

**Bloomdale Village Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2022**

**Opening**

The regular meeting of The Bloomdale Village Council was called to order at 7:00PM by Steve Schafer

**Members Present**

Jamie Robinson, Julie Dean, Bethany Vincent, Robert Clark, Kathy Simon and Tom Miller all answered roll call.

Bob Clark approved the minutes from the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and Bethany Vincent 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

10-O-22 authorizing the mayor to sell property was read by Bethany Vincent concerning the Lincoln Street property. Bob Clark moved to suspend the rules and Bethany Vincent 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Accepted and adopted by Bob Clark and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bethany Vincent, all approved.

5-R-22 authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement on behalf of the village with Jeff Dennis as solicitor. Bob Clark moved to accept and adopt it and Kathy Simon 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

6-R-22 resolution for the 2023 amounts and rates as determined with the county budget commission. Julie Dean moved to accept and Bob Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Greg Redmon asked about the property by the railroad tracks, he might be interested.

Libby Nagel came to talk about rocks and cement in her front yard from the pipeline people.

Police Department

Chief Fitzgerald has two candidates for the part-time position. He's hoping to know by the next meeting if they are eligible to be hired. He's hoping next Tuesday or Wednesday he could interview and Bob Clark said he can sit in on interview. Kathy Simon will check her schedule.

He misread \$75 for the Chiefs of Police Association. He's requesting \$115 more. Bob Clark made the motion to increase the amount and Julie Dean 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Police handheld radar needs yearly certificate. For appointment and certification is \$90. Bob Clark made the motion and Kathy Simon 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Chief Fitzgerald gave security camera estimates to everyone. We will go over them at the next meeting once everyone has time to look them over.

Community Center

Connie Plouck would like to hold a funeral luncheon October 22 from 2-6. It is a Saturday but there are no rentals that day. \$100 deposit and \$50 for four hours,

Zumba has decided to find a different venue and will not be renting the Center.

Jen asked about budget for updates and repairs for community building, She's thinking about a protective coating over the murals on the wall.

### Fire Department

Billy Mareches wants \$250 for medication from Wood County Hospital. Bethany Vincent made the motion and Bob Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

The grass rig update, they're still putting a parts list together for installation.

610 repair is done. The bill is \$5,112.87. Bob Clark made the motion and Bethany Vincent 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Electrical panel in the station is complete.

September 1<sup>st</sup>, they went to a full EMS aid with Perry Twp. EMT's and Cygnet EMT's to have crews and keep the ambulance moving. They're still working out a few things.

Perry Twp. has been talking with Bloom Twp. about a joint EMS district. Mark Mareches attended and brought everyone up to date on discussions. They have to start a resolution and know who to include. He received our verbal okay to include us in the district.

Diane Reynolds-Miller gave ADT information to Jeff Dennis.

Kathy Simon called Northwest Water & Sewer about the water tower. She was told to write a letter to Jerry Griner and explain what we would like and then he will make the final decision. Steve Schafer will talk to a few board members at Northwest.

Seventeen year old resident did not file RITA taxes and received a \$150 penalty for non-filing. His mother asked if Council could contact RITA to waive the penalty. Moving forward he is aware regardless of age or income everyone must file. Julie Dean made the motion to waive it and Kathy Simon 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Bethany Vincent abstained.

Penny Stevenson's granddaughter needs 15 hours of community service for school. Jen Putman could use her for a deep clean, organizing the stock room, etc. at the community building. Bethany Vincent could use her for trick-or-treat night.

### Committee Reports

Personnel Committee discussed the Chief of Police's pay raise after 90 days and thought 3% raise would be justified. Bethany Vincent made a motion to give the Police Chief a 3% pay raise. Bob Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved

Rory Fitch and Dave Oler would be hired for the Permanent Part-time position Both are hired because one could be available one of the days but the other might not be, etc. Rate of pay \$15/hour. Bob Clark made the motion to hire them and Julie Dean 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approve.

11-O-22 for hiring Dave Oler was read as an emergency by Bethany Vincent. Julie Dean moved to suspend the rules and Kathy Simon 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Accepted and adopted by Bob Clark and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bethany Vincent, all approved.

12-O-22 for hiring Rory Fitch was read as an emergency by Bethany Vincent. Julie Dean moved to suspend the rules and Bob Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Accepted and adopted by Bob Clark and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie Dean.

Steve Schafer talked to Fitzgerald after the last meeting about his hours worked. It'll be visited again at the beginning of the year.

Bethany Vincent revisited Council pay raises. Suggested a \$10 per meeting increase for Council members and \$15 more per meeting for President. Mayor is salary so it would be \$2500/year. Village Solicitor Dennis will do a resolution for the next meeting to vote.

Bob Stewart is still looking for a truck for the village.

We could start taking bids for the Storm Sewer project on Sunset & Main.

H&R sent a bid for light replacing to LED at the Fire Department. Bethany Vincent made a motion to replace them with H&R and Kathy Simon 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Bob Stewart would like approval for electrical supplies from Power Supply. Bob Clark made the motion and Tom Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Insurance with PEP representative is coming to the next meeting. Bethany Vincent made a motion to pay the \$41,131 to PEP for the village insurance and Kathy Simon 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Ashcraft will be here at the end of September. It'll be \$5,800 per week just to take the trimmings out of the electrical lines. It'll take more than two weeks to get them out of the powerlines and that doesn't include the trees. Bob Clark will pick out the ten worst trees that need to go. It'll be tabled until the next meeting.

Stone for the ball diamond. Local 18 needs to know if we need it. If we buy half, they'll donate half. Bob Clark can haul it. 8 truck loads. Julie Dean made a motion to get it and Bethany Vincent 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

The bucket truck is temporarily fixed. Bob Clark made a motion to get it fully fixed and Bethany Vincent 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Julie Dean made a motion to pay the bills and Bob Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Bob Clark moved to end the meeting at 8:57PM

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/s/ Stephen A. Schafer, Mayor

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/s/Julie Dean, Clerk of Council

DATE: September 27, 2022