

## Bloomfield Village Association

### Trustee Meeting

Jan 19, 2016

Trustees present: Andrea O'Donnell, Jeff Kern, Tim O'Hara, Susan Ferrari, Cathy Weissenborn, Trish Saulnier, Andrew Fromm, Ron Ross, Art Atkinson (Village Mgr.), Jeff Kragt, (Village Counsel)

Andrea O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

#### **Fire Department Report:** Chief Geoff Hockman Reported

- The Fire Department made 6 runs during the month of December. One smoke alarm on Yarmouth with nothing found, 2 CO alarms that did not register on the detectors, 3 fire alarms with an odor investigation. The Fire Department also successfully delivered Santa Clause and assisted with on resident who was locked out.
- The Department made 64 runs for the full year.
- The Township is undergoing an ISO review; a higher ISO ranking can lead to lower insurance premiums for both residents and businesses in the township. Scores range from 1 to 10 with 1 being the highest ranking. The Township is currently at a 4. Engine 15 is going to upgrade its 4 inch hose to 5 inch hose, replace its deck gun, and add additional hose attachments to comply with the ISO recommendations. Engine 15 will mirror the Township firetruck equipment to better coordinate on fire runs.

#### **Police Department Report:** Sgt. Roger Hurd reported

- 7 larceny reports in the Village vs usual 3 or 4. Postal boxes picked up on porches during holidays usually picks up. Year over year numbers are about the same.
- Other reports included Id theft, and a theft of jewelry and cash.

#### **Road Committee Report – Trish Saulnier and Tim O'Hara reported**

The committee counted the "Expression of Interest" forms that were signed and returned. Over 470 responses are in so far. According to the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC), each street in the Village needs to have 51% participation in order to be included in the study when initiated. The committee would like an email to go out to remind people to return the EOI. Currently about 30% of the streets have the 51% participation needed for the RCOC to begin their work.

#### **Architectural Reviews**

Andrea O'Donnell read the standard introductory language

#### **1111 W. Glengarry Circle - Morganroth -Rear Yard Pool, Fence, Pool Equipment**

- Proposed new fence to connect the rear corner of the house around the drive along the property line, 4 ft. high and satin black.
- Landscaping will not interfere with neighborhood trees by digging up roots.

- Discussion on consideration to limit the fence to the area around the pool. The architect felt that it would limit the openness of the back yard. Recommended to have landscaping on the outside of the fence to cover it.
- Neighbors attending the meeting asked to have only the pool fence surround the pool. The concern is the landscaping would not always be keep up as with the current owners.

**Motion to approve the fence plans as shown: 2 for and 6 opposed, motion denied**

**2580 Bradway Blvd – Mark & Wendy Schwartz- Addition and Renovation**

Ben Heller architect and builder made the presentation.

- Right hand side of property with setback variance of 3 ft. to accommodate the bay window.
- Discussion on using siding board vs using all shingles to be more consistent with the village.
- The house would have all cedar shake sidings, the bottoms are all straight, more expensive than siding but not within the Village guidelines.

**Motion to approve plans as shown, 6 voted for, 2 against, motion passed**

**Motion to approve the variance 7 voted for, 1 against, motion passed**

**635 Glengarry Circle – Kevin Kruszewski - Covered Front Porch**

- Covered porch would exceed 40 foot setback set by the township by 2 feet, 6 inches, color of the roof would match the existing roof

**.Motion to approve plan and recommend to Township to approve variance, passed unanimously, 8:0**

**1475 Totten ham Rd - Claire & Andrew Trainor - New House**

- Meets all setback requirements
- Architectural design meets Village guidelines.
- No neighbor feedback
- House would have wood cedar shingle with gutters are a copper-like brown color. Stain would be Desert Sands color, facing of the house will be brick with a paint that will give the appearance of stucco. Shutters would be operating with limestone hedge and sills around the windows.

**Motion to approve plan as shown, subject to Art approving the paint color on the shutters and on the garage doors, passed unanimously.**

**340 N Williamsbury – Louis and Karen Lavorata**

- **Louis Lavorata addressed the board regarding several issues regarding the Williamsbury property he is renovating.**
1. Chain linked fence around the back of the house not been removed as original plan.- *Mr. Lavorata will remove the fence in the back but the fence in the front and sides are covered by bushes and would require those to be cut away to get to the fence.*

2. New windows were required to have muntins. – *Muntins have been on order for 3 months and have not come in yet.*
3. Brick of new addition is painted and original plan had matching brick. – *A suggestion was made to use a siding over the painted brick that would be similar to other homes in the Village. That will be considered is the plank board will adhere over the brick.*
4. Brick covering the old window does not match. –*The brick is re-used brick from another part of the house. The caulk around the new brick will be cleaned when weather permits and Mr. Lavorata will see if he can find a way to color the new mortar to match the existing mortar*

**Motion to table the plan until the next meeting to have Mr. Lavorata come back with a solution to add Hardiplank siding to cover all the painted brick and other concerns addressed.**

**976 N. Cranbrook** –Louis Lavorata-Covered front porch, rear 2<sup>nd</sup> story addition, renovated 3 season room

- Plan will increase the home to 5200 square feet.
- Replace the front stone with cut edge stone, sample will be submitted to Art.
- Add windows to the 3 season room and remove sliding doors in front and side.
- Addition in the back with has siding with a brick wainscot with existing brick. Siding will be Hardiplank to match current siding in width and in color.

**Motion to table until the new meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>, to review samples of stone to be used for the front entrance and Hardiplank sample with color.**

**Approval of December/15/2015 Minutes** – Motion to approve December minutes with changes passed unanimously. Minutes will be posted to the Website.

**Treasurers Report** – Cathy Weissenborn reported that December activity is in order and was reviewed online. Insurance expense for next year are net of refund due to moving all policies to a calendar-year timeframe. Sign post maintenance continues. . The President has also reviewed statement activity for December.

**Motion to approve Treasurer's report- passed unanimously**

**Legal Report** – Jeff Kragt, no new issues to report.

**.Village Manager's Report:**

- 2016 Maintenance fund assessment mailed January 6<sup>th</sup>. 2016, total due 181,300, 9836 received.
- 2015 3 homes remaining unpaid, 2 in foreclosure. 2014 has one home outstanding.
- Village 2015 Fall Bulletin ads \$6200 billed, \$5800, 400 billed for ad in bulletin by Berkshire Hathaway that they did confirm beforehand.
- Winter Bulletin 5900 billed to pre-paid, 4700 paid with 3 ad buyers remaining unpaid but will run ad and will prepay.
- Office upgrade new Xerox machine is working great
- Street signs, 20 are updated, Ted Gauthier is waiting for more materials.
- Architectural guidelines, printer has made updates and can be printed at any time.
- Recognition dinner to be on Wednesday March 2, 2016

### **Village Manager Actions**

- 655 Hamilton – Maintenance issues on hold until spring and Twp. will follow up
- AC & Generator screening, notices sent to those in violation, follow up in spring.

### **Old Business**

By-Law revisions, Board will need to review a plan of action to update them

### **New Business**

Board agreed to allow an email blast for the road committee to be sent out.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm**

Next Meeting **Feb 9th**, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Kern, Secretary