

Village of Bloomdale
Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 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 Clark, Tom Miller, Kailey Keaton, Kathy Simon, Becky Drake, and Tommy O'Leary IV all answered roll call. Bob motioned to accept the meeting minutes from September 23, 2025 as written. Kathy seconded, all approved.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Kathy read Resolution 2025-R-24, a resolution to submit a Wood County Park grant application. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Kailey seconded, all approved. Kathy read Resolution 2025-R-25, a resolution to continue the ODOT Abbreviated Safety Grant. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Tom seconded, all approved. Kathy read Ordinance 2025-O-5, an ordinance creating a permit process for cutting roads, in a first reading. Kathy read Ordinance 2025-O-06, an ordinance creating a policy for indigent resident cremation and burial, as an emergency. Bob motioned to suspend the rules. Tom seconded, all approved. Bob then motioned to accept and adopt. Becky seconded, all approved.

Community Members:

BCIA members Shonda Harbin and Jessica Helberg attended to get activity dates for the remainder of 2025 and for 2026 approved by Council. Bob motioned to approved the dates. Kathy seconded, all approved. Shonda will update the info sheet; Diane will post on the website and the bulletin boards. Ryan Bennett and Whitney May attended to discuss the status of the home they lost to fire on August 7. Discussion of letters from the Village's solicitor and from the Bennett/May's legal representative, refusal to board up openings at the property, attempts to collect and remove debris from the property, projected schedule of demolition & rebuilding, and posting of "No Trespassing" signs ensued. Billy suggested a discussion with the contractor to take down the home to the floor in an attempt to preserve the floor; as it sits now the open roof acts as a funnel, drawing water in. Ordinance 9-O-80 allows 90 days for restoration of a property from the date the Village receives the insurance check. Tommy motioned to allow an extension of the 90-day rebuilding deadline to June 30, 2026. Bob seconded, all approved. Krista Metzger attended to discuss a bill she received for services provided by Hancock Wood Electric Coop. Beth will call HWEC to discuss; Krista will attend the October 28 meeting for conclusion.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Beth updated Council on ordinance violations. Resident of 401 S Garfield St ignored 2 attempts at hand-delivery and a certified mail delivery. 3rd attempt at hand-delivery was successful. Legal representative of the resident of 112 N Main responded to Beth that the property is in foreclosure and that I should forward the violation notice to the lawyer of the foreclosure procedure. Heard back from that lawyer; most likely the roof tarp will not be addressed until the property is sold to a new owner. Discussion of invoice at American Cremation Events in Toledo. More info to be collected from that company for discussion at October 28 meeting. Tommy has been paying close attention to other city's bike lanes; Beth shared a copy of bike lanes from ODOT via Kevin King. Ordinance 13-O-96 regarding sidewalks will be shared via e-mail with Council members for later discussion.

Committee Meetings:

A letter of interest and resume have been received regarding the open Ordinance Enforcement Officer position. A personnel meeting will be scheduled for either October 23 or 30 at 7 pm.

Fire Department:

Radio Hospital checked out the siren at the south end of town. Bob motioned to proceed with scheduling our AMP circuit riders to perform a splice repair. Tom seconded, all approved. Billy confirmed for Diane the township's payments: January 20, \$5,000 and July 7, \$5,000. September run reports are not yet ready. Billy confirmed for Diane several department member's card status regarding pay-per-runs. Question of Dustin Moses running alone for a call on June 9; Billy will inquire and report back. Amplex would like to upgrade the department's internet service to fiber optic for \$5 more per month. Billy will make arrangements with Bob Stewart for access for the upgrade. Beth thanked Billy and the department for the invitation and fellowship at the dinner concluding Fire Safety Week.

EJAD Update:

Bob shared that a new chief has been hired, Brad Stott. He is working out great and has already begun working on securing various grants. At this time there is no space to hold board meetings inside the house and there are issues with leaving the ambulance out in the weather in the upcoming winter months, preventing meetings in the garage area.

Old Business:

The transformer located at 106 Vine St suffered a blown fuse on September 23; HWEK responded and performed the repair. While there, it was pointed out that the overgrowth is a problem which needs addressed. Beth has invited 2 landscapers to quote for clearing that property as well as the property at 306 S Garfield St. Quotes will be available for discussion at the October 28 meeting. Diane provided a chart of the costs associated with the Community Building at Tommy's request. Tommy shared that he had a discussion with Steve Betts regarding a partnership with the Householders for painting; Kailey shared a lead for drywall repair. Bob Stewart has completed the removal of stickers from the equipment truck and Tommy has taken updated pictures. Discussion of "how" Council would like to list the truck for sale; Diane will investigate fees and the payment acceptance policy on gov.deals. In the meantime, a for-sale sign will be placed in the truck and it will be moved to the edge of the road at the Community Building. Bob shared his conversation with an owner of the house trailer on Harrison St. The discussion of the list of priorities for the Village employees was tabled until the October 28 meeting. Tom will compile a list of tree trimmings for Ashcraft.

New Business: none**Village Clerk:**

Diane asked for \$2,200 for renewal of the utility billing software and server maintenance provided by Government Accounting Solutions. Bob motioned to pay. Tom seconded, all approved. Bob motioned to pay the bills. Becky seconded, all approved.

Communications from the Mayor:

Beth wrote the letter requested by Cory Stewart for continuing the development of the Railroad St property. Jeff ok'd it and it was sent on to Cory. The Wood County Board of Elections website is now updated with Kailey's information. Beth has requested Statements of Qualifications from 3 local engineering firms, as required by ODOT grant protocol; awaiting receipt of those. Via a Teams meeting, Paulette Mills of Kleinfelder, shared with Beth the availability of a small-community grant provided by T-Mobile. Beth shared a possible use of this grant could be replacement lights at both ball fields. Bob offered an idea of planting the extra field at the Community Building with wildflowers and along the path within that field providing exercise stations that could be found in the park equipment catalog. Tom will locate the lighting quote from last spring and more discussion will take place at the October 28 meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: October 28 and November 11. Kathy will be absent 10/28 and Tom may be absent 11/11.

Bob opened discussion of overgrowth at the small pond and relayed that in the past the Village introduced grass-eating carp called Amur; Beth will look into re-stocking those.

Meeting Adjourned: Bob motioned to adjourn at 9:56 pm.

/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

/s/ Diane Miller, Fiscal Consultant

DATE: October 28, 2025