

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWN BOARD

Workshop Meeting

May 27, 2009

Present: Supervisor Champlin, Councilmen Hagen, Ferguson, Rehberg, Miller
Also Present: Town Clerk Mary Grundman, Highway Superintendent Jim Powers, Code Enforcement Officer Scott Storke, Justice Whitesell, Joel Foti, Flint Burley, Karl Hritz, Lynn Parrish, John McKenzie, Bob Bassett,

Supervisor Champlin opened the meeting at 7:00.

Justice Whitesell - Justice Whitesell addressed the Board to thank them for their assistance in getting the new law passed for his clerk. He advised the Board that she is doing an excellent job.

West Bloomfield and Ionia Fire Departments – Members of both fire departments were in attendance to address the Board. Lynn Parrish explained that the fire departments have been working together to plan for future service to the town. The two departments have adopted resolutions, which were given to the Board, to continue to work together and will try and assist each other and the town by assessing equipment needs, facilities and future planning.

Financial Advisor – Supervisor Champlin advised the Board that he and the Highway Superintendent have met with a financial advisor from bpd Municipal Finance to try and plan major purchases. They were recommended by Canandaigua National Bank and Chatfield Engineers. He wanted to let the Board know and get the Board's agreement before signing the contract for the service. The financial advisor would save the Town money by not having to renew BAN's every year and by allowing the town to put money aside for purchases. The Board agreed on the idea, and asked Supervisor Champlin to get references and keep the time charged to four hours.

Hometown Day – Supervisor Champlin asked the Board if they wanted to hold Hometown Day again this year. Councilman Hagen will check to see if Ionia wants to alternate years and report back at the June meeting.

Insurance quote – The quote from the Steele Agency was discussed. The Board asked Supervisor Champlin to have Mr. Steele raise the deductibles and cut the Town Hall premium by half and raise the Highway garage coverage. Supervisor Champlin will get the cost. Supervisor Champlin asked if the Board wanted to have the Sullivan agency quote. Councilman Rehberg suggested the town go with Steele Agency for this year.

Water Rate Increase – Supervisor Champlin advised the Board that he sent the notice to the accountant and he will calculate the amount needed to be added to the current rates.

Town Hall – Supervisor Champlin reminded the Board that Attorney Anderson said the building can be disposed of and the Board can decide how, and asked them if they wanted to proceed. Councilman Ferguson and Code Enforcement Officer will get realtor appraisals. Karl Hritz introduced Flint Burley from Livonia who is interested in quoting on the demolition of the building. The Code Enforcement Officer will meet Mr. Burley at the site so he can do an inspection and provide a quote.

Web site – Councilman Miller advised the Board that he has heard complaints about the web site and he has a volunteer to fix it if the Board would like. The Clerk will get him the email address of the Genesisystems group so he can contact them.

Executive Session

At 8:40 Councilman Miller made the motion to go into executive session to discuss property and personnel issues. Returned to meeting at 10:00. Councilman Ferguson made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hagen.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Grundman,
Town Clerk