



# Council CONNECTION

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A summary of the July 2025 Bloomfield Town Council Meetings

## TOWN COUNCIL REVISES CHAPTER 19 OF THE BLOOMFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES

The Town Council held three meetings in the month of July with its regularly scheduled meeting on July 14, as well as Special Meetings held on July 29 and July 31.

At the meeting on July 14, a public hearing was held regarding a proposed revision of the Bloomfield Code of Ordinances, Chapter 19 - Traffic. More specifically, it related to the addition of a subsection for Oversized Vehicle Traffic.

It was voted unanimously to adopt the Ordinance to Restrict Oversized Vehicle Traffic on certain town roads. In order for the Council to vote on the same night as the public hearing, it was voted unanimously to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure for the requirement that mandates the Council hold public hearings on a different day than the council action.

Oversized vehicles shall mean any motor vehicle having a gross weight of 14,000 pounds or greater, and include the combined weight of a motor vehicle designed and used for the purposes of drawing and attaching a trailer or semitrailer. Emergency, municipal, state, and federal vehicles are exempt from this ordinance.

As part of the new ordinance, no person shall operate any oversized vehicle on Burr Road located in the Town of Bloomfield.

Any person who operates an oversized vehicle in violation of any posted limitation shall be deemed to have violated this ordinance and shall be fined not more than \$250 for each offense.

## COUNCIL SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVISED AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST ORDINANCE

The Town Council voted unanimously to set a public hearing regarding revisions to the Affordable Housing Trust Ordinance (Chapter 15-52) at the next regularly scheduled council meeting, held on August 11.

This trust fund was created for the purpose of accumulating and administering funds to be used for the preservation of existing and the creation of new affordable rental and homeownership housing.

## COUNCIL SUPPORTS HIGHLANDS REGION RESOLUTION

The Town Council adopted a resolution to provide support for Bloomfield being officially included in the federal Highlands boundary, as maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Highlands Conservation Act grant program, thereby qualifying for financial and technical assistance provided by the U.S. Congress.

## COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW TOWN TREASURER

At the regular meeting on July 14, the Town Council voted unanimously to appoint Olaleye Aina as the Town Treasurer with a term ending November 2025.

## COUNCIL APPROVES UPSEU CONTRACT

At a special meeting of the Town Council on July 31, it was voted unanimously to approve the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) Contract as presented to council.

## TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES SETTLEMENT IN NEWKIRK VS. WONG

At a special meeting of the Town Council on July 29, it was voted unanimously to approve the settlement in the matter of Newkirk vs. Wong, et al., as presented by legal counsel pursuant to the negotiations between the Town's insurer and the plaintiffs.

It was then moved unanimously to approve funding of up to \$500 for the costs associated with towing two vehicles current impounded by the Town as a condition of the settlement reached in the matter of Newkirk v. Wong, et al.

## TOWN COUNCIL MAKES BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

The Town Council approved the following appointments to the Inland, Wetlands & Watercourses Commission:

- Kevin Wilcox - Unaffiliated
- Lorenzo Jones - Unaffiliated

## BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Danielle C. Wong

Deputy Mayor Anthony C. Harrington

Councilor Joseph P. Merritt

Councilor Shamar A. Mahon

Councilor Cindi A. Lloyd

Councilor Kenneth L. McClary

Councilor Todd E. Cooper

Councilor Michael J. Oliver

Councilor Elizabeth A. Waterhouse

## TOWN CONTACTS

### Town Manager

Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr.

### Deputy Town Manager

Sharron Howe

### Clerk of Council

India M. Rodgers

## NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING



## AGENDAS & MINUTES

