

**BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 22, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on April 22, 2014 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 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 - excused	Al Stiehler
	Kathleen Jordan	Chris Smith
	Vicky Papics	Eric Weger - excused
	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 and potential litigation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Jordan moved Council adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25; seconded by Mrs. Papics. All ayes. Motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS

Mrs. Papics moved Council approve the Tax Collector's Monthly and Quarterly Reports dated March 31, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith.

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mr. Smith moved Council approve the Bill List of April 22, 2014; seconded by Mr. Stiehler.

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

SECOND READING – 2014 BUDGET

Mr. Schroeder stated that the Budget as introduced raises taxes about \$20,000 which is two tax points. He explained we had several one-time expenses for this year including \$10,000 for road repairs, \$15,500 for a reassessment and \$8,800 for ball field repairs. Mr. Schroeder said that for the average home assessed at \$265,000 this will mean an under \$60/year increase.

Mr. Stiehler moved Council open the public hearing; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. All ayes. Motion carried.

No Public Comment was heard.

Mrs. Papics moved Council close the Public Hearing; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Stiehler moved Council adopt the 2014 Budget; seconded by Mr. Smith.

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

AUDIT OF 2013

Mr. Schroeder stated that they had just one comment and recommendation for segregation of duties; which is quite common in small to medium size municipalities. He added that in order to change this we would need to hire additional employees and it doesn't make economic sense to do so, but it is their job as auditors to point it out every year. Mr. Schroeder stated that the audit was great and our fund balance is solid. Mr. Francisco stated that next month, the Clerk will have a resolution on the agenda, so he asked that Council members please review, at a minimum the comments and recommendations found in the Audit.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

K. Jordan:

Board of Education-

- Mrs. Jordan reported that the 2014-2015 calendar has not been approved yet and the meeting was short this month.

V. Papics:

BCC-

- Mrs. Papics stated that the Celebrations Committee plan to host their event for the Hunterdon County 300th Celebration at the Annual Town for Sale. She explained that it is the Borough's 34th year and they plan to have a tent with information about the history of the Borough and books for sale. They are hoping that the school will be interested in getting involved as well.

Bloomsbury Rescue Squad –

- Mrs. Papics reported that there was no quorum, so nothing new to report except that Chucks Kubles is now in charge because Jim Anderson stepped down as Chief.

Bloomsbury Hose Company –

- They do not have any new information regarding the suspicious fires that had started along Musconetcong Drive and they are still under investigation.
- Mrs. Papis reported that the Hose Company did purchase a state of the art Jaws of Life which can be used by just one person.
- She explained that they voted to set up a somewhat temporary agreement for Rescue to house in the bird's nest of the fire house once they get displaced from their current location. Brief discussion followed.

C. Smith:

Recreation –

- Mr. Smith reported that the Egg Hunt went well.
- They are in the midst of lacrosse season and they set up a snack tent at the lower field which is well supported and they have taken in about \$900 in receipts so far. Mrs. Tersigni asked Mr. Smith to forward any game schedules he may have so that mowing of the fields can be planned.
- Mr. Smith stated that the softball field back stop is in need of repair. He has requested quotes from two contractors but only received a response from one so far. He said that there is a church league that plays there and they are running into the rec league so they are working on that. Mr. Smith will get their schedules as well, but he believes that the first scheduled game is May 4th. Discussion followed. Mr. Smith stated the recreation team practices Mondays and Thursdays and their games begin in May and they will have 6 home games.
- Mr. Smith stated that lacrosse has installed a temporary snow fence to keep balls from going into the woods.

A. Stiehler:

Bloomsbury Bethlehem Court-

- Mr. Stiehler stated that Mr. Francisco will be meeting with Bethlehem tomorrow to go over last year's numbers and they will have more information for next month's Council meeting.

A. Stiehler for C. James:

Environmental Advisory Committee –

- Litter patrol and storm drain labeling event will be held from 9 – Noon on May 17th. Post cards with event information should be delivered to residents by May 1st. Cub Scouts will be helping with the event and Committee would like to give a \$250 donation for helping. He added that Mr. James would like to purchase 80 storm drain label markers which are 4" and they say "No Dumping – Drains to River". He advised that the stencil will be used for the drains in the street without curbing. They will purchase additional

supplies as needed from Lowe's and use the items purchased for last year's clean up. Food will be purchased from Famiglia's.

A. Stiehler for L. Burd Reindel:

Clerk/Administrator's Report-

- **UPDATES TO EMPLOYEE POLICY & PROCEEDURE MANUAL**

As discussed and distributed to Council via email – the Clerk received no comments – so all the new sections were added and the Contents & Index pages were updated accordingly. Mr. Edleston stated it can be adopted as a whole by resolution this evening.

- **ANNUAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

– Another new submission process this year. Paper copies used to be submitted, then they created an online scan/submit method last year that was a mess. The Clerk logged into a webinar session to learn the new system last week. These were typically due April 30th of each year, but with all the technical issues last year that date was extended several times, and at the end of the webinar – they admitted they are having issues with the new system and cannot yet “Go Live” – they promise to keep the Clerks updated.

- **BART – Diesel Retrofit Program**

– The Clerk was able to reach someone who is new to that division who was helpful. He admitted the system and rules as set up by the EPA are not user friendly – especially to small towns with older vehicles. He was nice enough to reach out to a vendor on the “approved list” and forwarded our vehicle VIN #'s and Years/Make to him and he send her the required “Except” letter the next day! The Clerk completed the worksheet and submitted everything last week.

- **STREET SWEEPING**

– The Clerk still has not received any response from the other two companies she contacted- ABE Paving, whom we have used in the past said they will be available for us on or about May 1st. As reported last month, cost would be \$98/hr. for the sweeper and \$45/hr. for a dump truck. The Clerk asked that Council decide which streets will be swept and determine if our DPW will again supply the dump truck & take the sweepings to the park parking lot.

Council discussed the stone that had been applied during inclement weather this year and the need to have that removed from all streets. Council would like the Clerk to hire ABE Paving for a full day and the Borough DPW will provide the dump truck and water.

- **VANDALISM – ARREST**

– The Clerk stated that John McGourty is expected to provide an update this evening. She has received a memo and information from the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy asking that she provide a statement to the prosecutor explaining the impact of the crime and if we seek restitution. She plans to work with Bill to complete the same. She assumes Council would be in favor of asking to be compensated at a minimum - for time and materials to remove/cover the graffiti at the pavilion. She understands Bob got paint to cover what was painted on the concrete floor,

but the benches were damaged too. She asked that Council discuss what needs to be done for us to be made whole and what we think the approximate cost would be.

Mr. Stiehler stated that he feels the Borough should be compensated for every penny spent. Mrs. Tersigni stated we should be compensated for the time to review the tape and to work with the Police as well. Brief discussion followed.

- **PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS/PAY TO PLAY DOCS-** The Clerk is finally in receipt of all contracts and pay to play documents for all professionals for 2014. She is frustrated with the length of time/number of reminders it seems to take each year to get the required information and asks Council to consider supporting her by setting new requirement that Professionals will not be re-appointed at Re-Org if these items have not been submitted in advance. A letter could be drafted to that effect and be sent out to all professionals at the beginning of December each year- giving them plenty of time to comply.

Council discussed the same and agreed that the letter should be drafted and sent out as suggested by the Clerk.

- **MEL – TRAINING FOR COUNCIL –** To date, 5 of us have completed the training which should result in a premium savings of \$1,250 for the year – everyone is encouraged to complete the same so we can save the maximum of \$2,500. Let the Clerk know if she needs to re-send the info instructions.

Mr. Stiehler and Mrs. Jordan stated they will complete the training in the near term.

- **CODE UPDATES-** The Clerk reminded Council that the CODE was not updated last year as the required Ordinance was not ready in time to have first reading & public hearing in 2013 Calendar year. At this point, she would like Council to discuss and consider any changes for no parking/yellow curb areas, as well as any other discrepancies they may have stumbled across with the code since last year – and get to work on an Ordinance to include everything we have to this point. She asked all Council members let her know of any issues/typos/problems found while using the CODE so we don't miss anything.
- **TAX OFFICE-** Tax Lien for Block 25; Lot 11 has been reassigned and the Clerk received and deposited the purchases check for \$10,987.67 on 4/16/14. Resolution about the same will be considered by Council later in the Agenda.
- **TAX APPEALS – 2014**
The Clerk is in receipt of 6 residential & 2 Commercial/Industrial appeals; (TA & 75 North) however, I believe that when Eloise checked with the County there was at least 1 additional residential appear which was filed, but proper notice was not provided. She was not sure how/if this affects their appeal.

- **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-** Brush Pick Up was delayed because the chipper was not running properly. Steve Douglas, Bethlehem Twp. DPW Supervisor, had the fuel pump replaced and our DPW were going to pick it up and begin clean up 4/17/14.
- The Clerk reported that Mr. Heinrich voiced concern about finding that many vehicles parked on the grass again at the park, some drove on grass all the way down to the lower field. He requested the Clerk purchase “NO PARKING ON GRASS” Signs to stop this. Perhaps a meeting with Greenwich Rec is needed to ensure all coaches are aware this is prohibited.
- **POT HOLE LIST-** The Clerk understood that at the March meeting Mr. Weger stated that he would start a new road repair list and she wondered if he had met with Mr. Heinrich yet. The Clerk would like to have list as soon as possible so I can call for prices and get our work scheduled as soon as possible.

M. Tersigni:

Planning Board –

- Mrs. Tersigni reported the Pasculli shed variance application was deemed complete.
- The McNulty shed/garage variance application was deemed complete and we held the public hearing and approvals were granted.

In-Rem Foreclosure-

- Mrs. Tersigni stated the foreclosure proceeding should be complete in the next 60 days and she believes we need to start developing ideas about what we want to do with those properties, if they will be sold, if anything may be held for future municipal use. She explained she is considering developing a subcommittee to include a member of the planning board and she asked that anyone interested in serving on the committee contact her about the same.

Mayor’s Round Table –

- Mrs. Tersigni reported that the last Mayor’s roundtable was held on April 8th and Rescue was asked to provide documentation in advance of this meeting. Mrs. Tersigni explained that nothing was received until the night of the meeting and the Clerk scanned the information that was provided and emailed that to all Council for their review.

Chris Spitzer emailed Mrs. Tersigni on April 11, 2014 and notified her that more information would be forthcoming but nothing new has been received to date. As of April 8th, Rescue had no plan in place and some of the Mayors and their municipalities are losing patience with the situation. Mrs. Tersigni said that as Vicky stated, they will be out by the 15th and they will use this station as their base and if nothing is resolved then the Fire Department will begin dissolution of the Rescue Squad to be completed

sometime in September. There will be another Mayor's roundtable on May 1st to continue discussions. Mrs. Tersigni stated that all Mayor's voiced concern about what would happen with the Rescue Vehicle that the towns have all been contributing money toward. Discussion followed.

Mulch Purchase-

- Mrs. Tersigni stated that many places are out of certified playground mulch. She added that Green Pond Nursery who always gave us the best price in years past of about \$1,400 gave a price of \$2,500 this year. Mrs. Tersigni found a place in Pennsylvania who felt they could keep their price and delivery around \$1,200.

Mrs. Jordan moved Council authorize the purchase of 40 cubic yards of certified playground mulch for a cost not to exceed \$1,400; seconded by Mrs. Papics.

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

Woodland Terrace – Parking on Cul-de-sac-

- The Fire Department went out to flush a fire hydrant on the cul-de-sac and residents were parked head on to the curb and two deep so the Fire Department could not maneuver the truck in the area. The Fire Chief stated that he cannot guarantee their ability to respond or adequately fight a fire with parking like that. Mrs. Tersigni stated that a letter was sent out to everyone reminding them that under state law only curb side parallel parking is permitted. She explained that the letter was not received very well by several people in the area.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that she spoke to the Borough Engineer and he stated that it is a 100' cul-de-sac and should have room for head on parking, certainly not two deep and they are not sure exactly how many spots would be allowed. If head on parking is to be permitted Council would have to adopt an ordinance regarding the same. Mrs. Tersigni stated that a neighborhood cannot make up their own parking rules and that many residents in the area feel they will no longer be able to entertain at their homes without this parking. She added that the Fire Chief is adamant that no head on parking should be allowed to ensure the safety of the residents. Discussion followed. Mrs. Tersigni will reach out to them about the plans and give them to Rick.

Tax Appeals-

- As of today, there are two commercial appeals involving three parcels of land. One is a large appeal at the State Court level and the other property was in foreclosure and sold for far less than our assessed value. There are 8 residential appeals. Mrs. Tersigni stated she added up the requests for reductions and the total is in excess of \$600,000.

Borough Files-

- Mrs. Tersigni reported that Mr. Zederbaum, former Borough Engineer has destroyed Borough files. He claims that we refused a certified letter wherein he supposedly requested direction on what to do with those files. She personally checked with the Post Office and there is nothing at the Bloomsbury or Phillipsburg Post Office that is waiting to be delivered here. They have no record of anything being delivered here. Mr.

Zederbaum contacted Mr. Roseberry who immediately contacted Lisa who immediately got back to him and said yes, please bring the files here, as we have been looking for files for years, and in that short window of time, Zederbaum says we refused the certified letter and he destroyed everything.

Mrs. Papics asked if he would have some proof that a certified was attempted. Council agreed. Mrs. Tersigni stated that we were involved in litigation at one point, asked for files and claimed everything was destroyed in a flood.

STATE POLICE – PERRYVILLE

Mrs. Tersigni stated that she was hoping they would be here, explaining that there have been several graffiti incidents and an increased police presence with multiple cars to a call and she is unsure what may be going on.

OLD BUSINESS

MAIN STREET PHASE III

Nothing new to report.

BRUNSWICK AVENUE PHASE I

Nothing new to report.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Mrs. Tersigni asked if any members of Council who requested information about this and offered to look into it had anything new. No one had anything additional to report.

MILL REDEVELOPMENT

Mr. Edleston stated that he reached out to the principal of AES and he advised that one of the permits expired and the DEP is taking the position that it cannot be renewed or extended. They have hired a consultant to meet with the DEP representative who made this decision because they do not agree with it. They will let the Borough the outcome and what direction they are going at the end of May. Discussion followed.

NORTH STREET/PICKEL LANE UPDATE

Nothing new to report.

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Mrs. Tersigni explained that Hunterdon Humane Animal Shelter notified the Clerk after the March meeting that they would no longer be providing Animal Control Services effective May 1, 2014. State law requires that every municipality have animal control and the Clerk has reached out to two companies to obtain quotes for service. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Moved Council authorize the Clerk to enter into an agreement for animal control services through the end of 2014 for a cost not to exceed \$1,500; seconded by Mr. Stiehler.

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

SUMMER RECREATION- WAGE & HOUR

Mr. Francisco stated that employees must be 14 years old with working papers and the Federal minimum wage is \$8.25/hr. but because we are a unit of the State, it does not apply to the Borough so we could go with \$7.25/hr. All employees will have to go through payroll and it will cost the Borough more to have the payroll company process them. Discussion followed. Mr. Smith and the Recreation Commission will decide how many assistants they think they need to hire and report the same to Council at the May meeting. Mr. Francisco advised that they will need to come in by mid June to get signed up for payroll.

MUNICIPAL REASSESSMENT

Mr. Edleston will be working on a contract with Assessor Services and we will have something to review at the May meeting. Mrs. Tersigni stated that we will also something describing the duties of the Tax Assessor through this period as well.

NEW BUSINESS-

RESOLUTION #30-14 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF UNCOLLECTED RECEIVABLE BALANCE OF \$11,697.71 FROM THE STATE OF NJ, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MAIN STREET PHASE 1 AND 2 GRANTS

WHEREAS, a receivable balance of \$11,697.71 entitled Main Street – Phase 1 & 2 remains on the Grant Fund Balance Sheet dedicated to a State grant which has been completed,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel the receivable and its off-setting appropriation from the balance sheet, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following grant receivable and appropriation balances be cancelled in the amount of \$11,697.71.

Account Title		Amount
Main Street Phase 1 and 2	Appropriation	\$11,697.71
Main Street Phase 1 and 2	Receivable	\$11,697.71

Mrs. Papics moved Council adopt Resolution # 30-14; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 31-14 – NJDOT NO PASSING ZONE

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) recently completed a traffic investigation on Route 173 in the Borough of Bloomsbury; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT investigation revealed the current pavement markings on Route 173 meet and conform to current design standards; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT will update existing records to reflect current No Passing Zone conditions along Route 173;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that it supports the use of a “No Passing Zone” on Route 173 in the Borough of Bloomsbury as recommended by NJDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to NJDOT as requested.

Mr. Smith moved Council adopt Resolution # 31-14; seconded by Mr. Siehler All ayes. Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 32-14 - RELAY FOR LIFE OF HUNTERDON

WHEREAS, Relay For Life is the signature activity of the American Cancer Society and celebrates cancer survivors and caregivers, remembers loved ones lost to the disease, and empowers individuals and communities to come together to recognize and fight back against cancer; and

WHEREAS, the funds raised during Relay For Life of Hunterdon supports the American Cancer Society’s mission of saving lives and creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays – by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures for cancer, by fighting back.

WHEREAS, Relay for Life helped fund more than \$150 million in cancer research last year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury does hereby proclaim June 13th and 14th of 2014 as,

"RELAY FOR LIFE DAYS"

in Hunterdon County and encourage our citizens to participate in the Relay For Life event at Hunterdon Central High School on June 13th to 14th, 2014.

Mrs. Papics moved Council adopt Resolution # 32-14; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. All ayes.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 33-14 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 authorizes assignment by a municipality of tax sale certificates for the full amount of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. Cicchiello has presented an offer to purchase, by assignment, Certificate of Sale #2013-002 which were issued to the Borough of Bloomsbury at a tax sale held on December 4, 2013, on Block 25, Lot 11, known as 139 Main Street, Bloomsbury, NJ, and assessed to Mr. & Mrs. Warner, in the amounts of \$10,987.67, being the full amounts of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Bloomsbury hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the necessary assignment document to effect assignment of the above referenced Certificate of Sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

Mrs. Papics moved Council adopt Resolution # 33-14; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. All ayes.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 34-14 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING OFFICIAL FORM OF ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to revise the form for the Borough Zoning Permit application; and

WHEREAS, the contents of the Zoning Permit application have been reviewed by the Mayor and Borough Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective April 22, 2014, the form of the Zoning Permit application as annexed hereto is hereby adopted.

Mrs. Papics moved Council adopt Resolution # 34-14; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. All ayes.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 35-14 - RESOLUTION ADOPTING PERSONNEL POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL & AMENDMENTS THERETO

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take official action adopting the Borough Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual and all recommended amendments thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective April 22, 2014, the Personal Policies and Procedures Manual which is incorporated herein by reference is hereby adopted in its entirety and this Resolution will be construed as well for the future adoption of all amendments thereto.

Mrs. Papics moved Council adopt Resolution # 35-14; seconded by Mr. Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 36-14 - RESOLUTION TO ENABLE CERTAIN PURCHASES TO BE INCURRED WITHOUT PRIOR COUNCIL APPROVAL

WHEREAS, Borough of Bloomsbury has heretofore adopted a Resolution establishing a limit of \$500.00 toward purchases to be made without prior Council approval; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend that prior Resolution eliminating the \$500.00 limitation due to circumstances that occur from time to time whereby purchases must be made exceeding that limit which must be incurred prior to the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective this 22nd day of April, 2014, the Borough Clerk/Administrator is hereby authorized in her discretion to undertake purchases without prior Council approval subject to availability of funds in order to incur same and with the consent of either the Borough Mayor, Chief Financial Officer or Council President. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Mrs. Papics moved Council adopt Resolution # 36-14; seconded by Mrs. Jordan.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Jordan-aye; Papics-aye; Smith-aye; Stiehler-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 37-14 - RESOLUTION ENDORSING SEPTIC ALTERATION
APPLICATION SEPTIC SYSTEM WAIVER REQUEST
MICHAEL VISCEL - 22, 24 BRUNSWICK AVENUE
BLOCK 17; LOT 3

WHEREAS, application has been received for a septic system alteration design for Block 17, Lot 3 (22, 24 Brunswick Avenue) by the use of seepage pits; and

WHEREAS, certain waivers are required in connection with same all of which are detailed in a letter prepared by the Borough Engineer, C. Richard Roseberry, PE, dated April 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer's letter concludes that the existing system on the property in question is a malfunctioning system with no expansion and that following the alteration and granting of the requested waivers, the system will be closer to being in conformance with code requirements than the original components;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that the septic system alteration is hereby endorsed and the requested waiver requests are hereby granted in accordance with Code Standards subject to the applicant's compliance with the following conditions:

- (a) Installation of an impervious liner on the house-side of the seepage pits at an elevation above the basement floor elevation.
- (b) Installation of low flow fixtures in both dwelling units including toilets, faucets and shower heads.
- (c) Stakeout of the components of the septic system by a Licensed Land Surveyor.

- (d) Compliance with all conditions imposed by the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Division of Public Health Services.
- (e) Compliance with the deed restriction requirement as set forth in the letter from the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Division of Public Health Services.
- (f) Execution by the Applicant of a Hold Harmless Agreement to the Borough of Bloomsbury which agreement is annexed hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk for public inspection.

Mr. Stiehler moved Council adopt Resolution # 37-14; seconded by Mr. Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

CFO – 2014 CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Papics moved Council authorize Mr. Francisco to attend the 2014 Tax Collector and Treasurer’s Conference for a cost not to exceed \$500; seconded by Mrs. Jordan.

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

MUSCONETCONG WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Beth Styler Barry stated that they have received funding and have partnered with North Jersey Resource Conservation and Development to offer a free water test to anyone who gets their septic system pumped for up to 50 residents. They explained this is a three year grant and they may reach out to the Borough Environmental Committee to hold an event in the Borough. Discussion followed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed correspondence including the information from the Bloomsbury Rescue Squad which was emailed to Councilmembers in advance of the meeting a letter from Mr. Edleston to the County Tax Court dated April 14, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

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 potential litigation.

Mrs. Papics moved Council to go into closed session, seconded by Mrs. Jordan at 8:33 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion followed.

Council returned from executive session at approximately 9:10 PM. No action was taken.

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

Mrs. Tersigni stated that based on discussion, Council will instruct Mr. Edleston to write a letter regarding the on call employee and threatened litigation to further define the basis behind the allegations in his letter, identify if there are any Borough Employees who are targeted by the allegations in his letter and to invite he and his attorney to appear at a future Council meeting where the issue that is contained in this letter will be discussed and heard by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Stiehler. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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