

Village of Bloomdale  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2024

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Bloomdale Village Council was called to order by Mayor Bethany Vincent at 7 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Members Present:**

Bob Clark, Tom Miller, Jamie Robinson, Becky Drake, Kathy Simon, and Tommy O'Leary IV all answered roll call. Bob motioned to accept the meeting minutes from February 27, 2024 as written. Tom seconded, all approved.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:** Kathy read Ordinance 2024-O-03 in its first reading. There will be a public meeting held on April 9, 2024 at 6:50 pm regarding vacating alleyways between inlots 300 and 301 and inlots 298 and 299, at the village offices, immediately prior to the 7 pm Council Meeting.

**Community Members Present:**

Mike Fairbanks, of NAT Transportation was in attendance regarding bidding for our next 5-year trash contract. Bob motioned to open bidding for 5-year trash service contracts. Tom seconded, all approved. Discussion of availability for NAT to provide dumpsters for Village Clean-Up. Yes, Mike was able to hire an additional driver; staff and dumpsters are available. Tom motioned to hold Village Clean-Up on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Kathy seconded, all approved. Tom motioned to hold Village Garage Sales July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Kathy seconded, all approved. Jamie opened discussion of a dumpster for April 8<sup>th</sup>, the solar eclipse day. Bob motioned to hold off on a dumpster until after the 8<sup>th</sup> and call to request one if needed on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Kathy seconded and all approved.

Tom O'Leary III, Council Member for the Village of Cygnet and EJAD Board Member, was in attendance to ask what our Village is doing to prepare for the eclipse. We relayed that we have contacted Jerry Greiner at NWWSD and that Billy has been in contact with Wood Co EMA. Beth shared that Bob Stewart attended at meeting at NWWSD on Thursday March 7 which included many from our Wood County community and area agencies.

**Fire Department:** Billy shared that the FD will hold the annual Mother's Day Chicken BBQ on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>. Serving begins at 11 am. Update on the Lucas Device: a technician found that both power cords are breaking and suggested purchasing a new power cord for the operating Lucas Device. Billy had contacted Beth during the interim to get phone-approval for that purchase, in order to remove the risk of damage to that device. The tech offered a trade-in value for the defunct device of \$3,000 toward the purchase of a new \$19,000 device. Repairs on said device are estimated at \$3,000-4,000 and cannot be guaranteed for even up to 2 years. Billy looked into a BWC grant and found it is 75%-25%-Split grant. Grass Truck 618 has a bad switch for the emergency lights. Billy asked for approval up to \$500 for the purchase of a new switch to be installed by himself or Jonathon. Bob motioned to approve that purchase up to \$500. Kathy seconded, all approved. Beth offered Billy an update from Jeff regarding his estimated fee for reading the SOGs that Joey wrote and submitted. Much discussion. Bob suggested amending the by-laws, aka the little red book. Billy says that gets muddied when the 501@3 is brought up. Can we change the name of the by-law to SOGs?

**Committee Meetings:** nothing to note.

**Old Business:** Kathy shared that she and Beth attended the OML's seminar for new council members and mayors. She is printing out the power-point slides that were provided and putting them into a binder so that all can read them. Beth asked Jamie if he was able to locate his quotes for removable speed bumps that we had talked about purchasing with a PEP grant. He had not; conversation about speed bumps near Swain Field and on Vine Street. Beth will e-mail Paulette for a walking path update. Council reviewed the south-end street repaving quotes from Morlock. Bob motioned to repave S. Garfield, Hamm, and Center for a total of \$37,489. Tom seconded, all approved.

**New Business:** Bob shared that Ashcraft was in town starting on the tree removals for Phase II of the storm sewer project and opened discussion about having him trim the trees at the Barfel property (106 Vine St) and add that to the taxes. Much discussion; Billy will call the Health Dept to report the property as a concern for the FD. Beth will follow up with Jeff as to the letter sent regarding clean-up deadlines. This brought up discussion of other properties. Beth will ask the Sheriff if his staff will deliver ordinances to 301 N. Main, 107 S. Garfield, and 106 Lincoln.

**Village Clerk:** Bob motioned to pay the bills. Kathy seconded, all approved.

**Village Administrator:** Some of the updates from Bob Stewart have already been shared during this meeting. The K of P flag was replaced. Discussion of the street sweeper; Bob Clark and Billy both offered to repair by welding.

\*Becky asked if we are going back to paper utility bills? Beth thought Diane was buying thicker post-cards. Bob added that Mark Miller still does not have his bill and that the K of P utility bill was incorrect.

**Communications from the Mayor:** Beth asked Council if they would like to try for 1 meeting per month for June, July, and August. No, because if there is an issue which requires 3 readings it will take a long time to get it passed.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** March 26 and April 9. Jamie will be absent April 9. Tom will be absent April 23.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Bob motioned to adjourn at 8:36 pm. Kathy seconded, all approved.

Electric bills can be e-mailed to residents. Interested, contact the Village at [villageofbloomdale@gmail.com](mailto:villageofbloomdale@gmail.com). Also, residents can check current electric balance at [www.villageofbloomdale.com](http://www.villageofbloomdale.com) with last name and account number.

**Community Building Rentals:** Contact Bre 910-635-5496 or Jose 419-379-4779.

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/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

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/s/ Diane Miller, Fiscal Officer

DATE: March 26, 2024