



9097 Daylight Drive - West Bloomfield, NY 14585

MINUTES

Town of West Bloomfield – Board Meeting

March 12, 2025

Supervisor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

In Attendance: – *Supervisor Todd Campbell, Councilmembers, Bill Travis (arrived at 7:10 pm) Ruth Smith, Kevin Carey, Scott Harman, Town Clerk – Brenda Thompson, Highway Superintendent – Jeff Ball, Chris Tobin, Lynn Parrish, Curt Barnes, Pete Thompson, Carter Whitmore, Mike Borgeest, Suzanne Washburn, William Washburn, Betty Lewis, Gary Lewis, Julie Everleigh, Steve Everleigh*

Privilege of the Floor –

- Rural Cemetery of West Bloomfield is requesting the waiving of the fee for use of the Town Hall for their annual meeting on April 21, 2025. Supervisor Campbell did advise that openings are available for the Rural Cemetery Board and if there are any interested parties to please let him know.

Resolution # 27 – Rural Cemetery Waive of Town Hall Rental Fee

Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to approve the waiving of the rental fee for the Rural Cemetery annual meeting on April 21, 2025. Councilmember Harman made the resolution to approve, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Harman, Carey - Nays, None
Resolves that the fee is waived.

Resolution # 28 – Code Enforcement Report

Code Officer Schultz submitted the Code Enforcement Report to the Town Board for February 2025 via email on 3/11/2025. Supervisor Campbell did remind the Board that Code Officer Schultz was on vacation for 2 weeks in February.

Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to accept the Code Officer report as submitted.

Councilmember Smith made the resolution to approve the Code Officer report, seconded by Councilmember Carey.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Carey, Harman Nays – None
Resolves that the Code Officers report as submitted is accepted.

Councilmember Harman did comment that he would like to see more activity from the Code Office.

Resolution # 29- Minutes

Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to approve February 12, 2025, minutes. Councilmember Harman made the resolution to approve minutes seconded by Councilmember Carey.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Carey, Harman - Nays, None
Resolves that February 12, 2025, minutes are accepted as submitted.

Resolution # 30 - Supervisor Report

Two Supervisor reports were submitted, the January report is the corrected/updated version of the January 2025 report and the February 2025. Supervisor Campbell advised the main decrease in the February report was the full funding of the DA (Highway). Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to approve the Supervisor for February report as submitted. Councilmember Harman made the resolution to approve the Supervisor report, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Harman, Carey. Nays – None
Resolves that the Supervisor report as submitted is accepted.

Supervisor Campbell did give the US Department of Agriculture permission to put up traps on any Town property to survey the European Cherry Fruit Fly.

Resolution #31 Vouchers – Payment of Bills

Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to approve the payment of bills on Abstract 3 for 2025 for General and Highway.

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

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Carey, Harman - Nays, None
Resolves that the payment of bills on Abstract 3 for 2025 are approved.

Resolution #32– Justice Report

Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to approve the February 2025 Justice report. Councilmember Smith made the resolution to approve, seconded by Councilmember Carey.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Carey, Harman- Nays – None
Resolves that the February 2025 Justice report is accepted as presented.

Parks & Recreation – Superintendent Ball has been working with Josh Landscape (contractor) on the playground project. The start date is scheduled for March, a target of May 26, 2025, for completion. The Highway Department will be working on drainage at the park, including the fields. He advised the old playground material is still at the Highway Barn, he questioned what should be done with it, he would like to scrap it. Councilmember Harman advised anything, but scrapping would put a liability on the Town.

Resolution #33 – Playground Equipment

Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to approve the scrapping of all previous playground equipment and deeming it of no value. Councilmember Carey made the resolution to approve, seconded by Councilmember Harman.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Carey, Harman- Nays – None
Resolves that Highway Superintendent Ball is authorized to scrap the old playground equipment.

Resolution #35 – Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Ball submitted the February-March 2025 Highway report. Salt barn is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ full, it will be full prior to next plow season. Repairs and updates are being made to the Highway Garage per the Fire Marshall notice/inspection. Highway Superintendent Ball attended the Highway Advocacy Day in Albany, NY met with Assembly Member Baily.

Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to approve the Highway Report. Councilmember Harman made the resolution to approve the Highway report, seconded by Councilmember Carey.

Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Carey, Harman Nays – None
Resolves that the February- March 2025 - Highway report is accepted as presented.

Councilmember Travis arrived at 7:10pm.

Assessor Reappointment – deferred until the April meeting.

Resolution # 34- Monroe County Water Authority

APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION OF AN EASEMENT BY THE MONROE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO §1096(6-a) OF NEW YORK'S PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW

WHEREAS, The Monroe County Water Authority ("Authority") intends to provide public water service to 1939 State Route 65 located in the Town of West Bloomfield; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the easement is necessary for operation, maintenance and the future replacement of the water main which will allow the Authority to continue to reliably provide potable water supply to the area; and

WHEREAS, the easement is located along the frontage of 1939 State Route 65 (Tax Acct. No. 50.02-2-2.110), which is owned by; and

WHEREAS, §1096(6-a) of New York's Public Authorities Law requires the Authority to obtain the prior approval of the Town Board for the above-referenced acquisition; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town hereby approves of the Authority's acquisition of the frontage easement located at 1939 State Route 65 in accordance with §1096(6-a) of the New York Public Authorities Law and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Authority - Councilmember Travis made the resolution to approve the acquisition easement as stated, seconded by Councilmember Carey. Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Travis, Carey, Harman - Nays, None

Fire Department Contracts. Supervisor Campbell stated that the resolution from the February meeting regarding the Fire Department funding caused a bit of consternation between the fire departments and the Town Board. Supervisor Campbell had discussions with both the West Bloomfield and Ionia Fire Departments. Supervisor Campbell asked for an amendment to Resolution #22 from February 12, 2025, Town Board Meeting.

Resolution #22 (February 12, 2025) Amendment Fire Contract: Supervisor Campbell asked for a resolution to amend Resolution #22 Fire Contract. Councilmember Harman made a resolution to update the 2025 West Bloomfield/Ionia Fire Department contract to include \$75,000.00 to West Bloomfield Fire Department and \$115,000.00 to Ionia Fire Department, Councilmember Travis seconded. Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Travis, Harman— Abstained – Carey Nays – None Resolves that the contract is to be updated as stated.

- Supervisor Campbell provided the following chart for review:

Town of West Bloomfield
Supervisor
Todd D Campbell
P.O. Box 87
West Bloomfield NY 14585

2025 FD Budget \$190,000.00
WB/Ionia tax rate .8056/1,000
NB tax rate .6136/1,000
WB 2024 Reports 8 active, 6 Ext 2 Int
Ionia 2024 Reports 21 active, 8 Ext 13 Int

“Credits” Exterior 1, Interior 2
WB total of 10
Ionia total of 34
Combined Total 44 “credits”

1. \$50,000.00 base each
 - a. WB\$25,000.00 total\$75,000.00
 - b. I \$65,000.00 total\$115,000.00

Need a copy of the “Training History/Certification Report” ASAP to attach to 2025 contract, and an updated copy by 10/1/2025 to use for preparing the 2026 budget and contract.

2025 contract using active members reported by departments (total of 29) to determine approximate budget for each department. (\$90,000.00/29=--\$3,103 per member) with some rounding (\$163.00) to make the contract/budget easier to read.

Supervisor Campbell handed out a Proposal from CGR for a Fire Department Assessment and Action Plan. It is to look at the Fire Department Equipment needs for the Town and determine if the Town has excess/adequate equipment. Supervisor Campbell would like to use the money that was provided by the Ambulance when they ceased operation, \$35,000.00 currently in that fund. The money was designated for emergency service use. Councilmember Travis stated he was in favor of using the funds for this type of proposal. Supervisor Campbell would like the Fire Departments and Town Board to review and have discussions at the April 9, 2025, Town Board Meeting.

- Pete Thompson asked the cost of the proposal – Supervisor Campbell stated \$30,000.00
- Curt Barns asked if the study would compare costs / budgets from other towns to the West Bloomfield budget. – Supervisor Campbell is unsure; this can be reviewed prior to accepting any proposal.

Resolution # 36- Close Meeting

At 7:28 pm, Councilmember Travis made the resolution to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Harman. Adopted: Ayes – Campbell, Smith, Travis, Carey, Harman - Nays, None
Resolves that the meeting is closed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Thompson– Town Clerk