

**WORK SESSION
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

March 8, 2011

Mayor Dunleavy called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor Dunleavy led the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

<i>In Attendance:</i>	Mayor:	Jonathan Dunleavy
	Council President:	Linda Huntley
	Council Members:	Bernard Vroom Jo-Ann Pituch Glenn Schiffman Linda Shortman Mark Conklin
<i>Professionals Present:</i>	Municipal Clerk:	Jane McCarthy
	Borough Administrator:	Ted Ehrenburg
	Borough Attorney:	Joseph V. "Joe" MacMahon, Esq.

PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT

Mayor Dunleavy stated that adequate notice of this meeting was posted in the Bloomingdale Municipal Building and provided to The Suburban Trends; The North Jersey Herald & News; and all other local news media on January 5, 2011.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Vroom moved to open the meeting for Early Public Comment on agenda items; seconded by Councilman Schiffman and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting YES.

Since there was no one who wished to speak under Early Public comment, Councilwoman Huntley moved that it be closed; seconded by Councilwoman Pituch and carried on voice vote.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Public Safety

Councilman Schiffman stated that the Committee met yesterday and went over a few items with the Police Chief.

One of the items was the need to replace the digital recorder; council not get a renewal on the contract; a new recorder lists for an extended period over four years of \$4,397/year which would include service. The Police Chief will put these items in his budget.

Replacement of vehicles was discussed and this will be brought up under New Business per the Mayor.

Liaison Reports

Board of Education – Councilwoman Shortman stated that she attend the Board of Education meeting and they have completed their budget; a Superintendent of the Walter T. Bergen School will be retiring and interviews have begun; State has stated that the maximum that can be paid is \$135,000/year. Therefore they will not be looking for a Superintendent/Principal; they are still exploring Shared Services with the Borough of Butler.

Mayor Dunleavy asked about the custodial contract and wants to keep this a priority for possible shared services with our DPW Department.

Board of Health – Councilwoman Pituch stated that he attended the Board of Health meeting who discussed the noise ordinance which was never passed and would like the Mayor and Council to look at it again.

Environmental Commission – Councilwoman Shortman stated that the Environmental Commission is looking to review the Open Space master Plan and have our input; there are also a few questions about the Highlands Regional Master Plan.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Municipal Clerk

Tri Boro Chamber of Commerce – Municipal Clerk noted that due to office coverage she will not be able to attend the meeting of the Chamber this Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 12 p.m. at Lina's and if anyone would like to go to please let her know.

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion in Regard to Reverse 911

Mayor Dunleavy stated that the Police Chief has done a lot of research on this and has received two proposals and is waiting for a third. Discussion was held with possibly sharing service with the Board of Education and the Police Chief supports this idea.

The Sheriff's Department offers service for free for emergencies on a first come; first served basis.

The Police Chief is willing to address it and get it off the ground; this will be a pending item for the next agenda.

Discussion in regard to a five day work week

Councilwoman Huntley stated that this will be held until next meeting; contracts have to be reviewed; i.e. collective bargaining and employee agreements.

Mayor Dunleavy stated that for this discussion he would like a list of the pros and cons of a four day work week ready for discussion.

Discussion in regard to email server update and emails

Committee met and their recommendation is to go with Fuse mail at \$2/email account and we figure around 50 accounts for about \$1200/year; this does not include archiving which would be \$4,200.

Mayor Dunleavy stated that it is \$1,200 for shared services with Washington Township and Council Members stated that they were not satisfied with the service provided by Mr. Kelley from Washington Township and would not support it.

Councilwoman Huntley moved that we do not enter into a Shared Service Agreement with Washington Township for an email server/emails; seconded by Councilwoman Pituch.

Discussion followed and it was noted that Mr. Kelley's contract included the website and they were not satisfied with the website.

Mayor Dunleavy stated that we have no technical support with fuse mail and felt we should go with a six month contract with Washington Township.

The motion carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Conklin; Huntley; Pituch; Schiffman and Shortman all YES. Councilman Vroom, NO

Councilwoman Huntley moved to approve a contract with Fuse mail for \$2/email account as per the terms indicated, i.e. done in-house and no IT support or server; seconded by Councilwoman Shortman and carried as per the following roll call: Council members: Huntley; Pituch; Schiffman; Shortman; Vroom and Conklin all YES.

***Adoption of Resolution #2011-3.1: Passaic County 2009
Community Block Grant***

Discussion followed in regard to authorizing a bond in the future of \$30,000 to fix laterals; this will not be addressed at this time

Councilwoman Huntley offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION
IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION 2011-3.1

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wanaque hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for Reevaluation Services;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2011 the governing body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of reevaluation services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Borough of Bloomingdale

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Councilman Schiffman seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Pituch; Scihffman; Shortman; Vroom; Conklin; Huntley and Pituch all YES.

Update on Reevaluation

Borough Administrator stated that we need to authorize a cooperative resolution with the Borough of Wanaque seeking proposals; consensus that this will be on the March 22 meeting.

Reintroduction of Ordinance #4-2011 – Traffic Ordinance

Borough Attorney stated that he has discussed this with the Police Chief and noted that some laws have changed since 2008; DOT approval is not needed unless it impacts a County or State Road; he is taking Main Street out and will reach out to the County Engineer and get consent and approval.

Items from pending List

Water Tank – We should have a date as to when we will go out for bid; the interconnect with Butler has been held up with the weak as has Sloan Park Bridge.

Walter T. Bergen School – Mayor noted we hope to go out for bid within 30 days.

Discussion followed in regard to cost of this project and it was noted that this is a loan, not a grant. Councilwoman questioned the cost of the lights and wanted to know if we could spend \$200,000 not \$400,000. Also in response to who will be paying the lighting bill, Mayor noted that it will be the Borough of Bloomingdale.

Councilwoman Shortman asked why other towns that use our fields cannot help pay the cost.

Frank O'Reilly, former Recreation President, stated that there was an agreement years ago that the fields of all three towns would be shared and each town would maintain their own field and utilities. This year we will be playing on Kinnelon fields.

Sewer Hookups - Borough Administrator is working on the completed list and will have for the April meeting.

Missing Light Poles on Hamburg Turnpike – Mayor Dunleavy stated that he has spoken with the Borough Engineer as to the possibility of removing some of the light poles as five are missing and spacing them every other one.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

Discussion in regard to 2011 Municipal Budget Process

Mayor Dunleavy asked the Committee what the status of the budget is; noted he called the Borough Auditor to begin the process.

Councilwoman Huntley stated that they were waiting for figures from the Finance Department; if we go over the CAP, then we will have to cut. Noted that they would like to have meetings with open to the public and advertised so that the full council can attend and participate. Dates will be discussed during the break to see what is available.

Discussion in regard to ROSE Fund

Mayor Dunleavy asked what is the status of the ROSE Fund and their recommendations; Councilwoman Huntley noted that they have not met yet.

Mayor expressed concerned with programs which should be starting up and funding in place, i.e. Little League fields, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.

Discussion followed; Mayor stated that the Recreation Liaison to the ROSE Fund should initiate a meeting and come back and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council. They are required to hold two public meetings.

Councilwoman Huntley moved that authorization be given to award a contract for opening the fields to Tri State; seconded by Councilwoman Shortman and carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Schiffman; Shortman; Vroom; Conklin; Huntley and Pituch all YES.

Discussion in regard to Public Events

Mayor Dunleavy noted that advertising, etc. needs to be done in regard to Public Events; Councilwoman Huntley stated that after the budget is done, she will let you know what the status is for public events.

Adoption of Resolution #2011-3.2: Expressing Appreciation to John Ball for his donation of a snow plow

Councilman Vroom offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Governing Body express their appreciation to John Ball for his generous donation of a snowplow for the Department of Public Works.

Councilwoman Huntley seconded the motion and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Shortman; Vroom; Conklin; Huntley; Pituch; and Schiffman all YES.

Discussion in regard to bill paying on line

Mayor Dunleavy stated that our current webmaster Jeannine Perry will research this and get back to us; this will be a pending item on the agenda.

Discussion in regard to dumpster at Bloomingdale Animal Shelter

In response to Mayor Dunleavy, Councilwoman Huntley stated that BASS is using garbage pails at this time as they do not have money to spend for a dumpster. She has spoken to the Health Officer and informed him that they are in the process of negotiating a contract and a dumpster will be addressed after that.

Councilwoman Huntley moved to TABLE this at this time; seconded by councilwoman Pituch and carried on voice vote.

Adoption of Resolution #2011-3.3: Confirming Award of Exempt Status for Fireman Joshua Herman

Councilman Vroom offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2011-3.3
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Confirming Award of Exempt Status for Fireman

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Governing Body”) finds and declares that its most fundamental responsibility is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Borough of Bloomingdale; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is substantially and capably aided in this regard by the loyal, dedicated volunteer members of the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department, whose primary aim in serving the citizens of this Borough is their protection from fire-borne hazards and risks through fire safety and emergency response measures; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has learned that *Joshua Herman* has upheld the strong and abiding tradition of Departmental service to our community by having performed at least sixty per centum (60%) of fire duty for a period of seven (7) years, and has thereby earned *Exempt Fireman Status* within the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to recognize this accomplishment and to express its sincerest gratitude for his dedicated public service to the protection of the citizens of our community from fire-borne hazards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body does hereby confirm the award of Exempt Status upon *Joshua Herman* and does express, on behalf of the citizens of the Borough of Bloomingdale, sincerest gratitude and appreciation for his loyal, dedicated and exemplary service in protecting the citizens of our community as a volunteer member of the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby directed to forward a true copy of the foregoing Resolution and to issue an Official Exempt Fireman Certificate to *Joshua Herman* in recognition of his dedicated public service to the citizens of our community.

Councilman Schiffman seconded the motion and it carried on voice vote.

Adoption of Resolution #2011-3.4: Confirming Award of Exempt Status for Fireman Steven T. Shattls

Councilman Vroom offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2011-3.4
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Confirming Award of Exempt Status for Fireman

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Governing Body”) finds and declares that its most fundamental responsibility is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Borough of Bloomingdale; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is substantially and capably aided in this regard by the loyal, dedicated volunteer members of the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department, whose primary

aim in serving the citizens of this Borough is their protection from fire-borne hazards and risks through fire safety and emergency response measures; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has learned that *Steven T. Shattls* has upheld the strong and abiding tradition of Departmental service to our community by having performed at least sixty per centum (60%) of fire duty for a period of seven (7) years, and has thereby earned *Exempt Fireman Status* within the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to recognize this accomplishment and to express its sincerest gratitude for his dedicated public service to the protection of the citizens of our community from fire-borne hazards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body does hereby confirm the award of Exempt Status upon *Steven T. Shattls* and does express, on behalf of the citizens of the Borough of Bloomingdale, sincerest gratitude and appreciation for his loyal, dedicated and exemplary service in protecting the citizens of our community as a volunteer member of the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby directed to forward a true copy of the foregoing Resolution and to issue an Official Exempt Fireman Certificate to *Steven T. Shattls* in recognition of his dedicated public service to the citizens of our community.

Councilman Schiffman seconded the motion, and it carried on voice vote.

Status of Highland Opt-in with Burgess Planning Company

It was noted that everyone should review this report and it will be discussed in the future.

Adoption of Resolution #2011-3.5: Award of Contract to DMC

Councilman Schiffman offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2011-3.5
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale is desirous of having certain surveying services provided with respect to the property on Chestnut Street; and

WHEREAS, DMC, licensed surveying professionals who have previously provided satisfactory services the Borough of Bloomingdale; and

WHEREAS, said services are professional services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq. and therefore, exempt from the public bidding laws; and

WHEREAS, DMC has provided a proposal for services in the amount of 1,800, for the services in question; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Borough of Bloomingdale hereby authorizes the execution of a contract between the Borough of Bloomingdale and DMC in the amount of \$1,800 to provide the aforementioned surveying services and close it the normal way.

Councilman Vroom seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Vroom; Conklin; Huntley; Pituch; Schiffman and Shortman all YES.

Discussion in regard to execution of Tax Liens

Mayor Dunleavy spoke in regard to fact that we should keep a close eye on these and be very aggressive.

Discussion in regard to grant writing

Mayor Dunleavy asked who will be writing grants now that we no longer have a Grant Writing Committee.

Councilwoman Huntley felt that any Department who finds a grant should write them.

Mayor felt this would be difficult and asked that this be a pending item and we look for someone in town or the borough to do it.

Adoption of Resolution #2011-3.6: Revising Requirements for EMS Delivery

Councilman Vroom offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2011-3.6
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL S-818 & ASSEMBLY BILL A-2095
REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR EMS DELIVERY***

WHEREAS Senate Bill S-818 and Assembly Bill A-2095 revise the requirements for emergency medical services delivery; and

WHEREAS in New Jersey when someone calls for an ambulance, in most areas, a volunteer first aid squad will respond; and

WHEREAS the Emergency Medical Service Volunteers (EMS Volunteers) provide invaluable life saving services while responding to a wide variety of medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS EMS volunteers are selfless individuals who provide aid to anyone who requires medical assistance under very difficult circumstances; and

WHEREAS the New Jersey State First Aid Council opposes Senate Bill S-818 and Assembly Bill A-2095 because the bills will impose unnecessary and burdensome regulatory and financial burdens upon volunteer first aid squads already understaffed and underfunded; and

WHEREAS the Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund is a dedicated, non-lapsing, revolving fund established to reimburse any entity which is certified by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to provide training and testing for volunteer ambulance, first aid and rescue squad personnel who are seeking EMT certification and/or recertification; and

WHEREAS Senate Bill S-818 and Assembly Bill A-2095 replace the “Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund” with the “Emergency Medical Services Training Fund” and permits the use of the fund by individuals and agencies other than for volunteer ambulance, first aid and rescue squad personnel; and

WHEREAS Senate Bill S-818 and Assembly Bill A-2095 would remove the supervision and control of volunteer first aid squads from their respective municipalities to the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services; and

WHEREAS New Jersey and more than 32 other states, as well as the federal government, require one (1) Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) along with one (1) other non-EMT to staff each ambulance. Senate Bill S-818 and Assembly Bill A-2095 will mandate each volunteer first aid squad to provide two (2) EMTs on every call; and

WHEREAS the revisions contained in Senate Bill S-818 and Assembly Bill A-2095 will result in a decline in the number of available volunteer ambulances in the EMS services and increase the financial burden on municipalities and volunteer first aid squads; and

WHEREAS Senate Bill S-818 and Assembly Bill A-2095 place new and expanded rules, responsibilities and requirements on municipalities that will cause additional expenses for municipalities without a funding source, thereby creating an unfunded mandate in violation of the New Jersey Constitution Article VIII, Section 2, Paragraph 5 and N.J.S.A. 52:13H-2; and

WHEREAS the study upon which these bills are based is reported to contain inaccurate and inconsistent information about the New Jersey EMS System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Haledon, County of Passaic, to oppose new Jersey Senate Bill S-881 and New Jersey Assembly Bill A-2095, and that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Chris Christie, Governor of the State of New Jersey; the Hon. Stephen M. Sweeney, President of the NJ State Senate; the Hon. Sheila Y. Oliver, Speaker of the NJ General Assembly; Senator Joseph Pennacchio; Assemblyman Alex DeCroce, Assemblyman Jay Webber, the Tri Boro First Aid Squad; the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee; the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Services Committee; the League of Municipalities, and Passaic County municipalities.

Councilman Schiffman seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Conklin; Huntley; Pituch; Schiffman; Shortman and Vroom all YES.

Adoption of Resolution #2011-3.7: Market Competition and Consumer Choice Act

Councilman Vroom offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2011-3.7
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING S-2664 & A-3766
“MARKET COMPETITION AND CONSUMER CHOICE ACT”***

WHEREAS, the Legislature is considering S-2664 and A-3766 – Market Competition and Consumer Choice Act; and

WHEREAS, these bills would eliminate municipal benefits related to telephone and cable franchises; and

WHEREAS, the League of Municipalities conducted an analysis which shows that among other things these bills would:

1. Eliminate the requirement that cable companies provide municipalities with access to public, educational and government (PEG) channels.
2. Eliminate the requirement that cable companies provide basic service and internet to municipal buildings and schools at no charge.
3. Eliminate the requirement that cable companies provide equipment and training for access users.

4. Reduce the franchise fee payable by certain cable companies that have converted from a traditional franchise to a system-wide franchise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale hereby strongly opposes S-2664 and A-3766 as passage would be detrimental to the Borough of Bloomingdale and its' schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to Senator Joseph Pennacchio; Assemblymen Alex DeCroce and Jay Webber, the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee, the League of Municipalities, and Passaic County municipalities.

Councilman Schiffman seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Huntley; Pituch; Schiffman; Shortman; Vroom; and Conklin all YES.

Discussion in regard to Police Vehicle State Contract

Mayor Dunleavy noted that there was a deadline of March 1 but it applied to SUV. Noted that there are 23 expeditions available and the issue of the condition of our police vehicles remains the same. Police Chief needs two cars; at least one in 2011.

Discussion followed in regard to authorizing one vehicle now and the second one when the budget is done.

Councilman Vroom moved to authorize the purchase of police vehicle now.

This will be put on the next agenda as a pending item.

Adoption of Resolution #2011-3.8: Improvement of Stormwater Conditions on Henion Street

Councilman Vroom offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2011-3.8
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO AMEND THE FY 2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,800.00 FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STORMATER CONDITIONS ON HENION STREET – PHASE I TO REVISE THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR FY 2009 TO PERFORM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale received a FY 2009 Community Development Block Grant allocation in the amount of \$64,800.00 for the improvements to Stormwater and Drainage on Henion Street – Phase I, and

WHEREAS, Paul Darmofalski, the Engineer for the Borough of Bloomingdale, has recommended that a more pressing need of the community is to eliminate flooding in area of Henion Street, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale is requesting that the FY 2009 funding provided by the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant Program be allocated to the Borough of Bloomingdale by the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the Mayor and any and all Borough Officials take the necessary action to request from the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders permission to utilize the FY 2009 CDBG grant in the amount of \$64,800.00 to implement the following project: Curbs, Sidewalks and Drainage for Henion Street.

Councilman Schiffman seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Pituch; Schiffman; Shortman; Vroom; Conklin and Huntley all YES.

Discussion in regard to email accounts for Boards/Commissions

Discussion followed in regard to liability, etc. of members using their personal computers for Borough business in regard to the OPRA law.

Councilwoman Pituch moved to Table this item.

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Fuse mail Account

Councilman Vroom offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

This will be on the next agenda as a Pending Item.

Adoption of Resolution #2011-3.9: Expressing Appreciation to DPW Employees John Descafano and Al Allegrino for their help fixing the Ballston Street roof

Councilman Vroom offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2011-3.9
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

WHEREAS, municipal employees John Descafano and Al Allegrino volunteer their time to the Borough of Bloomingdale and it's the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the taxpaying residents of the Borough of Bloomingdale have received a direct benefit for their aforementioned generosity; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Borough of Bloomingdale thanks the aforementioned employees for the generosity.

Councilman Schiffman seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Schiffman; Shortman; Vroom; Conklin; Huntley and Pituch all Yes.

Authorization for special Meetings for Budget Hearings

Noted that a resolution will be done later authorizing Special Meetings be held on March 15 at 7 p.m. and March 19 at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building for purpose of Budget Hearings; a quorum of the Council may be present and action may be taken.

INTRODUCTION OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Committee Reports

Mayor Dunleavy spoke in regard to establishing a policy/format for committee reports which Councilwoman Shortman has asked for.

Discussion followed and consensus that the Liaison to the Departments will discuss it with the Department Head and come up with a format.

Adoption of Resolution #2011-3.10: Authorizing Energy Grant

Discussion followed in regard to the Borough receiving a grant for specific energy items to be addressed at the Municipal Building, Senior Center and Firehouse at Union Avenue.

Councilman Vroom offered the following motion and moved for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the Borough Administrator to implement the provision of the Energy Grant which the Borough received.

Councilman Schiffman seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Shortman, NO; Vroom, YES; Conklin, YES; Huntley, NO; Pituch, NO; Schiffman, YES; Mayor Dunleavy, YES.

Discussion in regard to tax appeals

Borough Attorney stated that he would like a list of the appeals the former attorney is working on; he will handle all those that come in now.

ADA Compliance Officer

Mayor noted that the County is looking to see who our ADA Compliance officer is; consensus that all correspondence should be directed to the Borough Administrator.

Adoption of Resolution #2011-3.11: Authorizing Shared Services for Revaluation with Borough of Wanaque

Councilman Vroom offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2011-3.11
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale pursuant to Court order, is required to perform a Borough wide property re-evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wanaque for similar reasons, is contemplating a Borough wide property re-evaluation of their own; and

WHEREAS, both of the Administrations of the Borough of Wanaque and the Administrations of the Borough of Bloomingdale find it mutually beneficial and cost effective to enter into a Interlocal Shared Services Agreement to retain professionals to perform the Borough wide re-evaluations as aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wanaque has agreed to perform the screening and qualifying processes necessary to perform the same including but not limited to complying with local public contracts law, preparing to request for qualifications and/or request for proposals; and

WHEREAS, insert terms of our obligations which have not been provided to us yet; and

For the purpose of budget hearings; a quorum of the Mayor and Council may be present and action may be taken.

Councilwoman Pituch seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council Members: Vroom; Conklin; Huntley; Pituch; Schiffman and Shortman all YES.

Adoption of Resolution #2011-3.12: Authorization for Executive Session

Councilman Schiffman offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2011-3.12
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing the Convening of an Executive Session

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of, and action upon, the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
3. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Litigation – 1 matter
 - B. Negotiations – 7 matters
4. Minutes will be taken.
5. It is anticipated at this time that minutes of the above-referenced subject matter will be made public when it is in order to do so.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman Vroom seconded the motion and it carried on voice vote.

(At this time, the Governing Body went into Executive Session)

RECONVENED

Mayor Dunleavy reconvened the meeting at 12:24 a.m.

Adoption of Resolution #2011-3.13: Authorization for bidding on Animal Shelter Services

Councilman Schiffman offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2011-3.13
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale is desirous of retaining the services of a third party to operate its Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, said services are subject to the local public contracts law, 40A:___; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, hat the Borough of Bloomingdale be hereby instructed to prepare bid specifications, and receive public bids for the same for a period of ___ years.

Councilman Vroom seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call: Council members: Conklin; Huntley; Pituch; Schiffman Shortman and Vroom all YES.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to be conducted, Councilman Schiffman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:15 a.m.; seconded by Councilwoman Pituch and carried on voice vote.

Jane McCarthy, RMC
Municipal Clerk