

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWN BOARD

Workshop Meeting

June 24, 2009

Present: Supervisor Champlin, Councilmen Ferguson, Rehberg, Miller
Absent: Councilman Hagen
Also Present: Town Clerk Mary Grundman, Highway Superintendent Jim Powers, Code Enforcement Officer Scott Storke, Hannah Good, Darlene, John and Laura Goldstin

Supervisor Champlin opened the meeting at 7:00.

RESOLUTION #66

Planning Board Appointment

Supervisor Champlin advised the Board that David Crystal's term is up on the Planning Board and he would like to be reappointed. Councilman Ferguson made the motion to reappoint Mr. Crystal, seconded by Councilman Rehberg.

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

Resolves that David Crystal is reappointed to the Planning Board for another seven year term expiring June 30, 2016.

RESOLUTION #67

Purchase Offer

Supervisor Champlin asked the Board for authorization to submit a purchase offer to the Lima Legion for property next to their building. Councilman Rehberg made the motion to authorize Supervisor Champlin to make the offer, seconded by Councilman Miller.

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

Resolves that Supervisor Champlin is authorized to submit a purchase offer to the Lima Legion for vacant property next to their building.

Water Rate Increase – The Clerk asked the Board for clarification on the water rate increase approved by the Board at the June 10th meeting. The new rate will go into effect on July 1st, and both of the rate changes will include the minimum usage changed to 5599 gallons.

Hometown Day – Supervisor Champlin advised the Board that Councilman Hagen reported he spoke to the organizers of the Ionia Tractor Parade and the people from West Bloomfield involved in Hometown Day and they agreed that attendance could be better possibly by having a theme (such as agriculture) for the event and by changing the date to sometime in the spring. The Board agreed to try and make those changes.

RESOLUTION #68

Contract for Dog Enumeration

Supervisor Champlin advised the Board that the contract for the Ontario County Humane Society to do the dog enumeration had been received and he needed authorization to sign it. Councilman Miller made the motion to authorize Supervisor Champlin to sign the contract so the Humane Society can do the enumeration for the amount of \$3.50 per dog, seconded by Councilman Rehberg.

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

Resolves that Supervisor Champlin is authorized to sign the contract for the enumeration.

RESOLUTION #69

Town Hall Demolition

Per Attorney Anderson, in order to go forward with the possible sale or demolition of the Town Hall the Board needs a resolution stating that the building is no longer held for public use and no longer required for its purpose. Miller made said motion which was seconded by Councilman Ferguson.

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

Resolves that the Town Board finds the building is no longer held for public use and no longer required for its purpose.

Councilman Rehberg suggested a realtor be contacted to give the Board a sale price for the property and then have more people contacted to see if they want to salvage any of it.

Supervisor Champlin advised the board that Mrs. Muller is still working on a salvage quote and that he or Councilman Rehberg could contact a realtor for a possible sale price.

RESOLUTION #70

Summer Recreation Program

Supervisor Champlin stated that he had a discussion of the Rec. program with Guy Ball and Councilman Miller prior to tonight's workshop. He advised the Board that he has met with Assistant Directors, Hannah Good and Colette Trapasso, and Guy Ball and asked if they would consider co-directing the program for this year. Hannah and Colette agreed to co-direct the program if they were allowed to report directly to the Town Board and not the committee. Supervisor Champlin said he feels the program is very important and should continue, but there are only about two weeks to get the program up and running. He said he also asked East Bloomfield about allowing West Bloomfield to rejoin their program and that would also be possible. He stated that he offered the Co-directors, \$1500.00 each, which is \$500.00 more than Jeanie Anderson would have been paid but he felt it was fair. He also stated that, as the Board requested, he wrote letters of apology to the applicants that were not interviewed and/or chosen. The Board discussed the policy of allowing non-residents to attend the program. The policy will be reviewed when the program is revised. Supervisor Champlin asked if anyone had questions. Darlene Goldstin explained to the Board that her daughter had been through the Counselor in Training program and was not hired. Supervisor Champlin stated that the Counselor in Training program was created by the committee and should not have been. He further stated that the Town Board was lax in their involvement which is why he is sending apologies and the Board is not hiring anyone else. Mrs. Goldstin stated the kids went through the program and can't compete with the college graduates that were hired. And the policy of hiring the Counselors in Training should apply this year. Supervisor Champlin stated that it would not apply this year. The training program gave the participants a title so they could be allowed at the program when they were over the age limit and was not in fact designed to train people for positions. The Town Board will make changes to the program. Mrs. Goldstin said the Town Board has the changed narratives. Supervisor Champlin said the Board would have to approve changes. Mrs. Goldstin asked if he thought it was fair to hire outside of town. Supervisor Champlin said the narrative says the Town Board hires. Mrs. Goldstin said the changes made to the narrative lets the committee do the hiring and gives preference to the Counselors in Training. Councilman Miller said the word "preference" needs to be defined and suggested that if the budget allows, a position should go to Laura Goldstin. Supervisor Champlin said the Co-directors need to decide if they need more people when the program begins. Mrs. Goldstin said Laura's application was in on time and the people hired sent theirs late. Supervisor Champlin stated that he was at Committee meetings where the hiring was discussed and as a result of the meetings Jeanie Anderson had quit. Mrs. Goldstin said Jeanie Anderson quit because Councilman Miller said he would fire her if he could. She discussed changes that were made to the narrative and asked if the Board ever

got them. Supervisor Champlin said again that the entire program needs to be revised. Mrs. Goldstin explained the hiring process again. Supervisor Champlin said again that the whole program needs to be changed and that the Co-directors can run the program with the help of the Town Board for this year. Mr. Goldstin asked Councilman Rehberg for his thoughts on the situation. Councilman Rehberg stated that he was not at any of the meetings but does have the revised narratives and sees problems with them. He said he has to go on John and Jason being at the meetings and relies on John's decision. The letters will be sent out, because it can't continue like this, we need to end it, and John already apologized for the Town Board. Mrs. Goldstin asked about the possibility of more hiring. Supervisor Champlin said things have changed, Jeanie is gone and the program has to go on. Mistakes were made on both sides. Mrs. Goldstin said on the applications people are not allowed to take days off and the people hired said they need days off. They aren't from here and never attended the program. The hiring was not done right. Supervisor Champlin said from now on the hiring will be done by the Town Board. He thought part of the purpose of the program was to train counselors but apparently it wasn't. Mrs. Goldstin said they were motivating the kids, giving them something to do. Supervisor Champlin said you can't call them "in training" for them to be there. Mrs. Goldstin said she agrees there need to be changes made. Councilman Miller said the changes the committee was working on was a good start. Mrs. Goldstin repeated that her daughter had submitted her application on time and had been through the program and should have been hired. Hannah Good stated that she and Collette could handle the program and asked the Board to allow them to continue. Supervisor Champlin asked that they bring all hiring to the Board and asked for a resolution to go forward with Hannah and Collette as Co-directors and with the people already hired. Mrs. Goldstin asked if the hiring of the Co-directors had to be done in executive session, Supervisor Champlin and Councilman Miller said not necessarily, only if personal things were being discussed. Supervisor Champlin asked for a resolution to continue the program taking Jeanie's start and going with it without Jeanie. Councilman Rehberg made said motion, seconded by Councilman Ferguson, who stated that there isn't time to start over.

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

Resolves that the Summer Recreation Program for the year 2009 will be run by Co-directors; Hannah Good and Collette Trapasso and that said directors will report directly to the Town Board and that all hiring will be done by the Town Board. Mrs. Goldstin asked if David Anderson is the Town Attorney because she intends to file charges.

Web site – Councilman Miller advised the Board that he contacted Genesistems about updating the Town web page. They said the Board would have to have the changes made by a web designer and sent to them for posting. He said the Board may find a college student willing to do it for their portfolio. He also said he was asked if the Allen's Hill Library could be put on the Town web page.

Fire Department Meeting - Councilman Miller reported that he attended a Fire Department meeting and it went very well and the Department asked him to let the Board know they would like them all come any time.

Football Fundraiser Request - Superintendent Powers advised the Board that the Bloomfield Steelers asked permission to use the park for a fundraiser and that he saw no reason why they shouldn't be allowed to if the Board did not object. He said he has checked with the insurance both theirs and the Towns just to be sure.

At 8:25 Councilman Rehberg made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ferguson.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Grundman, Town Clerk

