

**WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWN BOARD**  
**REGULAR & INFORMATION MEETING**

August 10, 2005

PRESENT: Supervisor Baier, Councilmen Ball, Hagen, and Powers  
NECESSARILY ABSENT: Councilman Rehberg  
ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Mary Grundman, Highway Superintendent Dave Good, Carl Prouty, Alice Domville, Sue Boardman, Leslie Giering, Jane Heath, Laurel Wemett – Daily Messenger, Thomas Ely, Darlene Goldstin, Edgar Reed, Mike Corrigan, Paul Forgue, Rick Roelle, Mike Shellman, Dan Erickson, Phil Erickson

Supervisor Baier opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and asked for everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION #113

Minutes

Supervisor Baier asked for the approval of the July minutes. Councilman Powers made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Hagen.

Adopted: Ayes – Baier, Ball, Hagen, Powers Nays - None

Resolves that the July minutes are accepted as presented.

Information Meeting on the Future of the Town Hall

Supervisor Baier opened the informational meeting and pointed out an error in the newspaper article in the Daily Messenger regarding the financing and related tax levy of the proposed future Town Hall. She introduced Paul Chatfield from Chatfield Engineers. Mr. Chatfield reviewed and explained the process that had been followed by both the Town Board and the Town Hall Committee in developing possibilities for the future of the Town Hall. The following comments were made:

Edgar Reed – Mr. Reed commented that putting more money into the existing Town Hall would be foolish and that if the Town needs more space they should build it.

Darlene Goldstin – Asked if the land next to the park was donated or purchased. Supervisor Baier answered purchased.

Mike Corrigan – Gave a history of the past Town Hall possibility at the American Legion Building.

Paul Forgue – Informed the Board that the Legion has property on the tax roll.

Alice Domville – Asked about the proposal to purchase property next to the Town Hall. Supervisor Baier explained that that was one of many options discussed in the early discussions of what to do and that it was never considered by the Board and never would be. The information was only presented because it was part of the early discussions.

Darlene Goldstin – Asked if without more parking and septic, that meant Alternate #3 in the report was not an option. Mr. Chatfield explained that it would depend on the requirements if and when they were researched.

Leslie Giering – Checking the figures, renovating costs could be lowered due to the work that has already been done, the Annex could house people from the existing building and the addition of parking and more renovating could be done while saving for a new building. She is also concerned about the future of the existing building if a new one is built.

Sue Boardman – Would like the numbers corrected to show accurate costs. Would like to continue renovation, while saving and push the building of a new Town Hall out further. Mr. Chatfield explained that the current improvements will help put the construction off for a time.

Paul Forgue – Stated that even the committee hated to see the existing Hall go away but no one knows what might be possible, saving for a new building would be smart.

Councilman Ball advised the residents that the USDA issue has been going on for four years just to get what we have done and to finish the parking lot and the ramp.

Councilman Powers advised the residents that the Board wants to know what the residents want.

Councilman Hagen asked the residents to spread the word so that more people will contact the Board on what they would like and possible uses for the existing building.

Mike Corrigan would like the Town Hall and the Town Clerk to stay in the existing building and move the other services. Councilman Hagen and Paul Chatfield explained that doing that would create a maintenance problem and additional expense for the Town.

Mr. Corrigan asked why he got the feeling that there is going to be a new Town Hall. Councilman Hagen replied he didn't know and asked if the committee made any decision. Paul Forgue, Committee Member, said it was not the Committee's job to make that choice.

Ed Reed asked if the Board had looked at bonds, or an underwriter or financing. Supervisor Baier explained that the Board is still discussing what to do, and the Town is not far enough along to look at financing anything.

Mr. Reed asked if the money was coming out of the Town Budget. Supervisor Baier explained that \$10,000.00 was put in the 2005 budget for the renovations this year and there will be a \$10,000.00 budget item for 2006 that will be set aside for the new or existing hall when a decision is made.

Mr. Reed asked what the tax rate is and what a bond would raise it. Supervisor Baier explained that we don't know yet because we haven't decided what to do.

Mr. Corrigan said we need to know what we're in for. Supervisor Baier said she will get some figures.

Mr. Reed asked how far the drawing of plans has gone. Mr. Chatfield explained that nothing has been done because no decision has been made. Mr. Reed asked if the new building could be put on the property by the park. Mr. Chatfield said yes. Mr. Reed said he doesn't think finding a use for the existing building will be a problem.

Leslie Giering added that renovating may still be cheaper and we should look at realistic figures and maybe the Town employees could help. Supervisor Baier explained that the Highway Department can't always do the work.

Darlene Goldstin asked if anything else would change if parking was put across the road. Mr. Chatfield explained that the discussion had not gone that far. Mrs. Goldstin asked if the Town could buy the Lerkin property to use for office space.

Councilman Ball explained that even if they wanted to, the Town hasn't got the money to buy it.

Mr. Corrigan said the paper should be made to correct the misinformation so that people know what's going on.

Paul Forgue said people should be at the information meetings to know what's going on.

Mr. Reed asked about how the church expansion would affect the parking issue. Supervisor Baier explained that parking and sharing parking with the church has never been a problem and would not be if the parking area was put in.

Michael Shellman asked if the Town has considered other types of construction. Mr. Chatfield explained that the process has not gotten that far yet they are just looking at the magnitude of the project and a ballpark figure.

Mr. Shellman added that the lending rates are low now. Mr. Chatfield said they may be low again.

Dan Erickson asked if the Town had any indication of future growth rate and how that would affect the building needs and Town infrastructure. Mr. Chatfield explained that as the time grows closer all of those things would have to be looked at. Mr. Chatfield thanked everyone for their input. Supervisor Baier thanked Mr. Chatfield for coming and helping to explain the process and thanked the residents for their comments.

#### Gun Ordinance

Supervisor Baier asked Alice Domville if she would like to address the Board. Mrs. Domville explained to the Board that a neighbor had been shooting in the area close to several homes including hers and that it may be unsafe. The property behind the area is a tree farm and people are often working there. Other residents near by are also concerned about safety and the noise of the shooting. Mrs. Domville would like the Board to consider adopting a Gun Ordinance and gave them sample laws from the Villages of Bloomfield and Honeoye Falls.

Supervisor Baier asked Mrs. Domville to first talk to the neighbor and try and reach an agreement. If that didn't work she needs to call the sheriff's department. In the mean time, the Board would consider the suggestion.

Rick Roelle added a complaint about shooting of road signs on Sand Road. He said he spoke to Superintendent Good about it and Mr. Good said he would contact the Sheriff. Superintendent Good did ask the Sheriff to take a look at the area and they said they would. Mr. Roelle said something better be done about it and that he will not be threatened. Supervisor Baier asked Mr. Roelle to call the Sheriff, he stated that he will not, because they will not respond. Supervisor Baier told Mr. Roelle they have to respond and that she can verify the call was made and answered.

Mrs. Domville requested the Town purchase a speaker system for the Town Hall so people can hear what's being said. Supervisor Baier said she thought the court might be getting one, but she would check into it.

#### RESOLUTION #114

##### Supervisor's Report

The Supervisor's report was read and discussed. Councilman Ball made the motion to accept the report, seconded by Councilman Hagen.

Adopted: Ayes – Baier, Ball, Hagen, Powers      Nays - None

Resolves that the Supervisor's report for July is accepted as presented.

#### RESOLUTION #115

##### Justice Report

The Justice's Reports were reviewed. Councilman Powers made the motion to accept the reports, seconded by Councilman Hagen.

Adopted: Ayes – Baier, Ball, Hagen, Powers      Nays - None

Resolves that the Justice reports are accepted as presented.

#### RESOLUTION #116

##### Highway Report

Superintendent Good gave the Highway Report. Councilman Ball made the motion to accept the Highway report, seconded by Councilman Hagen.

Adopted: Ayes – Baier, Ball, Hagen, Powers      Nays - None

Resolves that the Highway Report is accepted as presented.

#### RESOLUTION #117

##### Zoning Report

The monthly Zoning report was read and discussed. Supervisor Baier asked the Zoning Officer if he had any more information about the mobile home on the Huff property. The Zoning Officer said the home needs a permit and that Attorney Anderson is looking at the Farm Law that may allow mobile home on farm property. He said he will report back at the next meeting. Supervisor Baier asked if he had spoken to Mr. Olmstead about the home on Matt's property. He said no he hasn't yet but will before the August 24<sup>th</sup> Workshop. Supervisor Baier asked the Zoning Officer to find out if there is a state or Federal gun law that the Town should be enforcing. Councilman Hagen made the motion to approve the Zoning report, seconded by Councilman Powers.

Adopted: Ayes – Baier, Ball, Hagen, Powers      Nays - None

Resolves that the Zoning Report is accepted as presented.

#### RESOLUTION #118

##### Payment of Bills

Abstracts in the amounts of:	General	vouchers 238 - 270	\$ 8405.68
	Highway	vouchers 94 – 109	\$ 39353.75
	Water	vouchers 45 – 51	\$ 32959.56

were audited. Councilman Hagen made the motion to approve the payment of bills, seconded by Councilman Ball.

Adopted: Ayes – Baier, Ball, Hagen, Powers      Nays - None

Resolves that the payment is approved.

State Storm Water Management Plan

Supervisor Baier reported to the Board that the request they sent to the Planning Board for input on the plan had not been answered and that she would ask them for it at the meeting next week.

Vacancy on Board of Assessment Review

Supervisor Baier advised the Board that Charlie Thomas had informed her that there is a vacancy on the Review Board for 2006 and asked how the Board would like to handle it. The Board agreed that an advertisement should be put in the Focus and in the Messenger and that the Board could ask residents if they are interested. Then they could interview.

Town Beautification Projects

Supervisor Baier advised the Board that she had been contacted by Lianna Houck regarding the signs on Routes 5 & 20 and whether the Beautification Committee could do something with them. She also asked if the Board wanted Arlene Farmer to give them another estimate. The Board agreed to get the estimate. Superintendent Good will contact Ms. Farmer.

Drainage District for Tower Lake Estates

Supervisor Baier advised the Board that Attorney Ryen explained that the Board must decide before the subdivision is approved, whether to require a drainage district and/or a homeowners association to maintain the pond. Mr. Ryen and Tim Rock of Larsen Engineers will be at the next meeting to explain.

Executive Session

At 9:01, Councilman Hagen Made the motion to go into executive session to discuss employment history of Town Employee, seconded by Councilman Powers.

Councilman Hagen made the motion to return to the regular meeting at 9:28, seconded by Councilman Powers.

Councilman Hagen made the motion to adjourn at 9:29, seconded by Councilman Ball.

**Communication:**

The following letters were distributed to the Board for review:

1. NYS Board of Real Property Services – August 1, 2005
2. North Bloomfield Community Club – August 5, 2005
3. Jim Foote – August 8, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Grundman  
Town Clerk