

Village of Bloomdale
Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025

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. Bob motioned to accept the meeting minutes from January 25, 2025 as written. Kathy seconded, all approved. Bob Clark, Tom Miller, Jamie Robinson, Becky Drake, Kathy Simon, and Tommy O'Leary IV all answered roll call.

Beth asked for a motion to go to Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Bob motioned at 7:02. Kathy seconded, all approved. Bob motioned to go out of Executive Session at 7:03 pm. Tom seconded, all approved.

Beth discussed a raise with Council; resolution at the next meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Kathy read Resolution R-2025-01, a raise in the hourly rate of pay for Dave Oler, effective March 1. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Tom seconded, all approved. Resolution R-2025-02, a raise in the hourly rate of pay for Rory Fitch, effective March 1. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Becky seconded, all approved. Resolution R-2025-03, a raise in the hourly rate of pay for Bob Stewart, effective March 1. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Tom seconded, all approved. Resolution R-2025-04, a raise in the monthly fiscal consulting fee for Diane Reynolds-Miller, effective March 1. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Jamie seconded. Voting: Bob-yes. Tom-no. Jamie-yes. Becky-yes. Kathy-yes. Tommy-yes. Motion carries. Resolution R-2025-05, a raise in the monthly rate of pay for Kelly Ziegler, effective March 1. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Tom seconded, all approved. Resolution R-2025-06, a raise in the monthly rate of pay for William Mareches, effective March 1. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Becky seconded, all approved. Resolution R-2025-07, to transfer \$45,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Tom seconded, all approved. Resolution 2025-R-08, to advertise to accept bids for farm land leasing. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Tom seconded, all approved.

Community Members: none

Committee Meetings:

Discussion of the Sentinel-Tribune ad for the farm land leasing. Sealed bids accepted in the Village drop-box only. Bids to be opened during the Village Council Regular Meeting on April 22. Farm land lease to commence January 1, 2026, and will run for 5 years. Bids per year basis.

Fire Department:

CleanClaim has \$1,700 in outstanding balances. Bob motioned to curtail services at the end of this month. Kathy seconded, all approved. If Melissa would be able to collect, she will forward payments to Diane. Max from K & R Heating did a walk-through with Billy regarding a new furnace at the Fire Dept and he recommends first insulating. Billy will address quotes for insulation. VFDF reps have been

reported. Amos RV quoted \$2,200 for a rooftop A/C/Heater unit and \$5,000 for a generator to operate it for upfitting the equipment truck into a Rehab Unit. Labor was not quoted. Amos does not do conversions for the use the FD wants. The truck is 10 feet tall, the unit is 1 foot tall, and the FD garage doors are just under 12 feet tall; there is a concern that struts in the ceiling to support the A/C/Heater would or could then increase the height too much.

EJAD Update:

Marki Fruth has been hired as the new Chief and has already taken an active role in the position.

Old Business:

Kathy brought quotes from cell services to improve Bob Stewart's cell phone service. Mint Mobile: \$45 upfront, no contract, 12 months for \$40/month plus taxes. T-Mobile: 3-year contract, \$60/month. There is an option for an Advance Plan at \$70/month. Tabled till February 25 as Kathy has a conference call with Mint tomorrow afternoon. Tom brought a quote from County Electric in Ottawa for upgrades to the Little League Ball Fields. Tom will contact them for clarification and is also hoping to bring quotes from more companies; this item tabled till February 25. Discussion of the new Merry-Go-Round: while the Village earned a grant for the cost, the shipping isn't covered. Bob motioned to pay \$1,360 for the shipping of the Merry-Go-Round. Tom seconded, all approved.

New Business:

Beth shared that Ben Gaff and family donated approximately 20 3' X 5' U.S. Flags to the Village that will be hung once spring arrives. The Village appreciates this gesture! Kleinfelder provided preliminary blueprints for Phase III of the ongoing Storm Sewer project. The engineer asked for feedback regarding any additional catch basins the Village would like added. Bob will look around and bring a decision to the next meeting.

Village Clerk:

Village received \$402 in 2024 using the PEP+ Grant Program. Diane would like ideas, up to \$1,000, for 2025. Kathy will gather quotes for playground turf to be installed around the new Merry-Go-Round at Railroad Park. Bob motioned to pay the bills. Kathy seconded, all approved.

Village Manager:

The task list was shared. Tommy asked that salt be applied at bus stops.

Communications from the Mayor: none

Upcoming Meeting Dates: February 25 and March 11

Meeting Adjourned: Bob motioned to adjourn at 8:33 pm

/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

/s/ Diane Miller, Fiscal Consultant

DATE: February 25, 2025