

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWN BOARD

Regular Meeting

September 10, 2008

Present: Supervisor Champlin, Councilmen Hagen, Ferguson, Miller
Absent: Councilman Rehberg
Also Present: Town Clerk Mary Grundman, Highway Superintendent Jim Powers, Code Enforcement Officer Scott Storke, Laurel Wemett, Carl Prouty, Gerry & Peter Shea, Michael Schaffer

Supervisor Champlin opened the meeting at 7:30 and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Factors Walk Drainage District

Supervisor Champlin advised the Board that there was a request for a change in the minutes of the informational meeting to include the estimated maintenance cost quoted by the developer's engineer. Peter Shea from Factors Walk stated he asked for the change to be made and would like the minutes to be changed to show the exact estimated amount for maintenance shown by the developer's engineer. Supervisor Champlin advised Mr. Shea that the Board is setting a public hearing date for the Drainage District and asked if the information could be added then. Mr. Shea agreed stating that he would not sign any papers until after the informational meeting. The Board set the date for the informational meeting October 8th at 7:30 pm.

RESOLUTION #97

Supervisor's Report

The Supervisor's report for August was read and discussed. Councilman Hagen made the motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Ferguson.

Adopted: Ayes – Champlin, Ferguson, Miller, Hagen Nays - None

Resolves that the Supervisor's Report is accepted as presented.

RESOLUTION #98

Highway & Water Reports

Highway Superintendent Powers gave the Highway and Water reports for August. Councilman Ferguson made the motion to accept the reports, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Adopted: Ayes – Champlin, Ferguson, Miller, Hagen Nays - None

Resolves that the Highway and Water Reports are accepted as presented.

Minutes

Supervisor Champlin asked for the approval of the August minutes. The Clerk apologized to the Board for not having the minutes ready for the meeting, they will be distributed before the September Workshop.

RESOLUTION #99

Justice Reports

The Justice reports were read and discussed. Councilman Hagen made the motion to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Adopted: Ayes – Champlin, Ferguson, Miller, Hagen Nays - None

Resolves that Justice reports are accepted as presented.

RESOLUTION #100

Approval of Bills

Abstracts in the amounts of:	General	Vouchers	290-320	\$10258.75
	Highway	Vouchers	109-120	\$84149.46
	Water	Vouchers	59-63	\$1656.24

Were audited. Councilman Hagen made the motion to approve payment, seconded by Councilman Ferguson.

Adopted: Ayes – Champlin, Ferguson, Miller, Hagen Nays - None

Resolves that the payment of bills is approved.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION #101

Resolution Submitting to Referendum Proposition to Purchase Real Property

Whereas, the Town Board passed Resolution #51 on April 9, 2008, authorizing the Supervisor to submit a purchase offer to acquire approximately Fifteen (15 +/-) acres of vacant land, being a portion of Tax Account No. 65.00-1-80.111 (the “Property”) for the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$4250.00) per acre, a copy of the Resolution #51 and supporting exhibits are attached hereto; and

Whereas, the Property is adjacent to parkland owned and maintained by the Town of West Bloomfield, and if acquired will be used to further expand the Town’s facilities including, but not limited to the possible construction of a Town Hall ; and

Whereas, in order to submit the proposition of whether the Town should purchase the Property to a public referendum, the Town Board did rescind and repeal Resolution #51 on May 28, 2008;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of West Bloomfield in a regular session duly convened, does hereby authorize that a public referendum be held on November 4, 2008, at the West Bloomfield Town Hall located at 9053 Routes 5 & 20, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting by ballot upon the following proposition:

“Proposition:

Shall the Town of West Bloomfield enter into a contract to purchase approximately fifteen acres of land, being a portion of Tax Account #65.00-1-80.111 for the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$4,250.00) per acre, which land, if acquired, will be used to expand the Town’s facilities?”

Vote of the Town Board: Champlin – Aye, Ferguson – Aye, Hagen – Aye, Miller - Aye

Town Hall

Supervisor Champlin distributed a summary of the mold test evaluation by Davis Fredericksen, CIH, which indicates sampling should continue in the basement.

The Board discussed the drawings of a town hall presented at the August Workshop. Supervisor Champlin reminded the Board that the State is still urging consolidation of Town Courts, and the possibility of a mutual building for East Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Bristol is still possible and might help keep the price of a new building down. Councilman Hagen suggested getting public input on the sketch, Mr. Shea agreed. Superintendent Powers suggested getting a cost on using the Annex building first, Supervisor Champlin will contact Paul Chatfield to see if he will help with the evaluation of the Annex, and revise the sketch previously done.

WOLCDC

Supervisor Champlin asked the Board for discussion of the WOLCDC and the 40 % increase in funding they requested. He also asked for a vote on whether to stay in the organization for another year and only give an increase of 3%. Voting to stay in for another year and keep funding increase at 3% – Miller, Hagen, Champlin, Ferguson.

New Business:

Mike Schaffer spoke to the Board about the Summer Recreation Program. The Board asked for more information from Mr. Schaffer.

At 9:10, Councilman Hagen made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Grundman
Town Clerk