



9097 Daylight Drive - West Bloomfield, NY 14585

MINUTES

Town of West Bloomfield – Board Meeting

November 13, 2024

Supervisor Todd Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm - Present – Supervisor Todd Campbell, Council-members- Scott Harman, Bill Travis, Ruth Smith, Absent: Kevin Carey, Town Clerk – Brenda Thompson, Mike Borgeest, Chris Tobin, Kaleigh Schultz-Code Enforcement via Zoom, Carter Whitmore & Jeff Harloff (Ionia Fire Department), Gary Lewis, Ron Smith (West Bloomfield Fire Department)

Supervisor Campbell Re-Opened the Public Hearing for 2025 Preliminary Budget – (Continuation from 11/6/2024)

NOTICE is hereby given that the preliminary budget for the Town of West Bloomfield for fiscal year 2025 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk at 9097 Daylight Drive, West Bloomfield, where it is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours.

FURTHER notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of West Bloomfield will re-open the Public Hearing on November 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the West Bloomfield Town Hall, 9097 Daylight Drive, West Bloomfield, NY. All interested parties will be heard at that time.

Public Hearing – 2025 Preliminary Budget (Continuation from 11/6/2024) – Gary Lewis (West Bloomfield Fire Department), in conjunction with Ron Smith (Fire Chief West Bloomfield Fire Department) and Carter Whitmore (Fire Chief Ionia Fire Department), spoke regarding the fire departments opposition to the potential implementation of an unequal distribution in the payment of the fire department's funds. They advised the Board that both departments are very conservative in their spending, they share services and equipment, and work well together to cover all aspects and areas of the Town of West Bloomfield. Ron Smith addressed the use of the collaboration funds and feels the Fire Departments did work together; they utilized the funds to purchase items they otherwise would not have been able to. They informed the Board that both departments utilize the same insurance company and work together on many of the major cost items to save money. Fire Departments stated the 50/50 split should remain between the two departments. Closed at the Public Hearing at 7:07pm. Supervisor Campbell confirmed the budget is \$190,000 for the Fire Departments.

Privilege of the Floor – none

Resolution # 111 - Minutes

Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to approve the October 9, 2024 minutes. Councilmember Travis made the resolution to approve minutes seconded by Councilmember Harman.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Harman, Travis - Nays, None

Resolves that the October 9, 2024, minutes are accepted as presented.

Resolution # 112 - Supervisor Report November 2024

November Supervisor report was distributed and discussed. Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to approve the Supervisor report as submitted. Councilmember Harman made the resolution to approve the Supervisor report, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Travis, Harman, Nays – None

Resolves that the Supervisor report as submitted is accepted.

Supervisor Campbell advised that the Sales Tax for Q3 was received, it was down slightly, but still above the Town's plan.

Resolution # 113 – 2025 Final Budget

Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to adopt the 2025 Budget for the Town of West Bloomfield.

Councilmember Travis made the resolution to adopt the 2025 Town of West Bloomfield Budget, seconded by Councilmember Harman.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Travis, Harman, Nays – None

Resolves that the 2025 Town of West Bloomfield Budget is adopted as submitted.

Councilmember Travis made note that the budget can be updated until the end of the year if needed, Supervisor Campbell concurred.

Resolution #114 Vouchers – Payment of Bills

Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to approve the payment of bills on Abstract 11 for 2024 for General and Highway.

Councilmember Travis made the resolution to approve the bills/vouchers as presented, seconded by Councilmember Harman.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Travis, Smith, Harman, - Nays, None

Resolves that the payment of bills on Abstract 11 are approved.

Resolution #115– Justice Report

Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to approve the October 2024 Justice report. Councilmember Harman made the resolution to approve, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Travis, Harman- Nays – None

Resolves that the October 2024 Justice report is accepted as presented

Resolution #116 – Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Ball submitted the October-November 2024 Highway report.

Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to approve the Highway Report.

Councilmember Travis made the resolution to approve the October-November 2024 Highway report, seconded by Councilmember Harman

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Travis, Harman Nays – None

Resolves that the October-November 2024 Highway report is accepted as presented.

Resolution #117– NYS Snow & Ice Agreement

Councilperson Harman made the resolution to approve The NYS Supplemental Agreement for Snow & Ice No. 3 to Contract No. D014811 as presented, seconded by Councilperson Smith.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Harman, Travis- Nays, None

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of West Bloomfield hereby approves the 2024-2025 NYS Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to Contract No. D014811 as for Snow & Ice.

Resolution #118– Snowplow Contract – Town of West Bloomfield Highway & West Bloomfield Fire Department

Councilperson Harman made the resolution to approve The Snowplow Contract between the Town of West Bloomfield Highway Department and the West Bloomfield Fire Department for the 2024-2025 season, seconded by Councilperson Smith.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Harman, Travis- Nays, None

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of West Bloomfield hereby approves the 2024-2025 Snowplow contract between the Town Highway Department and West Bloomfield Fire Department.

Resolution #119 Parks & Recreation – Playground Project

Superintendent Ball provided a review of the 3 bids/proposals he received for the playground project; his recommendation is for the project to be awarded to Josh Landscape. He based his recommendation on the overall service that Josh Landscape will be able to provide as a local company. Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution committing ARPA funds to the Playground Project awarded to Josh Landscape. Councilmember Smith made the resolution to approve seconded by Councilmember Travis.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Travis, Reclused - Harman Nays – None

Resolves that ARPA funds are committed to the Playground Project.

Code Enforcement Report/Update – Code Officer Schultz submitted the Code Enforcement Report for October 2024. In reviewing the Open Code Report the Town Board requested that the Code Department focus on the 40 single family dwellings with an Open Status in the system to confirm status and update the system accordingly. Code Office Schultz advised she would review and contact the Town Attorney for guidance on any that do not have completed Certificate of Occupancy in the file. Supervisor Campbell stated he would reach out to the Town Attorney as well and copy in the Code Officer. Currently, the Code Officer is working 10 hours per week, the contract between the Town of Richmond and Town of West Bloomfield for Code Services is being reviewed to allow for additional work hours.

Board Members asked for the September & October 2024 Code Reports to be held over for the December meeting to allow time to review the reports fully. The Town Board advised Reports will be held for the December 2024 Town Board Meeting.

Resolution #120-Board of Assessment Review Appointment

Councilmember Travis made the resolution to approve the following Board of Assessment Review Appointment and Term, seconded by Councilmember Harman.

_Lee Daubenspeck

- - Appointed: 10/1/2024
- - Term End: 9/30/2029

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Travis, Harman Nays – None

Resolves that Lee Daubenspeck is appointed to the BAR for a term of 5 years.

Resolution # 121- Close Meeting

At 7:42pm, Councilmember Travis made the resolution to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Smith. Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Travis, Harman - Nays, None

Resolves that the meeting is closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Thompson– Town Clerk