

Village of Bloomdale  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 24, 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, Jamie Robinson, Becky Drake, Kathy Simon, and Tommy O'Leary IV all answered roll call. Bob motioned to accept the meeting minutes from June 10, 2025 as written. Kathy seconded.

Voting: Bob-yes. Tom-yes. Jamie-yes. Kathy-yes. Becky-abstain. Tommy-yes.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:** none

**Community Members:**

Rory Fitch attended to inform Council about the condition of the back hoe and brought suggestions for replacements. Kathy will call Streaker Tractor to ask about trade-ins. Rory will gather quotes for possible replacements. He also explained that the green space piles are getting to be too much to be handled. Beth will call Tawa again and remind them we would like a quote for hauling the piles away.

Chris Barringer attended to discuss the Village's excess inventory auction. The auction date was set for Saturday August 16, 2025 at 10 am. Chris explained how reserves work. Buyers may pay with cash or check, no cards; check are made out to Chris and he is responsible for collecting on bad checks, not the Village. Bob motioned to allow up to \$30 for Chris to have a sign made and the fee will reduce our settlement. Tom seconded, all approved. Chris needs a signature from the Village on the contract. Bob motioned for Beth to sign it. Kathy seconded, all approved. Settlement to take place during the August 26 Council meeting.

Tasha and Stephen Romero attended; they are the residents of 106 Lincoln. Stephen explained his situation and the progress he has made cleaning up his property. Bob shared info about the upcoming Village Clean-Up. Discussion of updating the license plates on the vehicles vs. scrapping. Stephen discussed the rocks and stumps in the alley; Beth will visit the recorder's office to get solid answers. Bob will evaluate the tree on Walnut. Discussion of improving the chicken coop and diatomaceous earth for the smell.

Steve Schafer attended with a list of topics. He asked about the fee and expected date of installation of the basketball hoop poles at railroad park and why Council approved to pave a street which has only 2 residents. Steve asked what is being done about the mowing at the vacant home lots and if the Village is applying for any grants. He asked why did the Village give away an EMS to Eagleville Joint Ambulance District and wanted to know what the other entities have contributed to EJAD's growth. And finally, Steve asked if the Village was applying for any curb improvement grants and if not, does Council mind if he improves the curbs at his house; Council had no objection.

Dave Smith attended to check on the progress of the creation of the Ordinance Enforcement Officer position. Beth had the job posting ready for Council to review; the Personnel Committee will meet for further discussion. Two other committee meetings were set up as well.

**Committee Meetings:**

Parks meeting set for Thursday July 10 at 5:30. Handbook meeting set for Thursday July 10 at 6:30. Personnel meeting set for Thursday July 10 at 7:30. All held in the Council room at the Village Office.

Council took a 5-minute break for a moment of relief from the heat, due to the A/C unit on the fritz.

Bob motioned to go into executive session at 8:46 pm to discuss public safety. Kathy seconded; all approved. Jamie motioned to go out of executive session at 8:57. Becky seconded, all approved.

Tom Miller had to leave at 8:58 pm.

**Fire Department:**

Billy thanked Council for the printer/scanner/fax and says it is working nicely. He is getting quotes for a repair on the grass rig as there is a leaking seal. Billy will give Cory a printout from Diane regarding AED batteries and accessories. FD budget was discussed; budget tabled till after the quotes are gathered.

**EJAD Update:**

Bob shared a building update which now includes a roof; waiting on concrete and the overhead door. Beth asked if Bloom Twp will be improving Emerson before EJAD gets to move in; no, it is a county road, not a township road. She will attend a Commissioners meeting to ask. Bob shared that a county engineer attended a Perry Twp meeting and informed about a possible extension of Stearns Road to I-75. There is a building inspection soon to move the drug license. Lucas device was purchased.

**Old Business:**

Merry-Go-Round update: sod removed, hole dug. Bumping concrete delivery from 6/25 to 7/2 due to expected heat and rain of 6/25. A Green Space policy was passed out to Council to read and bring thoughts back on 7/8.

**New Business:**

Discussion of Dave Oler's proposal to repurpose the remaining 2 basketball hoop poles into tetherball set-ups, one at each park, no objection.

**Village Clerk:**

Bob motioned to pay the bills. Jamie seconded; all remaining approved. Discussion of payment to Shonda for the cancelled ODNR rental. Bob motioned to pay her. Kathy seconded. Voting: Bob-yes. Jamie-yes. Kathy-yes. Becky-yes. Tommy-abstain.

**Village Manager:**

The recently purchased u-channels have been installed.

**Communications from the Mayor:**

NWWSD has 4 expiring seats; interested would-be board members may fill out a nomination packet. The Sheriff's Department e-mailed the Sam Stalker Speed Report and it will be forwarded to Council members. Item of note: the fastest vehicle was clocked at 99 MPH moving westbound.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** July 8 and July 22. July has 5 Tuesdays.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Beth forgot to ask for a motion to adjourn; everyone left after checks were distributed at 9:45 pm.

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/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

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/s/ Diane Miller, Fiscal Consultant

DATE: July 8, 2025