

MINUTES FOR BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP CONFERENCE MEETING

Monday, June 8, 2020

7:00 PM – Mayor’s Conference Room, 1 Municipal Plaza, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building



I. Sunshine Compliance Statement

Mayor Venezia called the meeting to Order at 7:04 p.m.

Notice of the time, date, location and agenda of this meeting, to the extent then known was provided at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of this meeting in the following manner pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Law of 1975 (The Open Public Meeting Act).

1. By posting such notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and
2. By email notification generated by IQM2 to the offices of the Independent Press, Bloomfield Life, the Star Ledger, Patch, Baristanet and TAPinto Bloomfield

II. Pledge of Allegiance

This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Roll call showed the following:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jenny Mundell	First Ward Councilwoman	Present	
Nicholas Joanow	Second Ward Councilman	Present	
Sarah Cruz	Third Ward Councilwoman	Present	
Wartyna Davis	Councilwoman	Present	
Ted Gamble	Councilman	Present	
Richard Rockwell	Councilman	Present	
Michael J. Venezia	Mayor	Present	

A. **Absent:** None

B. **Also Present:** Louise Palagano, Municipal Clerk; Michael Parlavecchio, Township Attorney; Sam DeMaio, Public Safety Director; Paul Lasek, Township Engineer; Jean-guy Lauture, IT Director; Kim Duva, Personnel Director; Michael Scurman, Recreation Director; Catherine Finkler, Deputy Municipal Clerk

IV. Presentation

1. Bloomfield TAP Project - Streetscape and Sign Branding

Mike Troncone from CME Engineering joined the Mayor and Council to discuss the federally funded project to improve the streetscaping and way-finding signs from the train station and into

the town. Mr. Troncone explained how the project is mainly focusing on the Bloomfield Center area particularly the signage as well as the streetscaping along the front of the Lackawanna train station and Place, the walking wayfinding areas around the train station and parking garages and lastly ADA ramp improvements along the intersections that don't meet current standards. The project will also focus on pointing vehicular traffic to the correct parking garages. Mr. Troncone shared various drawings of the designs.

2. NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

Councilman Ted Gamble read the following proclamation aloud:

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Township of Bloomfield to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.

WHEREAS, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, cities across the nation, including Bloomfield, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the mayor's highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic facing America has drastically impacted communities and individuals sheltering in place which may result in situations where access to firearms results in increased risk in intimate partner violence gun deaths, suicide by gun and unintentional shootings;

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in the presidential inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later, should be now celebrating her 23rd birthday; and

WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya - and the more than 100 Americans whose lives are cut short every day and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day - a national coalition of organizations has designated June 5, 2020, the first Friday in June, as the 6th National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield, along with the members of the Township Council, do hereby declare the first Friday in June, June 5, 2020, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives the lives of gun violence victims and survivors

Lorraine Lombardi of New Jersey's Be Smart campaign thanked the Mayor and Council for issuing the proclamation and being a strong partner in the fight against gun violence.

3. LGBT PRIDE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Councilman Rick Rockwell talked about the Pride banners which were placed around town in celebration of LGBT Pride Month and also read various statistics open LGBT election officials throughout the country.

Councilman Rockwell then read the following proclamation aloud:

LGBT PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people, but the fulfillment of this promise has been long in coming for many Americans.; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Uprising, a historic turning point for LGBT rights that occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City when LGBT citizens rose up and resisted police harassment that arose out of discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional. In the 50 years since, civil rights for LGBT people have grown substantially, and LGBT pride celebrations have taken place around the country every June; and

WHEREAS, in communities throughout the country, barriers that limit the potential of LGBT Americans have been torn down, but too many continue to encounter discrimination and unfair treatment especially for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. We stand in solidarity to show our support for the strengthening equal rights laws, to show that there is strength in diversity and to proclaim "it gets better," and

WHEREAS, all people deserve to live with dignity and respect, free from fear and violence, and protected against discrimination, during Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month, we celebrate the proud legacy LGBT individuals have woven into the fabric of our Nation, we honor those who have fought to perfect our Union, and we continue our work to build a society where every child grows up knowing that their country supports them, is proud of them, and has a place for them exactly as they are; and

WHEREAS, Bloomfield Pride LGBTQ+ Community of Bloomfield was established to celebrate, educate and advocate on behalf of LGBT residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL J. VENEZIA, Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield, along with the members of the Township Council, do hereby dedicate and proclaim June 2020 as LGBT Pride Month and offer this proclamation to the Bloomfield Pride LGBTQ+ Community of Bloomfield and celebrate the great diversity of the residents of Bloomfield and the diversity of our Township Council.

4. Open Space Month Proclamation

Councilman Nick Joanow read the following proclamation aloud:

Open Space Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Jersey is the most densely populated state in the country; and

WHEREAS, Open spaces are vital to the health of New Jersey's citizens, environment, and economy by providing a natural filter for water; and

WHEREAS, Open spaces generate millions in direct economy activity annually through tourism and agricultural production; and

WHEREAS, Open space, farmland, and historic preservation have historically had strong bipartisan support in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, 65% of voters supported the 2014 ballot measure to constitutionally dedicate an annual revenue source to preservation and stewardship; and whereas Bloomfield voters supported the Bloomfield Open Space Trust fund;

WHEREAS, the Senate unanimously passed implementation language in June of 2016 to once again begin funding rounds for open space, farmland, and historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, joining with the New Jersey Keep It Green's Coalition which runs successful campaign to highlight open spaces throughout the state and encouraging the public to explore, recreate in, and enjoy the state's open spaces during the month of June to commemorate the historic passing of the implementation language;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL J. VENEZIA, Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield, along with the members of the Township Council, do hereby recognize the goals of Bloomfield residents to make June as Open Space Month and encourage Bloomfield residents to continue to explore, recreate in, and enjoy the state's and Bloomfield's open space.

V. Public Comment

Municipal Clerk Louise Palagano, summarized the following emails she received for public comment and already distributed to the Mayor, Council, Township Administrator and appropriate departments.

Norm Sutaria of Bloomfield, NJ had questions regarding the Police Department's body camera use policy, maneuvers, community-wide discussions, the township's fireworks display, the Essex-Hudson Greenway, Community Forestry Management Plan and pedestrian intervals.

Glendaliz Cevallos and Maria Colon both had questions about the proposed ordinance for Rowe Street.

Mayor Venezia addressed the question about Fourth of July fireworks which he stated were postponed and said the Council is looking to do something in contingent with school when it begins in September.

Councilwoman Mundell then read the Resolution for Social Justice that is on the agenda as an item for action later in the meeting. She read aloud the following:

VI. ACTION ITEM:

Councilwoman Mundell made a motion to move which Councilwoman Davis seconded. Mayor Venezia and Councilwoman Davis both commented on the events surrounding the death of George Floyd and also spoke about the peaceful rally which was held Friday night. Mayor Venezia also invited residents to join a community conversation with the Police Department, and Council Wednesday night. He also thanked Councilwoman Mundell and Councilwoman Davis for writing the resolution.

Councilwoman Mundell then read the Resolution for Social Justice that is on the agenda as an item for action later in the meeting. She read aloud the following:

WHEREAS, we are haunted by the searing vision of a Minneapolis police officer kneeling on a subdued man's neck, as other officers witnessed Mr. George Floyd's pleas for help be ignored by the very people who are trained to help and assist; and

WHEREAS, we are haunted, too, by the knowledge that this was not an isolated incident in our country. The number of names and similar experiences is unconscionably long and an undeniable part of the history of this nation; and

WHEREAS, we extend our condolences to Mr. Floyd's family and friends and to all who grieve his death. We offer our thoughts to the members of our community who have been personally impacted as well; and

WHEREAS, we condemn the actions of the police officers involved; and

WHEREAS, we feel compelled to say affirmatively and with real compassion that violence like this is yet another blow to persons of color, who too often are told by our society that they do not matter; and

WHEREAS, the most pervasive forms of racism are covert and institutionalized; and

WHEREAS, as public officials, this tragedy makes us reflect on our own practices, behavior, and attitudes. We strive to remain ever thoughtful in our work - as public officials - to ensure that all members of our community feel part of the Township of Bloomfield and feel protected, listened to, and served by their public servants; and

WHEREAS, as public officials, it is our duty to use our legal and moral authority to protect all members of our community no matter their race or color or where they fall on the power spectrum. It is our duty to foster a community free of fear, intimidation and violence and provide equal protection under the law.; and

WHEREAS, we know we can do better as a country to confront the systemic racism that has brought us to this place of fear and distrust; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bloomfield desires to continually transform itself into a more inclusive and socially just town through the adoption of anti-racist and social justice principles, values, practices, and policies; and

WHEREAS, we know many of the young people in our community have seen this video and other similar news, and are trying to process these traumatizing events with their families; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of this tragedy, we reaffirm our commitment to the larger goals of social justice and will focus on how we can deliver on the promise of good and fair public safety protection. We will work with our community leaders to determine the best ways for us to engage on this important mission as we continue to move forward.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, to condemn all acts of hate and bigotry and commit to working with public safety leadership and the community at large to develop a comprehensive approach towards anti-racism and social justice transformation.

Municipal Clerk Louise Palagano then called the roll which showed:

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Wartyna Davis, Councilwoman
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia

VII. TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR:

1. COVID-19 Update

Township Administrator Matt Watkins provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the township of Bloomfield. Mr. Watkins showed a graph with the average trend of cases since April which have steadily dropped. He said it was consistent with the rest of the County. Mr. Watkins also stated that June 15, the Municipal Building will reopen to the public. He said everyone must enter through the front door, must wear a mask and have their body temperature taken. Employees must wear masks in common areas and protective screens have been set up for some departments. Mr. Watkins also talked about the success of the community testing which started last week as well as an update on Zoning Board meetings and pending cases. Councilwoman Cruz asked about the heat sensory machine and the other municipal buildings. Mr. Watkins said there will be a companion system for the Police Headquarters and courts. The Civic Center will have infrared temperature scanners. Councilwoman Davis asked Mr. Watkins how the Township was working with the Board of Education regarding purchasing thermometers, etc. Mr. Watkins said the Township will continue to work collaboratively with the Board of Education like they have with the purchase of gloves and masks.

2. Granting Permission for Outside Dining in Areas Designated by the Township

Township Administrator Matt Watkins said the Township has established a new application process and that the Township will allow restaurants wherever they can to allow outside dining. He talked about the resolution on as an Item for Action regarding waiving fees, etc. The Township is looking for opportunities for more outside dining areas on Washington Street, Broad Street and Pitt Street. Mayor Venezia also encouraged restaurants to work with their fellow neighbors for more space if they only have a small area in front of their building.

3. Discussion - Waiving Fees for Use of Parks - Outdoor Workouts

Township Administrator Matt Watkins and Recreation Director Michael Scurman previewed the Item for Action later in the meeting allowing Bloomfield fitness businesses to use the parks. Fees would be

waived. Mr. Scurman said any businesses interested can complete an application online and his department will coordinate the parks. The permit will be for 30 days and then businesses can ask for an extension. Mayor Venezia asked for a motion to move. Councilwoman Mundell moved, Councilman Joanow seconded and all agreed.

4. Discussion of Township Recreation Summer Programs

Director Michael Scurman gave an update on the Recreation Summer programs. Mr. Scurman detailed plans for smaller sized sports clinics, in person classes at the Civic Center and virtual learning classes. He also said they would work in conjunction with state guidelines regarding whether summer camps will open.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Drive-in Movies Update

Recreation Director Michael Scurman discussed the tentative drive-in movie series. His department is aiming for five movies nights on Tuesday with locations at Bloomfield College and the Universal Technical Institute parking lots. Mr. Scurman said social distancing guidelines will be in effect and over 500 residents responded to an online poll regarding which movies they would like to see. Registration will be every Wednesday before the event starting at 10a and will close once the maximum is reached for that week.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

6. Recommendation for Engineer for Recreational Projects

Township Administrator Matt Watkins talked about the recommendation for a Recreation Engineer. After receiving numerous proposals, the Township would like to continue with Prism Designs Engineering.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution. Vote showed the following:

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER: Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman
SECONDER: Wartyna Davis, Councilwoman
AYES: Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia

7. Recommendation for Lion Gate Fieldhouse Construction

Township Administrator Matt Watkins recommended an engineer for the Lion Gate Fieldhouse Construction.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution. Vote showed the following and Councilman Nick Joanow abstained from voting:

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	
ABSTAIN:	Nicholas Joanow	

8. Rescind Resolution for Skate Park Improvements

Township Administrator Matt Watkins asked the Council to rescind the current Resolution for State Park Improvements based on some suggested changes and approve a new resolution.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution. Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Richard Rockwell, Councilman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

9. Authorization of Amending Skate Park Improvement Plan

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution. Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Richard Rockwell, Councilman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

10. Selection of Engineer for TAP Grant Project at Wright's Field

Township Administrator Matt Watkins explains how the Township received a TAP grant for improvements to the canal at Wright's Field. Taylor, Weissman and Taylor have been recommended to the Mayor and Council.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution. Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Richard Rockwell, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Wartyna Davis, Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

11. Community Forestry Management Plan 2020- 2024

Township Administrator Matt Watkins explained how this plan keeps the Township in compliance to be able to receive grants for its forestry.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution. Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Richard Rockwell, Councilman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

12. Resolution Adopting 2020 Essex County, NJ Hazard Mitigation Plan Update - 5 Year Renewal

Township Administrator Matt Watkins shared details on the County plan.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution. Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

13. Handicapped Parking Removal (437 Beardsley Avenue)

Police Director Sam DeMaio talked about the handicapped parking removal at 437 Beardsley Avenue.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Ordinance. Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Wartyna Davis, Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

14. No Parking Anytime- Rowe Place

Police Director Sam DeMaio explained how the no parking anytime would be only a small portion of Rowe Street, so residents can make a turn without danger and answered the residents questions from the public comment portion.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Ordinance. Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Wartyna Davis, Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

VIII. TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

1. Discussion of Planning Board Resolution - M1 Zone

Township Attorney Michael Parlavecchio discussed how both introduced ordinances – M1 Zone and CC Zone, need to go before the Planning Board and the Mayor and Council must acknowledge it. There will be no separate resolution because there is no change to the master plan to M1 Zone.

2. Discussion of Planning Board Resolution - CC Zone

The CC Zone had a change to the Master Plan so a resolution must be passed at the next meeting as well as the second reading of the Ordinance. With the cancellation of the Planning Board meeting, the recommendation didn't happen when the Ordinance was first published.

IX. FINANCE DIRECTOR:

1. Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of the Note Relating to the Water Construction Bank Finance Program of I-Bank

Township Administrator Matt Watkins explained the Item for Action on I-Bank that is on the agenda tonight. He explained this is a technical requirement for the Township.

2. Estimated Tax Bills - Q3 2020

Township Administrator Matt Watkins said although the state of NJ has delayed the adoption of their budget, the Township will adopt their budget next weekend. Due to the state constraints, the Township still has to estimate its tax bills because it cannot yet certify them.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
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3. Refund of Taxes - New Jersey State Tax Appeals

Township Administrator Matt Watkins explains how the next three items are tax appeals.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution. Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

4. Refund of Taxes - New Jersey State Tax Appeals

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution. Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Wartyna Davis, Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

5. Refund of Taxes - New Jersey State Tax Appeals

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution. Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

X. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER:

1. Change Order - Customer & Township Water Meter Upgrades

Township Engineer Paul Lasek discussed a change order which allows meters upgraded at the Middle School and High School with additional plumbing and other pertinent work to fix valves. It will be a .5 percent increase on the contract.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution. Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Nicholas Joanow, Second Ward Councilman	
SECONDER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

2. NJDOT 2021 Local Aid Program - Broughton Avenue

Township Engineer Paul Lasek spoke about an authorizing resolution for an aid grant to have the street entirely redone from Elston Street to Watchung Avenue.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution. Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Nicholas Joanow, Second Ward Councilman	
SECONDER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

XI. TOWNSHIP CLERK

1. Update on ABC Transfer - Forest Hill Field Club to Marz Golf Holdings, LLC (Premises Expansion)

Municipal Clerk Louise Palagano spoke about a need for a correction resolution to a liquor license that needed to include a premises expansion for a place-to-place. The original person to person transfer was approved in December.

XII. TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

1. Request for Monthly Metrics from the Police Department – Davis

Councilwoman Davis spoke about her request for the Council to receive periodic updates from the Public Safety Director about the Police Department. Director DeMaio agreed to talk to the Council about specific metrics they would like him to provide on a monthly basis. Councilwoman Davis asked for the Council's input on which metrics they would like to see in the report.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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3. Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Appointment – Gamble

Councilman Gamble recommended Angie Garma be appointed to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution. Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/22/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Richard Rockwell, Councilman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

4. Resolution for Support of the Essex Hudson Greenway

Councilman Joanow said he would comment on this item later in the meeting under Action Items.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Liaison Reports

Councilwoman Mundell provided updates from the Park, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Commission including the Pulaski Tot Lot nearing completion; afternoon service has been restored to the Senior Bus route and Dial-A-Ride has resumed and a classic car coloring contest that is ongoing. Councilwoman Mundell also shared an update on Collins House and shared an update on the library, which remains closed because it is under a different Executive Order. Councilwoman Mundell said the Library that there will be a remote summer reading program and there will be best practices guidelines when it reopens.

Councilwoman Davis shared an update on the BCA's upcoming plans in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She said the Harvest Fest will be canceled. Councilwoman Davis also discussed the Voters Information Session with the Civil Rights Commission and Township Clerk Louise Palagano which was very successful. Lastly, she discussed the virtual community discussion that will be held Wednesday focusing on Race and the Police Department which she will moderate. In a few weeks, there will be another virtual community town hall on Race and Health Care.

Councilman Rockwell discussed the collaboration between the Morris Canal Greenway Committee and the Environmental Commission that rescued over 150 plants from an abandoned building.

Mayor Venezia talked about the voting session to be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. with Township Clerk Louise Palagano and County Clerk Chris Durkin to discuss the Vote by Mail primary on July 7.

Mayor Venezia asked for a motion to go into Closed Session. Councilman Joanow moved and Councilwoman Cruz seconded. All agreed and the Council went to Closed Session at 8:31p.m.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Township of Bloomfield has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body will reconvene;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Bloomfield will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public;

Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body;

Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer;

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting;

Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, disciplinary action unless individual in writing requests a public meeting;

Any deliberations of the public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of specific civil penalty.

XIV. Action Items

The Mayor and Council returned from Closed Session at 8:56 p.m. and proceeded to vote on the following Items for Action.

- 1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONSENT ORDER OF REMAND TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND DISMISSING WITHOUT PREJUDICE THE COMPLAINT FILED IN MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD v. ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE TWP. OF BLOOMFIELD AND 59 DODD, LLC, DOCKET NO.: ESX-L-001807-20**

Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman
SECONDER:	Richard Rockwell, Councilman
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia

- 2. CORRECTED RESOLUTION - PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE - PERSON-TO-PERSON AND PLACE-TO-PLACE (PREMISES EXPANSION) TRANSFER - FOREST HILL FIELD CLUB TO MARZ GOLF HOLDINGS, LLC**

Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard Rockwell, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia

3. **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS “NOTE RELATING TO THE WATER BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK”, TO BE ISSUED IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,468,000, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, ALL PURSUANT TO THE WATER BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK.**

Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Wartyna Davis, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia

4. RESOLUTION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

This was moved and voted on after public comment.

5. RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY PERMIT ACCESS TO MUNICIPAL PARKS FOR BLOOMFIELD FITNESS AND GYM PROGRAMS

Vote showed the following.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman
SECONDER:	Richard Rockwell, Councilman
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia

6. RESOLUTION: SUPPORTING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

Councilman Nick Joanow commented on this resolution and the towns it will impact and how it will be an economic stimulant for all involved.

Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nicholas Joanow, Second Ward Councilman
SECONDER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia

7. RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY AMENDING CHAPTER 466 SIDEWALK CAFÉS

Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Wartyna Davis, Councilwoman
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia

8. TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD APPROVAL BILL LIST FOR JUNE 8, 2020

Vote showed the following:

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Wartyna Davis, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia

XV. Adjournment

Mayor Venezia asked for motion for adjournment which was moved by Councilman Nick Joanow, seconded by Councilwoman Jenny Mundell, and agreed to by all of the Councilmembers present. The meeting adjourned without going back into Closed Session at 9:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Palagano, Municipal Clerk