:4A-20.4 et seq.) and that they will not, during the term of their contract make any political contributions so reportable:

C. Richard Roseberry, P.E., P.P., C.M.E., of Maser Consulting is appointed Borough Engineer for the calendar year 2014.

William Schroeder is appointed Borough Auditor for the calendar year 2015.

William Edleston, Esq. is appointed Borough Attorney for the calendar year 2015.

David Banisch, PP/AICP is appointed Municipal Planner for the calendar year 2015.

Stuart Klepesch, Esq. is appointed Special Counsel for In Rem Foreclosure for the calendar year 2015.

B. These contracts are awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5-(1) (a) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

C. This resolution shall be published once in the Hunterdon County Democrat.

D. Copies of said professional agreements shall be maintained in the municipal offices of the Borough.

Mrs. Jordan moved Council adopt Resolution #22-15; seconded by Mr. Smith.

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

RESOLUTION # 23-15 - Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014-June 2019

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Hunterdon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Bloomsbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the North Hunterdon Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of:

DEDR: \$27,511

Cash Match: \$6,877.75

In-Kind: \$20,633.25

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Mr. Weger moved Council adopt Resolution #23-15; seconded by Mrs. Papics. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 24-15 - BLOOMSBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO ON-PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Elementary School PTO is the licensee on the application to conduct an On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held at the Bloomsbury Elementary School, 20 Main Street, Bloomsbury, NJ from 6-11 pm on May 15, 2015; and

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

WHEREAS, there appear to be no reasons to deny the aforesaid on-premise 50/50 raffle,

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

1. The on-premise 50/50 raffle application is approved contingent to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission approving said application.

RESOLUTION # 25-15 - BLOOMSBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO ON-PREMISE DRAW RAFFLE

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Elementary School PTO is the licensee on the application to conduct an On-Premise Draw Raffle to be held at the Bloomsbury Elementary School, 20 Main Street, Bloomsbury, NJ from 6-11 pm on May 15, 2015; and

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

WHEREAS, there appear to be no reasons to deny the aforesaid on-premise draw raffle,

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

1. The on-premise draw raffle application is approved contingent to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission approving said application.

Mr. Weger moved Council adopt Resolutions #24-15 & #25-15 by consent agenda; seconded by Mrs. Papis. All ayes. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION - ORDINANCE 101-15 - AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES & WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2015

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 2015:

Section 2. Salary and wage ranges for the year 2015 are as follows:

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. Borough Clerk/Administrator | \$20,000 - \$48,000 per year, plus
\$28.00-\$39.50/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 Assistant Supervisor | \$5,000 - \$16,500 per year, plus
\$15.00-20.50/hr for hours in excess of 65 per month |
| j. Planning Bd. Secretary | \$1,500 - \$5,000 per year |

- k. Code Enforcement Officer \$5,000 – \$8,000 per year, plus
\$25.00 per sidewalk inspection
- l. Assistant Code Enfor. Officer \$13.00 - \$15.00 per hour
- m. Emergency Mgt. Coordinator \$1,700 - \$4,000 per year
\$9.00 - \$11.00/hr. for extraordinary FEMA events
- n. Recycling Coordinator \$250 - \$1,000 per year
- o. Dog/Cat Licensing Official \$400 - \$2,000 per year
- p. Tax Clerk \$2,400 – \$3,000 per year
- q. Assistant EMC \$7.50 - \$10.00 per hour
- r. School Crossing Guard \$28.00 - \$33.00 per day
- s. Public Works - On Call Laborer \$15.00 - \$18.00 per hour
- t. Public Works - Seasonal Laborer \$9.00 - \$12.00 per hour
- u. Public Works – Specialized Laborer \$20.00 - \$30.00 per hour
- v. Summer Recreation Director \$15.00 - \$25.00 per hour
- w. Summer Recreation Junior Director \$9.00 - \$15.00 per hour
- x. Summer Recreation Student Aide \$7.25 – 8.50 per hour

Section 3. All ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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 #101-15; seconded by Mr. Smith.

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

The public hearing for Ordinance # 101-15 will be scheduled for March 24, 2015.

INTRODUCTION - ORDINANCE # 102-15 - CALENDAR YEAR 2015 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 1.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the

3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomsbury in the County of Hunterdon finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2014 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that a 2.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$13,193.80 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by, by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above, that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomsbury, County of Hunterdon, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2015 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Bloomsbury shall ,in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:40-45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$23,089.15, and that the CY 2015 municipal budget for the Borough of Bloomsbury be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mr. Weger moved Council introduce Ordinance # 102-15; seconded by Mr. Smith.

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

The public hearing for Ordinance #102-15 will be scheduled for March 24, 2015.

INTRODUCTION - ORDINANCE # 103-15 - AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 43 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY ENTITLED "RECREATION COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF"

BE IT ORDAINED that the following Sections of the Code of the Borough of Bloomsbury are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SECTION 43.1 Through SECTION 43.5 - REPEALED

This Ordinance shall take effect following final passage and publication in accordance with law.

Mr. Weger moved Council introduce Ordinance # 103-15; seconded by Mrs. Papics.
ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Jordan-aye; Papics-aye; Smith-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

The public hearing for Ordinance # 103-15 will be scheduled for March 24, 2015.

ORDINANCE # 104-15 - AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 43 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY TO BE ENTITLED "RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE"

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury that a Recreation Advisory Committee is hereby established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:81-13.

SECTION 43.1 Committee Created. There is hereby created a Recreation Advisory Committee pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-6.

SECTION 43.2 Membership. The membership of the committee shall consist of three members who are residents of the Borough and shall be appointed by the Mayor.

SECTION 43.3 Term of Office: Vacancies. All appointments shall be made by the Mayor for a term of three years with any vacancy occurring therein to be filled for the unexpired term only. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the members shall serve until their respective successors are appointed and qualify.

SECTION 43.4 Compensation. All committeepersons shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 43.5 Function. The Recreation Advisory Committee shall function only to make recommendations regarding the expenditure of funds related to recreation involving the Borough. Borough Council shall have the sole authority to approve any expenditures recommended and to determine the disbursement of all funds related to matters of recreation.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

This Ordinance shall take effect following a public hearing thereon and adoption and publication in accordance with law.

Mr. Weger moved Council introduce Ordinance # 104-15; seconded by Mrs. Papics.
ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Jordan-aye; Papics-aye; Smith-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

The public hearing for Ordinance # 104-15 will be scheduled for March 24, 2015.

2015 CONTRIBUTION REQUESTS

Mrs. Tersigni stated that requests for 2015 municipal contributions were sent out again this year. She received a response right away from the Bloomsbury Hose Co. No. 1 but has heard nothing from Rescue to date.

Bloomsbury Hose Company No. 1

Chief McNulty stated that they had 96 Calls in 2014. He said they appreciate Council's support. They had some forethought about what was going on with the Rescue Squad when they purchased their new engine and they purchased the Jaws of Life last year for that vehicle and it is in service. He added that there is still additional equipment that they need to purchase and some training that they need but they are ready to take over the auto extrication services that were provided by the Bloomsbury Rescue Squad. Mr. McNulty stated that it is a shame what happened with the Rescue Squad. The Fire Department understands that it is hard getting volunteers and in the State of New Jersey in order to be a firefighter, you have to be certified in firefighter 1 which takes 232 hours of unpaid time to go to school.

Chief McNulty stated that they are pursuing additional fundraising opportunities and that they are very conservative with their funds adding that they don't buy top of the line gear, but provide their guys with the safety equipment out there. The new truck has been a huge asset and the new radios have been as well. He explained that he is now able to talk to communications over the radio which was not possible previously. They used some of the funds provided by the Borough to purchase the new radio equipment to refit all the trucks and for all the interior firemen with portable radios so it's a big deal.

Chief McNulty stated that currently one of their members is an EMT and three others are EMR certified. The Engines and Command Vehicle have first responder bags, AED's, backboards and oxygen so they are able to provide care in waiting for the EMS services to arrive. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that she spoke to Mark Mason of Pattenburg Rescue today and he also received the letter from Harry Heller. He indicated that they would like to receive some compensation from the Borough for coverage. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that it appears that the Bloomsbury Rescue Squad have either sold or are in the process of selling three or four of their vehicles. Mrs. Tersigni stated that she heard they planned to sell the rescue vehicle to Pohatcong Township and she has emails into the Mayors of Bethlehem Township and Pohatcong Township to see if they knew anything about this and this was before the letter came from Harry Heller. Chief McNulty stated that per their constitution, article eleven, all the materials that they dissolve have to go to Bloomsbury Borough or areas that they serve. He stated that he is not sure if that means it is offered to Bloomsbury first or not. Mr. Edleston stated that he cannot interpret it yet as they need to comply with the state statute as well. He said the state statute outlines how you have to dissolve a non-profit corporation and deals with the distribution of assets stated that they don't want any of the vehicles, but the dissolution needs to go properly and that the vehicles and equipment should stay in Hunterdon County. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Tersigni reported that Mark Mason of Pattenburg Rescue stated they responded to Bloomsbury calls 25 times last year, 24 times in 2013 and 18 times in 2012 and he is willing to provide additional information if needed. Discussion followed. Chief McNulty stated that there is a great system in Hunterdon County for EMS and Fire Services through Communications.

Chief McNulty asked for funding to stay the same for 2015 and stated he feels that the Fire Department has a great working relationship with Council. Mr. Smith thanked the Chief and members for their service. Discussion followed.

2015 LEASE AGREEMENT

Council reviewed the 2015 lease for Borough Hall.

Mr. Smith moved Council authorize the Mayor sign the 2015 lease; seconded by Mr. Weger.

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

TAX ASSESSOR UPDATE

Mrs. Tersigni stated she has had minimal contact with the Tax Assessor, but she did let her know that all of the pictures that were taken during the reassessment process were able to be uploaded to the system so if anyone calls for appeals, it is there which will help with quality control on her end.

ON CALL EMPLOYEE

Mrs. Tersigni stated that Scott Gonzalez has already worked for the Borough in several storms.

Mrs. Papics moved Council authorize Scott Gonzalez be added to the On-Call Employee list; seconded by Mrs. Jordan.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed correspondence. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Weger moved Council open the meeting to public comment; seconded by Mrs. Papics. All ayes. Motion carried.

Craig Staible, 26 Milford Road appeared before Council to voice his continued concern for tractor trailers traveling down Milford Road despite the weight limit restriction of 4 tons. He questioned if the Borough would be able to install a 4 ton limit sign in the middle of the bridge. Mrs. Tersigni stated that we are not permitted to do so. Mr. Staible stated that the new Borough liaison to NJSP came to his home and said that he does occasionally ride the back roads to check. Mr. Staible stated that the trucks always seem to be in town when the police are not. He expressed his concern for tractor trailers traveling the narrow road. Discussion followed.

Beth Styler Barry, Musconetcong Watershed stated that she sent something to the Clerk in early February based on a conversation she had had with the Mayor after the workshop. She explained there is a 319 grant which may provide funding to assist a few residents with septic issues. The Engineer at Rutgers is willing to complete the grant, but needs a resolution of support from the Borough before he proceeds. Ms. Styler Barry stated that she wants to help what seems like a community with a pretty big problem with a water quality issue. She tried to explore the different opportunities out there and this is the one that is

upcoming. Discussion followed. Ms. Styler Barry stated that if the Council should resolves that they will accept the use of alternative technology, agree to meet with the engineer from Rutgers and would endorse pursuing this grant application by adopting a resolution to that affect, they will move forward.

Karen Murray 120 Willow Avenue stated that anything that Ms. Styler Barry is presenting, she has reviewed thoroughly and it would be a shame not to pursue it.

Mr. Weger moved Council close public comment, seconded by Mr. Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 26-15 - RESOLUTION SUPPORTING JOINT GRANT APPLICATION WITH MUSCONNECTCONG WATERSHED ASSOCIATION AND RUTGERS STATE UNIVERSITY TO PURSUE FUNDING FROM NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST (319(H) FUNDING FOR ALTERNATE TECHNOLOGIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, effective June 2, 2012, all cesspools that are part of a real property transfer must be abandoned and replaced with a conforming system in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:9A; and

WHEREAS, many homes within the Borough of Bloomsbury are serviced either by cesspools or failing septic systems and are located on small lots that make a conforming system replacement extremely difficult, thereby impacting residents who wish to sell their homes and cannot due to the property's size or topographic constraints; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council have been approached by a representative of the Musconnectcong Watershed Association requesting the Borough's participation in a joint grant application to seek funding through NJDEP 319(h) in order to fund a pilot program to investigate alternate technologies that would address the problem of cesspool/failing septic system replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is amenable to making the joint application with the Musconnectcong Watershed Association and Rutgers State University to pursue grant funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that this Resolution is hereby adopted, signifying the Borough's consent to the joint grant application with the

express condition that the Borough shall not in any fashion be obligated to expend any funds in connection with that application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bloomsbury Borough Engineer and the Hunterdon County Health Department shall be consulted with reference to any proposed alternate technologies.

Mr. Weger moved Council adopt oral Resolution #26-15, supporting a joint application with the Watershed Association and Rutgers University to pursue a 319 grant application; seconded by Mr. Smith. ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Jordan-aye; Papics-aye; Smith-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Weger agreed to work with Ms. Styler Barry and the representative from Rutgers on the application process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Jordan; seconded by Mr. Smith. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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