

**WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWN BOARD**  
**Workshop & Informational Meeting**  
June 25, 2008

Present: Supervisor Champlin, Councilmen Hagen, Ferguson, Miller  
Also Present: Town Clerk Mary Grundman, Highway Superintendent Jim Powers, Code Enforcement Officer Scott Storke  
Absent: Councilman Rehberg

Supervisor Champlin opened the Informational meeting at 7:00 and asked Tim Rock of Larsen Engineers to present the residents with information on drainage districts. Mr. Rock explained the need for a drainage district and the potential for maintenance of the retention ponds.

Mr. Shea asked if the Town provided specifications for the work and what roll the Town played in the district. Mr. Rock explained that the developers engineer provides the specs and the Town Engineers review them. Mr. Shea asked if the regulations change in the future what happens. Mr. Rock explained that that probably couldn't happen the regs are set by the EPA and DEC. Mr. Shea asked what if something happened. Attorney Anderson answered that further regulations can't be imposed. Mr. Rock answered the developer has to go by the current regs. Mr. Shea asked if there are any other drainage districts in the Town. Mr. Rock answered there is one proposed, not complete. The question of why wasn't Curt Barnes required to do this? Code Enforcement Officer Storke replied Mr. Barnes began phase 1 in 1988 before the regulations. Mr. Shea asked who would do the necessary maintenance? Highway Superintendent Powers replied that the Town Highway Department would only get involved if warranted. Mr. Shea asked what the billing rate would be. Mr. Powers answered that the current rates would apply. Mr. Shea asked what are home owners going to have to pay? Attorney Anderson explained that the charges could be done in two ways. Supervisor Champlin answered in theory there could be no cost at all if the area is maintained by the home owners.

Cathy White asked if there would be cat tails and would they be a problem. Mr. Rock explained that if the growth of unwanted vegetation is kept down, there would be no need for any extensive maintenance work on the part of the Town.

Mr. Shea asked if Maintenance meant berm repair, mowing as needed and cleaning of the pipes? Mr. Rock said that is correct.

Supervisor Champlin explained that the original developer should have had this in place, but didn't and he doesn't know why. Mr. Shea asked who is asking for this to be done? Supervisor Champlin said the Planning Board and the current owner.

The question of why wasn't this pursued before was asked. Supervisor Champlin said it should have been and wasn't.

Mr. Shea asked if the subdivision was done in 1988 and this was required why wasn't it done and could the Town take dedication of the road. Code Enforcement Officer Storke explained what the requirements were.

Supervisor Champlin asked if the residents understand.

Ellis Canal said just to clarify, the district is a condition of approval and it's a condition of the dedication of the road.

Attorney Anderson answered the hope is that both can be accomplished, the letter of credit is available for the Town to finish the culdesac and the Town would like to do both the road and the drainage district.

Ms. White indicated that the home owners were not aware of that.

Attorney Anderson said it's up to the Board, they have the funds and would like to do both. Ms. White asked if the road was dedicated they would get plowed and mail delivery? Attorney Anderson answered yes, that he would talk to the developer to get the petition, map and report. Mr. Shea asked if the cul de sac would require the developer to give the Town land. Attorney Anderson answered not necessarily.

Supervisor Champlin said the Board would like to get this done.

Ms. White asked if the road is dedicated would it be recognized by 911? Supervisor Champlin said yes.

Rick Hannan stated that the procedure would be for the developer to get the information to Attorney Anderson and go from there. Attorney Anderson said he would contact them to get the process going.

The informational meeting ended at 7:37.

Revision to Highway Funds Expenditure

Superintendent Powers advised the Board that the expenditure of Highway monies would be changed. Instead of oil and stoning Sand Road, wedging would be done on parts of Allen's Hill Road North, Strong Road, Briggs Road, Martin Road, Quaker Meetinghouse Road, and Wesley Road. We will also be stone and oiling these roads. The estimated cost will be \$60,000.00 and the CHIPS money is increasing to \$59,728.00 up \$9543.00.

Highway Garage Heating

Superintendent Powers advised the Board that the furnaces are in need of replacement and he will provide quotes for them. Supervisor Champlin added that the Board had already agreed to replacing the over head doors, maybe the furnaces could be done instead.

**RESOLUTION #75**

Zoning Report

The Code Enforcement Officer gave his monthly report to the Board. Councilman Ferguson made the motion to accept the report, seconded by Councilman Hagen.

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

Resolves that the Zoning Report is accepted as presented.

The Code Enforcement Officer advised the Board that the map of Daylight Drive is done and ready for their approval, the subdivision regulations are back and Attorney Anderson has them for the Board to readopt.

Mileage

Supervisor Champlin advised the Board that the IRS has increased the amount paid for mileage to .585, after July first, the Board of Supervisors will have to okay it before the Town Board should.

**Old Business:**

Lighting Ordinance – Councilman Hagen reported that he has no further information but has found Leo Smith of the International Dark Sky Association to give his opinion.

Church Parking Lot – Supervisor Champlin advised the Board that he has a copy of the original agreement, he spoke to someone at the church and they want the park too, and that he is not in favor of selling the property to the Church. The Board agreed to wait and see what is offered.

Supervisor Champlin advised the Board that on the advice of Attorney Anderson, he had the mold at the Town Hall tested again and the results would be back in a few days.

At 8:30, Councilman Miller made the motion to return to the regular meeting and adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hagen.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Grundman  
Town Clerk

