

MINUTES FOR BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP CONFERENCE MEETING

Monday, January 13, 2020

7:00 PM – Council Chambers, 1 Municipal Plaza, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building



I. Sunshine Compliance Statement

Mayor Venezia called the Meeting to Order at 7:02 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 Meetings Act).

- 1. By posting such notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and**
- 2. By email notification generated by IQM2 software 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	

Absent: None

Also Present: Louise M. Palagano, Municipal Clerk; Matthew Watkins, Town Administrator; Michael Parlavecchio, Township Attorney; Paul Lasek, Township Engineer; Samuel DeMaio, Public Safety Director; Lou Venezia, Fire Chief; Sean Schwindt, Deputy Chief - Police; Michael Scurman, Recreation Director; John Ditinyak, Treasurer; Carmine Sarno, Comptroller

IV. Presentation

Councilwoman Wartyna Davis read the following proclamation aloud:

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY JANUARY 11TH

WHEREAS; human trafficking is borderless crime against individuals that violates the most basic human rights and deprives victims of every shred of personal freedom; and

WHEREAS; human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of sexual or labor exploitation, involuntary servitude, and other types of mental and physical abuse; and

WHEREAS; human traffickers target impoverished and marginalized children, women and men, isolating them from society and supportive networks and exploiting them for personal and monetary gain; and

WHEREAS; human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world today, and is tied with arms smuggling as the second largest international criminal industry, falling only behind the illicit drug trade; and

WHEREAS; the United Nations' International Labor Organization has estimated that at least 12.3 million adults and children worldwide are currently in forced labor, bonded labor, or forced prostitution; and it is estimated that more people are now harmed by Human Trafficking worldwide than have been at any other point in human history. Approximately 80% of the victims are women and girls, and 50% are younger than age 18; and

WHEREAS; many victims trafficked into the U.S. do not speak or understand English and are unable to communicate to seek rescue. Under U.S. law, any person under 18 involved in the commercial sex industry is considered a Human Trafficking victim; and victims include U.S. citizens and documented immigrants; and

WHEREAS; human trafficking is modern-day slavery, a practice that is in direct opposition to the fundamental principles of liberty and human rights upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS; on February 1, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Once ratified, it officially outlawed slavery and involuntary servitude except as punishment for a crime; and

WHEREAS; although the federal government and the State of New Jersey have enacted laws to prosecute human traffickers and protect the victims of human trafficking, traffickers use techniques to keep their victims enslaved that severely limit self-reporting and that require broad public awareness of human trafficking issues for enforcement and prevention to occur; and

WHEREAS; the Township of Bloomfield is resolved to support the goals and ideals of observing a National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness on January 11 of each year and to support all efforts by individuals, businesses, organizations and governing bodies to raise awareness of and opposition to Human Trafficking; and

WHEREAS; the Township commends the work of the NJ Coalition against human trafficking for its statewide efforts to end human trafficking through education, advocacy, and assistance to survivors and to increase coordination and visibility of New Jersey's commitment to end human trafficking.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, MICHAEL J. VENEZIA, Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield, along with the members of the Township Council, do hereby

proclaim January 11th 2020 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the Township of Bloomfield, to raise awareness about the signs and consequences of human trafficking, to promote opposition to human trafficking in all of its forms, and to encourage support for the survivors of human trafficking throughout the State of New Jersey and across the world to put an end to this criminal activity and restore freedom and dignity to its survivors.

V. Public Comment

Barbara Brown, the Senior Partnership Specialist for the 2020 US Census, took the microphone to discuss the status of the Census. Ms. Brown explains how the Census is “safe, easy and important.” It’s safe because it’s the first time ever this was a digital Census and all responses are encrypted at the highest level of cybersecurity, the information collected is only used for statistical purposes and will never be shared with anyone. It’s easy because the Census can be filled out in four ways - online, by phone, by paper or with the help of a certified Census person who will come to your home to help fill the form out. It’s important because it’s the only measure by which up to \$675 billion will be distributed in federal aid.

Norm Sutarra, Bloomfield, NJ, took the microphone and spoke about the good news regarding the water quality testing. He said it looks like everything is moving in a positive direction. He asked about whether the lead testing for the water will continue to be semi-annual. Township Engineer Paul Lasek said the Town would conduct another 6-month sampling from January to June, take a look at the results and then proceed. However, the town probably won’t go to tri-annual testing for a while. Norm then asked if the county handles the intersection of Watsessing and Bloomfield Avenue because there was a knocked down pedestrian sign at the corner. He also talked about pedestrian safety emerging in the town as a concern and wanted to know if the Council would consider a Pedestrian Safety Committee to address these concerns.

VI. TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Repealing Township Tax Assessor Ordinance

Township Administrator Matt Watkins explained how agenda items one and two are related. He spoke about the vacancy for a full time Tax Assessor, the decision to make it a part-time position and for efficiency reasons move the Assessor under the Finance Department. The Finance Director would only have administrative authority over the Assessor, but would not handle the assessments.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Ordinance.

RESULT:	APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Nicholas Joanow, Second Ward Councilman	
SECONDER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

2. Amending the Township Finance Department Ordinance

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Ordinance:

RESULT:	APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Nicholas Joanow, Second Ward Councilman	
SECONDER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

3. 2020 BCA Budget

Director of the BCA, Olyn Lettman, presented to the Council the 2020 Budget. The anticipated budget would be \$444,885. The BCA plans to continue to provide various events and activities such as Dinner under the Stars, Cruise Nights and Harvest Fest which have all been successful for the town. They also want to continue to promote the downtown restaurants with new events such as food tours or a Restaurant Week focused on the downtown area. Another important area the BCA would like to focus on is developing a strategy for business retention and business attraction.

The Council asked Mr. Lettman a variety of questions regarding the budget including more information on the four façade grants the BCA was given, digital marketing strategies and a more thorough strategic plan as well as 2019 business assessments. Mr. Lettman and the Council also discussed various entertainment options for the downtown area and how to better advertise them.

The Council ask for a follow-up with Mr. Lettman at the next conference meeting.

RESULT: DISCUSSED **Next: 2/10/2020 7:00 PM**

4. Professional Service Contract - Historic Preservation Survey Services

Township Administrator Matt Watkins explained the contract which is also an item for action this meeting for the Historic Preservation Survey Services. After a review of the submitted RFPs, the Historic Preservation Committee is recommending an award no to exceed \$25,000 this year. The recommendations was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution.

RESULT: APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

5. 2020 Recreation Fee List

Recreation Director Mike Scurman talked about the annual request to charge fees for the recreation programs. The list will be brought in front of the Recreation Advisory Committee as well. The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution.

RESULT: APPROVE [UNANIMOUS] **Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM**
MOVER: Wartyna Davis, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman
AYES: Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia

6. Pulaski Park Tot Lot Park Improvement Project

Recreation Director Mike Scurman talked about the Community Development Block Grant that will refurbish and renovate the Pulaski Park Tot Lot. Part of the design would include a fully ADA compliant Merry Go Round wheelchair and a quiet space for children with sensory perception issues. The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] **Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM**
MOVER: Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman
SECONDER: Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman
AYES: Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia

7. Memorial Park – Joseph Tiseo Ramp Park Improvement Project

Recreation Director Mike Scurman talked about the additional Community Block Grant to update the current state of the park. Instead of wood framing, there will be steel framing. The asphalt which the ramps sit on will not currently be redone.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

8. Essex County Open Space Grant - Memorial Park Tennis Courts

Recreation Director Mike Scurman talked about the request for authorization to apply for an Essex County Open Space grant in the amount of \$150,000 in addition to the current Community Development Block Grant and capital improvements for the three tennis courts. Mayor Venezia and Mike talked about the options for the tennis and pickleball courts.

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

9. Discussion on Water Quality Improvements- Status Update

Township Administrator Matt Watkins updated the Mayor and Council on the Township's water quality. The last water test showed the Township is down below the level of lead that's required by the EPA. Mr. Watkins said more testing will occur during this half of the year to make sure the levels stay there but no more "lead in your water" notices need to be distributed. Mr. Watkins thanked Township Engineer Paul Lasek, the Health Department and the DPW for their help during this period.

10. Update on Water Meter Replacement Program

Township Administrator Matt Watkins said at the end of 2019, 147 meters were installed and the Township is currently scheduling appointments. While the meters are being installed the pipes are also being examined to see if there is any lead. If lead is found, the residents will be notified. The Police Department is working with the installment company. It takes about 30 minutes to replace the meter and this process will continue through summer 2021.

11. Update on Tax Reevaluation

Township Administrator Matt Watkins explained that the field work is nearly complete. The commercial evaluations are done and being reviewed. The next part of the process includes value letters being sent to the residents showing the former assessment and the new assessment. The impact is unclear still because the commercial side needs to be placed into the mix. When the value letters are sent out, residents will be invited to meet with the assessment company at Town Hall. If a resident wants to appeal their assessment, it must be in by April.

12. Discussion of the 2020 Census - Update

Township Administrator Matt Watkins said a complete count committee of about 6-8 people from the Township Council, the schools, businesses, religious groups and community groups will be formed. Mayor Venezia said Councilwoman Mundell and Councilman Joanow will be working Community Planning Director Bonnie Flynn to form a Committee for the January 27, 2020 regular meeting.

13. Discussion of Security Lights

Township Administrator Matt Watkins spoke about the issue regarding residents having security lights on the outside of their houses and the light spill over falls onto their neighbor's property and there have been complaints. Mr. Watkins and Councilman Rich Rockwell talked about a potential review of the Ordinance. Township Attorney Michael Parlavecchio is going to readdress this issue at the February 10, 2020 conference meeting after he reexamines the Ordinance.

14. IT Dept. Vendor Authorization / Award of Contracts 2020

Township Administrator Matt Watkins talked about the IT award of contracts for 2020. The recommendations were approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolutions.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Wartyna Davis, Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

15. Mid-Block Crossing - State Street

Public Safety Director Samuel DeMaio talked about the need for a midblock street crossing directly behind Bloomfield High School on State Street. The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Ordinance.

RESULT:	APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman	
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16. Bloomfield Avenue - Institute 15 Minute Parking

Public Safety Director Samuel DeMaio talked about the need for several 15 minute parking spaces in the area of Ricciardi Brothers Paint Store on Bloomfield Avenue. The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Ordinance.

RESULT:	APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

17. Permit Parking / 2 hour parking - Sylvan Road

Public Safety Director Samuel DeMaio spoke about 2 hour permit parking on Sylvan Road. The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Ordinance.

RESULT:	APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Nicholas Joanow, Second Ward Councilman	
SECONDER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

18. Handicapped Parking Removal (31 Grace Street, 119 North 15th Street & 339 Berkeley Avenue)

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Ordinance.

RESULT:	APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Wartyna Davis, Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

19. Handicapped Parking Removal (119 North 15th Street & 339 Berkeley Avenue)

The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Ordinance.

RESULT:	APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

20. Handicapped Parking Request (98 Curtis Street, 46 Charles Street, 17 Donald Street)

Public Safety Director Samuel DeMaio spoke about the request for Handicapped Parking on 98 Curtis Street and 46 Charles Street. The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Ordinance.

RESULT:	APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

21. Handicapped Parking Request (17 Donald Street)

Public Safety Director Samuel DeMaio spoke about the request for Handicapped Parking on 17 Donald Street. The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Ordinance.

RESULT:	APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

22. Speed Hump Designation - Willard Avenue

Public Safety Director Samuel DeMaio spoke about the request for a speed hump designation on Willard Avenue. The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Ordinance.

RESULT:	APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

VII. TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

1. Authorizing The Township Assessor to Take Certain Actions to Prosecute and Defend Appeals

Township Attorney Michael Parlavecchio spoke about the resolution which is an annual authorization that is given to the acting Township Tax Assessor to take action once a tax appeal is filed. The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR:

1. Refund of Water Overpayment

Treasurer John Ditinyak spoke about the refund for water overpayment for the property located at 110 North Spring Street. The refund amount is \$3,007.34. The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Wartyna Davis, Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

2. Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits

Treasurer John Ditinyak spoke about an ordinance that would exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits which would allow a maximum cap of 3.5%. The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Ordinance.

RESULT:	APPROVE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

IX. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER:

1. Final Change Order - Oakland Avenue & Baldwin Place Roadway Improvements

Township Engineer Paul Lasek spoke about a change order for the Oakland Avenue, Baldwin Place Roadway Improvements. The project has been completed and this would be a reduction in the contract price of 9%. The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Ted Gamble, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Wartyna Davis, Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

2. Final Change Order - Essex Avenue Section 3

Township Engineer Paul Lasek spoke about the final change order for Essex Avenue Section 3 which was also a contract reduction of 7%. The recommendations was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

3. Avalon Bay - Release of Maintenance Bond

Township Engineer Paul Lasek spoke about the request to release the maintenance bond for Avalon Bay Development. The recommendation was approved for the adoption of the appropriate Resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Jenny Mundell, First Ward Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Sarah Cruz, Third Ward Councilwoman	
AYES:	Mundell, Joanow, Cruz, Davis, Gamble, Rockwell, Venezia	

X. TOWNSHIP CLERK

1. ABC - Person to Person - Forest Hill Liquor to Bloomfield Buy Rite

Municipal Clerk Louise Palagano explained that the attorney for this ABC Person to Person transfer of Forest Hill Liquor to Bloomfield Buy Rite advertised in the Independent Press of December 26 and January 2. The transfer was discussed and approved at the December 16, 2019 combined meeting, but the publication notices had not been published at that point.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
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2. New Voting Machines in Essex County

Municipal Clerk Louise Palagano spoke about the new voting machine replacement contract approved by the Essex County Freeholders. The new voting machines are paper ballots with an optical scanner. Mayor Venezia asked Louise to look at each voting location to make sure there is sufficient space for these new machines and their respective privacy screens. Ms. Palagano, Township Attorney Michael Parlavecchio and Mayor Venezia discussed the training for these new machines and whether schools are off on Election Day in November.

XI. TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

1. Liason Reports

Councilwoman Davis spoke about the Township's Season of Giving. Donations from the last food drive were given to the Human Needs Pantry, New Light Baptist Church and the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church. On Sunday, Bloomfield Soccer will be holding a tournament and the admission will be non-perishable items which will be a significant donation to share with those pantries. Councilwoman Davis also talked about the fundraiser at Chipotle on Tuesday from 5p to 9p, which a third of proceeds from the sales will go to the committee if the customer has a flyer or they are a member of the committee. The MLK Day of Service will be held on January 18th at Bloomfield

Middle School. Volunteers will assemble hygiene kits. An estimated 1200 kits will be created for those in need. There will also be 500 knapsacks from Tony's Kitchen as well. The event received sponsorships from Clara Maass, Pfizer, Oral B, Shooting Star Dance Academy and Sherwinn Williams on Bloomfield Avenue. Members of the Council and community also made donations. The MLK Day Celebration will be held at New Light Baptist Church at 3 p.m. on Monday, January 20, 2020.

Councilman Rich Rockwell thanked the Mayor and Council on behalf of the Historic Perseveration Committee for their support in approving a grant that would allow the committee to conduct a survey of historic properties throughout the town beyond what's in the historic district. He also thanked Township Administrator Matt Watkins and Community Planning Director Bonnie Flynn for their assistance.

Mayor Venezia asked to go into Closed Session, which was moved by Councilman Joanow, seconded by Councilwoman Mundell, and approved by all of the Councilmembers present. The Council went into Closed Session at 8:32 p.m.

XII. 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.

Mayor Venezia asked for a motion to return to Open Session. The Council returned to Open Session at 8:46 p.m.

XIII. Action Items

The Mayor and Council returned from Closed Session and approved the following Action Items.

1. RESOLUTION: RESCINDING CONTRACT AWARD TO O'DONNELL MCCORD, P.C. FOR TAX ATTORNEY

Roll call showed the following:

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

2. RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SURVEY SERVICES

Roll call 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

3. RESOLUTION: ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2020-JUNE 2025 FORM 1B

Roll call showed the following:

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

4. TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD APPROVAL BILL LIST FOR JANUARY 13, 2020

Roll call showed the following:

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

XIV. Adjournment

Mayor Venezia asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was moved by Councilman Joanow, seconded by Councilwoman Cruz, and agreed to by all of the Councilmembers who were present. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Palagano, Municipal Clerk