

**BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on February 25, 2014 at Borough Hall, 91 Brunswick Avenue, Bloomsbury, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 - excused
	Vicky Papics – arrived-7:40	Eric Weger
	Martha Tersigni, Mayor	William Edleston, Esq.

FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Tersigni stated that public comment will be limited to five minutes per person.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Session Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2013 will be held for approval at the March meeting.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS

Council reviewed the Tax Collector's Monthly reports dated January 31, 2014.

Mr. Stiehler moved Council approve the Tax Collector's Report; seconded by Mr. Weger.

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mr. Weger moved Council approve the Bill List of February 25, 2014; seconded by Mr. Stiehler.

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

BUDGET MEETING

Mr. Francisco stated that the budget subcommittee met last night to go over the draft budget for 2014. He explained that most items remained the same as last year. He stated they did increase the line items for health insurance, regular insurance and pensions and that those costs go up every year. Mr. Francisco stated that they added 2% for salary increases. He explained that some of the big items that have been discussed was the reassessment which would cost \$15,000 and the survey work for Musconetcong Drive for \$6,000. He stated that the street budget was increased by \$3,000 and under capital we included \$8,800 for ball field improvements and \$10,000 for road reconstruction for pot hole repair. Mr. Francisco stated that the backhoe

attachment was taken out of the current budget and if it is needed and purchased this year, it will come out of Capital.

Mr. Francisco stated that this is a draft budget but preliminarily, this would include a 2 cent increase with these new expenditures which for an average home in the Borough would mean about \$50 - \$60 a year or \$5 per month for 2014. Discussion followed. If anyone has any questions, Mr. Francisco is available every Monday evening at Borough Hall.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mrs. Jordan moved Council accept the Code Enforcement Report of February 20, 2014; seconded by Mr. Weger. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. Burd for C. Smith:

Recreation-The golf outing has been confirmed for May 4, 2014. Mr. James stated that are getting a website set up for registration and payments. He stated they will start at 11:30 and cost will be \$105 per person, but if you register a four-some it will be \$95 each and kids 17 and under will be \$85. Mr. James stated that this will go out in the newsletter, over the email blast and there will be posters everywhere. He stated that they need to get sponsors for the event and if anyone has a business that would be interested, he can email out a formal letter about the same.

C. James:

Environmental Advisory Committee –

- Mr. James stated they met with an Ambassador to the Musconetcong Watershed Association and he will be helping them to organize an event with the Girl scouts, Boy scouts and residence to clean up the park and town. They are looking to May 17th or 31st as possible dates. They hope to get storm drains labeled at the same event. They have monthly meetings scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of every month in March, April & May to try to get it off the ground. If they can't get it all pulled together by the March meeting, they will postpone it to ensure that they have enough time to advertise for it. He would like to spend the rest of the Clean Communities money to add more improvements to the park. Mr. James stated he heard that the doggy depots are incomplete, that signage is up but not the baskets. Discussion followed. The Clerk will follow up with the DPW.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that she will meet with Mr. James to discuss how much of the Clean Communities money they would like to spend on that and see what may be available for street sweeping, noting that the stone we used for traction in the snow storms will need to be picked up so it does not end up in the storm drains.

A. Stiehler:

Bloomsbury Bethlehem Court-

- Mr. Stiehler stated that he met with the Prosecutor and Judge tonight and court has been going along fine, and it was nice to finally meet them. Donna will have reports to us shortly. She is a little behind due to missed Court dates due to weather, but she will have them soon.

K. Jordan:

Board of Education-

- Mrs. Jordan stated that unfortunately due to personal reasons, Mrs. Treanor has resigned as President and also from the School Board and there will be a vacant seat. She assumes that Mr. Kerfoot, Vice President will be appointed President next month.
- They presented honor roll to eight students and high honor roll to one child.
- Mrs. Mack did an Explorer's Presentation which explains what the kids are doing when they break up into groups and have the opportunity to get extra help if needed.
- Mrs. Jordan stated that the Clerk has been good about getting her information for the Newsletter and Mr. James will meet with her soon to go over things.

E. Weger:

Public Works-

- Mr. Weger stated he is sure everyone is aware of the struggles we have faced with the snow and the roads. He said he believes the Mayor and Clerk have received more calls about it than he has. Mr. Weger stated that with the equipment that we have, and the magnitude and timing of the storms, he feels that the guys worked hard. He stated that we had a few break downs, hydraulic line, brake lines and during the one storm we were down to one truck. He said what made it worse was during that one slush day, they had to deal with cleaning up the oil mess and were unable to spend that time pushing the slush off and then it froze solid and they could not plow it after that.

Mr. Weger said that the roads are really deteriorating as they are everywhere and we will have to get out there to put some patch in. He added that our roads were no worse than other communities he has been in who pay a lot more in taxes than we do. He advised that they were able to mix their last little bit of salt into the stone that was ordered, and they spread that which made the roads a bit safer for everyone. Mr. Weger stated that we did what we could to keep intersections safe but the width of the roads was problematic everywhere. He said he really doesn't feel it is the right thing to do to send the guys out to beat up the equipment we have just to try to get an extra parking space. Mr. Weger said that in a few more weeks, spring will be here.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Hunterdon Humane Animal Shelter –

- The Clerk reported that she received a call from a Dr. Tindle who is working with the NJSPCA to improve the shelter. He advised that there had been 178 cats at the shelter and they placed 130 into homes in week and now they have a manageable number. They hope to hold a Community Day in May to be open to the public.

Public Works –

- The radio from the old Dodge has been installed in the new Ford pickup.

MEL Insurance-

- The Clerk has been working on the employment practices and she has a letter for Bill to sign off on. She advised the last item which is now required is that the Council adopt a Civil Rights Resolution which she will prepare for consideration at the March meeting. She advised that there is training available for Municipal Officials which may result in lower premiums. She will work with Mr. Francisco on the same.

Professionals-

- The Clerk continues to follow up with the Borough Professionals to ensure she has all the needed documentation from everyone. She advised that she still has outstanding items from Banisch, Maser and Gruenberg and has reached out to them about the same.

Photocopier-

- The Clerk advised that she learned that copy machines sometimes have a hard drive which can retain images that are scanned. She explained that often times, used copiers are sold and thieves actually download confidential, private information. The Clerk explained this is particularly concerning to her as the Registrar of Vital Statistics because she frequently copies social security cards, birth certificates and drivers licenses and when she is finished with an application, she then shreds the copies and assumes that information is disposed of. She has contacted Toshiba and asked that they inquire about the Borough's machine and the one they gave to the Fire Department to see if they have this type of hard drive and if they do, she will be sure to have them erased before they are sold or disposed of.

PAIC – 2014 OPTION TO REDUCE POL/EPL DEDUCTIBLES/COPAYS

- Mrs. Tersigni advised that a response was received and she and Mr. Francisco discussed the same briefly this afternoon. Mr. Francisco stated that currently the Borough has a \$20,000 deductible and co insurance of 20% of the 1st \$250,000 and this means that is if a lawsuit is filed, the Borough is responsible for up to \$70,000 of the claim. This would be devastating to the Borough. Mr. Francisco recommended that we opt for the additional assessment of \$1,469.05 with the \$0.00 coinsurance and \$2,500 deductible. Discussion followed. The Clerk questioned if Mr. Gemmell had responded to her question about what this covered as she was concerned it may just cover specific losses. Mr. Francisco believed it was to cover any lawsuit against the Borough.

Mr. Weger moved Council authorize the increase of \$1,469.05 provided Mr. Gemmell verifies this covers any lawsuit against the Borough; seconded by Mrs. Papics.

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

V. Papics:

OEM-

- Mrs. Papics reported she attended an OEM meeting last week.

M. Tersigni:

Planning Board –

- The Planning Board held the annual reorganization meeting and regular meeting last week. Mrs. Tersigni advised that Mr. Weger is the only member who has not been sworn in yet and he was appointed to a one year term as Mayor's Designee. The Board welcomed a new member, Kimberly Wentzel who will serve as Vice Chair. Mr. Reilly will again serve as Chairman.

Budget Meeting-

- Mrs. Tersigni stated that a Budget Meeting was held last night and Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Francisco attended to review all of the scenarios. The Budget will be introduced in March.

Roundtable Discussion – Bloomsbury Rescue Squad –

- Mrs. Tersigni stated that she has reached out to Mayors in surrounding towns to schedule a meeting to discuss the Bloomsbury Rescue Squad and their future. She advised that the Rescue Squad had requested to be in the agenda tonight but no one was in attendance so far. Mrs. Tersigni advised that they were expected at the last meeting to present requested budget information but did not show and she hopes that they will show tonight so they have an opportunity to provide the same. The Mayors are interested in discussing the different options that they see as being available to their communities, most of them are served by more than one squad, and Alexandria Township for example is served by six different squads.

Employment Rules – Summer Recreation-

- Mrs. Tersigni stated that employment rules will affect our Summer Rec Program. Mr. Edleston advised that he sent an email to Mr. Francisco yesterday and copied Mrs. Tersigni on the same advising that we are restricted from hiring any minors to work at the park over the summer in accordance with Statutory Law. Mrs. Tersigni stated that she did not receive the email and asked Mr. Edleston to verify it was sent to the correct address. Mr. Francisco will forward the email to Mrs. Tersigni. Discussion followed. Mr. Francisco will communicate with Mr. Smith about the same.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that snow has been the big topic in the Borough. She stated that there has been a lot of frustration on the part of employees, the members seated around this table and on the part of the residents which is totally understood. She advised that we still have no salt, and if we get snow next week as they are predicting, she is not sure what we will do. Mrs. Tersigni reported she hired an excavator to clear fire hydrants, storm drains and improve sight lines. She advised we didn't get the bill yet but it is at least 20 hours of work. Mr. Weger spent at least two

days of his personal days off using our equipment to clear difficult areas in town. She wanted to thank everyone who worked on this.

Mrs. Tersigni stated she did reach out to the community for ideas on how we can make this run more smoothly. She stated that it seems as though everyone has plowed snow except for her and there are many different ideas on how to do it right. She said she doesn't think there really is a wrong way or a right way but the way we did it may not have been the best way. She stated there were complications, as Eric explained, and we don't want to make excuses for anything but the people who did the work absolutely did their best with the equipment we have. Mrs. Tersigni stated she reached out to a neighboring town with bigger equipment and asked if they could help but they advised against it stating that the snow was too deep and too heavy and would cause damage due to the homes being so close to the streets in the borough. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that moving forward she would like more formality. She is considering the adoption of a snow emergency ordinance that would have specific information so that people know when cars need to be off the street and when it can be back on the street so that our DPW knows they have a specific window of time to clear the road from curb to curb. There is a priority of routes and she would like it typed up so that everyone knows what they are. She would like a plow route zone map so that if someone comes in a new truck you can say take the blue route and get it done. She would like a fire hydrant map to be posted up at the garage so they all know where they are. The Clerk will try to get a copy of the storm drain map and Mr. James will attempt to update or create a smaller one when he and the Environmental Committee label storm drains.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that she feels she can speak for everyone around the table that we will continue to work to improve services to the residents of the Borough. Mrs. Tersigni asked Mr. Edleston if it would be appropriate to open public comment for residents to speak to this topic only. Mr. Edleston confirmed the same.

Mrs. Papis moved Council open public comment; seconded by Mr. Stiehler. All ayes. Motion carried.

Peggy Shelton, 16 Fawn Run stated that plow operators are not plowing close enough to the curb. She said she is concerned for children's safety when walking to school, when they do have school, stating that they do close a lot due to the poor condition of the roads. Mrs. Shelton said she does not see the point of removing vehicles from the road because she doesn't think they are plowing close to the curb anyway and it is actually more work for the residents when they have to move their car and then dig out their parking spot. She added that people on Main Street do not have driveways and have to park in open lots and those lots are not even plowed.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that she heard Mrs. Shelton mention parking lots, and said there is only one lot. Mrs. Shelton said that people were told to move their cars to the open lot behind the building on North Street. Mrs. Tersigni stated that there is only one lot that the Borough has available for residents to park in other than the Borough Park and that is the lot located at North and Gardner and we have been maintaining that to the best of our ability. There is absolutely no agreement with the governing body for any other lot. She added that parking in any other lot is at your own

risk. Mrs. Tersigni stated that the Borough has an insurance rider covering damage to vehicles in the one lot. The Clerk stated that parking is always at your own risk in any lot, that the Borough has a certificate of liability insurance naming the lot owner as an additional insured, but takes no responsibility for any vehicle or person parking there.

Rick Koppe, 55 Main Street said that the plow drivers need to plow curb to curb. He advised that he worked in High Bridge for 9 years and they plowed curb to curb. Mr. Weger asked how big their plow was, stating that our plows are not big enough to push the piles any further in some cases. He said he has been to other towns and their streets are tight as well. Discussion followed. Mr. Koppe asked why Council had to hire someone to come in with a loader, stating that the Borough has its own loader.

Mr. Weger stated that the machine was in use at the same time, advising that he had used it for two days. Mr. Koppe stated that he was not talking about Mr. Weger's equipment, and that the town loader was not used in town. Mr. Weger stated that the Borough tractor was used on Sunday and Monday and that he did fire hydrants, catch basins, the school playground, alleys and Musconetcong Drive. Mr. Weger stated that he pushed the tractor pretty hard and it maybe that the DPW employees are not comfortable pushing it like that. He advised that it is a decent machine, but it is not capable of what the hired loader is able to do. Mr. Weger stated that he and the Mayor discussed it and made the decision to hire the bigger machine due to the conditions. Discussion followed. The Clerk advised that the two salaried public works employees only work 65 hours a month, which is about 3 hours a day. She said that when Council began to employ on call employees for extra help, they were advised that we have budgeted for about 15 extra hours per month only. Employees get paid straight time for the extra hours, never overtime pay.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that she understands that salt may be available soon.

Peggy Dusablon, Bethlehem Avenue stated that at 10:30 on Thursday of the bad snow storm they still had not been plowed and she left the Mayor a message and Eric Weger a message. She said her husband went driving around to see what was going on in the rest of town and saw one of the town guys plowing his own driveway. She said that she doesn't know if that was done on his own time, if he was paying for the gas. Mrs. Dusablon stated that from a perception standpoint, to have someone plowing their own driveway when their road has not been touched is unacceptable.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that Mr. Dusablon left her an extended voicemail and she responded with a voicemail as no one picked up her call. She asked that the employee be identified and stated that it is not acceptable. She spoke to Borough drivers and advised them that this is not acceptable. Mrs. Dusablon stated that there was a front end loader plowing out Gonzalez across the street. Mr. Weger stated that was his personal equipment on his own time. Mrs. Dusablon stated that if the roads were bad enough he had to help someone plow out then what about the rest of us. Mr. Weger stated that he helped a few of his neighbors but he could not assist everyone. He added that he used his personal equipment to clear a driveway of a friend and that if she wanted her driveway cleared, she could hire a contractor to do the same.

Mrs. Dusablon stated her other question was do we have the right equipment in town and do we have the right people to run it or should we bid the job out. Mrs. Tersigni stated we could not afford to bid the job out. Mrs. Dusablon asked if the Mayor had ever done so. Mrs. Tersigni stated that we understand what some of the rates are and we cannot afford them.

Mr. Stiehler stated we could not afford to do so, but we do want to get better and that is why we are holding this conversation now. Mr. Koppe added that his son in-law does this type of plow work for Wal-mart and Shop Rite and for the State and even when they work for the state they get \$40 an hour for the driver and with the truck it's over \$80 an hour. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Dusablon stated her final point was about pothole, and that she feels what they get for repair is just throwing some gravel into the holes. She added that it mentioned that bad areas could be cut and repaved and this type of work is only done on Main Street and Brunswick Avenue and she would like Bethlehem Avenue to be given some consideration. The Clerk stated that we typically have about \$5,000 budgeted each year for this type of work and last year due to an early snow fall, the money was not spent, so this year we have \$10,000. Mrs. Tersigni stated that we consult with the Engineer every year about the worst areas and there is no favoritism. The Clerk stated that she keeps an ongoing list of troubled areas and she asked that Mrs. Dusablon contact her with the location so that it can be added to the list.

Tom Buchinski, 123 Bethlehem Avenue voiced agreement with what Mr. Koppe and Mrs. Dusablon said adding that his concern is for children walking to school because they do not have sidewalks on Bethlehem Avenue. Mr. Buchinski stated there is a drainage culvert at the corner of Gardner and Bethlehem Avenue where the plows put all the snow onto Todd's property. He stated that when the snow starts melting, there is no place for the water to go. He explained that when Hurricane Sandy came, if that had been cleaned, his landscaping across the street would not have been washed away. Discussion followed. The Clerk will ask the Public Works Department to look into the culvert. Mrs. Tersigni stated that they took many calls from the Fire Department about that river access point being plowed closed by a citizen.

Mr. James moved Council close the public comment session; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. All ayes. Motion carried.

STATE POLICE – PERRYVILLE

Mrs. Tersigni stated their presence in town has visibly increased. The Clerk stated that she spoke to Trooper McGourty last week and he advised they did not have an update relating to the park vandalism incident at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

MAIN STREET PHASE III

Mrs. Tersigni stated that Mr. Roseberry has assured her that the bid package will be going to the DOT this week and he hopes this will be bid in March.

BRUNSWICK AVENUE PHASE I

Mrs. Tersigni stated that funding phase has been pushed forward to April

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Nothing new to report.

MILL REDEVELOPMENT

Nothing new to report.

NORTH STREET/PICKEL LANE UPDATE

Nothing new to report.

ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION

Chris James stated that he did not have a chance to get anything to Bill or Lisa this month but he will forward something in advance of the March meeting.

RESOLUTION 22 -14 - CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION ON PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE

WHEREAS, the Church of the Annunciation is the licensee on the application to conduct an On-Premise 50/50 Raffle, to be held on June 7, 2014 at the 80 Main Street, Bloomsbury, New Jersey from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm; 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.

Mr. Weger moved Council adopt Resolution # 22-14; seconded by Mr. Stiehler. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 23-14 - RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A WATER TAX TO FUND THE LOSS OF LAND EQUITY FOR PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE HIGHLANDS REGION

WHEREAS, The Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act was passed by both houses of the New Jersey Legislature and signed into law on August 10, 2004 by Governor James Greevy; and

WHEREAS, The Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act designated areas to be in the “Preservation” or “Planning” areas; and

WHEREAS, the Act reads “The Legislature finds and declares that the National Highlands Region is an area that extends from northwestern Connecticut across the lower Hudson River Valley and northern New Jersey into east Central Pennsylvania; that the national Highlands Region has been recognized as a landscape of special significance by the United States Forest Service; that the New Jersey portion of the national Highlands Region is nearly 800,000 acres, or about 1,250 miles, covering portions of 88 municipalities in seven counties; and

WHEREAS, the Act additionally reads, “The Legislature further finds and declares that the New Jersey Highlands is an essential source of drinking water, providing clean and plentiful drinking water for one half of the State’s population, including communities beyond the New Jersey Highlands, from only 13 percent of the State’s land area”, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomsbury, County of Hunterdon is located entirely in the Protection Area; and

WHEREAS, the value and equity of the land has decreased dramatically for those property owners in the Borough and Highlands Act region; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is also restricted in bringing economic opportunity, jobs, and growth forcing existing tax payers to pay higher amounts due to lack of growth and smart development; and

WHEREAS, areas located outside the “Highlands Area” are using Highlands’s recourses without paying or compensating those affected communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, strongly urge the New Jersey State Senate and General Assembly to craft a bill which would charge those who use Highlands rea water to compensate those communities impacted by the Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Borough of Bloomsbury will forward a copy of this resolution to every municipality located within the territory of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Region.

Mr. Stiehler moved Council adopt Resolution # 23-14; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 24-14 - BLOOMSBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO 50/50 RAFFLE AND DRAW RAFFLE

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Elementary School PTO is the licensee on the application to conduct an On-Premise 50/50 Raffle and Draw Raffle to be held at the Bloomsbury Elementary School, 20 Main Street, Bloomsbury, NJ from 6-11 pm on May 2, 2014; 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 and draw raffle,

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

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

Mrs. Papics moved Council adopt Resolution # 24-14; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. All ayes. Motion carried.

SECOND READING – ORDINANCE 101-14 - AN ORDINANCE SETTING 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:

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| 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

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 # 101-14 on Second Reading; seconded by Mr. James. All ayes. Motion carried. No Council discussion was heard.

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

No Public Comment.

Mr. James oved Council close the public hearing; seconded by Mr. Weger. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. James moved Council adopt Ordinance # 101-14; seconded by Mr. Stiehler.
ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Jordan-abstain; Papics-abstain; Stiehler-aye; Tersigni-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

SECOND READING - ORDINANCE # 102-14 - CALENDAR YEAR 2014 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 .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 3.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$18,861.03 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 2014 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 \$22,004.53, and that the CY 2014 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. James moved Council Introduce Ordinance # 102-14 on Second Reading; seconded by Mrs. Jordan. No Council discussion was heard.

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

No public comment.

Mr. Weger moved Council close the public hearing; seconded by Mrs. Papics. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Stiehler moved Council adopt Ordinance # 102-14; seconded by Mrs. Jordan.
ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Jordan-aye; Papics-aye; Stiehler-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

BLOOMSBURY RESCUE SQUAD

Mrs. Tersigni stated that they specifically asked to be on tonight's agenda and were given the same. She added that if they were going to appear, she was going to ask them specifically for the information we first requested last November which they still have not provided which is budget and financial information which is required on an annual basis to the State of New Jersey in order to maintain their status as a charitable organization. Mrs. Tersigni stated that it should be very easy to provide this information and although we do request additional information, it would be a very good start. She said she has received nothing and everything was due in in December and she has not heard from anyone.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that she understands they have to vacate their building on June 30th of this year and when she has asked what their plan is, they have told her they are not going anywhere. She said she has reached out to neighboring communities' Mayors whose governing bodies have signed an agreement to contribute \$5,000 annually to their rescue vehicle which was purchased eight years ago. So we all have a financial interest in the squad. She added that all of these municipalities also provide financial support to the squad annually. Mrs. Tersigni said that Bloomsbury is the only community which is serviced only by Bloomsbury Rescue. Most towns are served by two or more.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that she and the other Mayors plan to meet in March to see what land may be available, but to her knowledge they have not reached out to any other communities about the same. Discussion followed.

Mr. James asked if the Borough had given any contributions yet this year. Mrs. Tersigni stated that our annual contribution has been budgeted for, but no funds will be released to anyone who does not provide the necessary paperwork and information. She added that she believes if their money does not go to Bloomsbury Rescue Squad, it will be given to another Squad who steps in to serve the Borough if they cannot. Mr. Stiehler stated that he spoke to the Mayor in Bethlehem Township who stated that the Bloomsbury Rescue did attend their appropriation meeting, but did not present as they didn't have anything prepared. He indicated that the money will be given to whatever Squad will be serving their municipality this year.

Mrs. Tersigni stated that she called Trenton and spoke to the Board of Charities to verify they are still a charitable organization and they are on the books. They advised they had just provided multiple years of financial information and she feels they could have provided the same to us easily and it is public knowledge so it is unclear why they have not done so.

Mrs. Tersigni stated she is frustrated and knows they are frustrated as they really believe in what they do. She stated she feels they need some help from a business perspective and they need to come here to do that and they won't come. Discussion followed. Mrs. Tersigni stated she spoke with George Wagner, Director of the Department of public Safety for Hunterdon County and there is a process we would have to go through, if we need to. If the Rescue Squad can find a home, then it will not be necessary but it would be irresponsible not to do this kind of leg work to prepare in case they do leave. Mr. Stiehler stated that they will be covered by someone and be fine.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed three items of correspondence.

HUNTERDON COUNTY TAX COURT

Mrs. Tersigni reminded Council that Mr. Edleston will be appearing in court on behalf of the Borough next week on the Schuler tax appeal. He will keep the Mayor Council informed on the same.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Jordan moved Council open public comment; seconded by Mr. Stiehler.

No comment.

Mr. Stiehler moved Council close public comment; seconded by Mrs. Papics. All ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. James; seconded by Mr. Stiehler. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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