

Village of Bloomdale
Council Meeting Minutes
May 13, 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 April 22, 2025 as written. Tom seconded, all approved. After a correction was made, Bob motioned to accept the meeting minutes from April 8, 2025 as written. Kathy seconded, all approved.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Kathy read 2025-R-15, a Resolution declaring the need for a renewal of a 1.3 mil tax levy for current expenditures for the Village of Bloomdale, Wood County, Ohio, and requesting a certificate of estimated property tax revenue from the Wood County Auditor. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Kathy seconded, all approved.

Kathy read 2025-R-16, a Resolution authorizing the execution of the 2025-2029 fixed volume energy supply schedule with AMP, Inc. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Tom seconded, all approved.

Kathy read a Master Service Agreement between the Village of Bloomdale and AMP, Inc for 2025-2029. Tom motioned to accept and adopt. Kathy seconded, all approved.

Community Members:

Andrew Kalmar, Assistant Director of the Wood County Park District, presented a check, in the amount of \$4,509.99, to Kathy Simon, Chair of the Parks Committee. The check was from a grant the Village was awarded for the purchase of a new Merry-Go-Round to be installed at Railroad Park. He also left a plaque to be installed near the M-G-R once it is installed, and an application for the 2026 Grant Program.

Keri Ervin attended the meeting, as a project for her Advanced Government class at Elmwood. Keri is a Junior and will be attending Buckeye Girls State at BGSU in June as a delegate from the Bradner Post of the American Legion.

Committee Meetings: none

Fire Department:

The Mother's Day Chicken BBQ was a success, selling 500 or so dinners. The "No Parking Or You Will Be Towed" signs have been hung on the north side of the FD building and are proving to be effective; Billy thanked Council for those. Billy turned in run reports for Jan thru April, 2025; still working on early 2024. Billy has an ISO Audit on May 28, rescheduled from May 19. This audit sets homeowner insurance rates. BFD experienced an issue with the software which reports to the state, and that has been resolved. If a notice on noncompliance appears it has been addressed. On Wednesday May 14 Billy will be at Penta Career Center to witness Landon Lowry sign a letter of intention to join BFD, similar to what student athletes do when they sign with a college. Diane needs info from Billy for the PEP Renewal Questionnaire; Billy will text or e-mail her the numbers.

EJAD Update:

Per Bob, the building was started, footers are dug. Bob asked Council for permission to host EJAD meetings in our Council room if the need arises. Kathy motioned to allow. Tommy seconded. Voting: Bob-abstain. Tom-yes. Jamie-yes. Kathy-yes. Becky-yes. Tommy-yes. EJAD is fully staffed, hiring employees now, to alleviate overtime.

Old Business:

Beth brought a quote from Tawa Mulch for screenings (\$242.44, delivered) and playground-grade mulch (\$451.40, delivered) for the M-G-R; Bob said the Village already has screenings. Bob explained the installation of the M-G-R, will get quotes for renting an auger, bobcat, and mini excavator and volunteered to do the work for the install. He will mark a proposed circle for the M-G-R and then Bob Stewart can call 811 to get underground lines marked. Discussion of mixing concrete vs. having it delivered. Mentioned we can use the PEP grant to pay for the mulch with enough remaining for the annual AED inspections. Bob Stewart's phone has been switched over to Mint Mobile. Beth brought the asphalt quotes from Morlock: Cherry, \$49,231 and Taft, \$23,800. Kathy motioned to move forward with paving totaling \$73,031. Becky seconded, all approved. Sheriff Dept union negotiations resulted in a 5% wage increase, going from \$50.23 per hour to \$52.74 per hour for patrolling. The Village requests these hours: 40 hours (Feb March April), 60 hours

(May June July Aug and Sept), 40 hours (Oct Nov Dec and Jan 2026). Discussion of lack of water pressure in the public restrooms at Swain Field; Beth has contacted NWWSD and a crew member is meeting with Bob Stewart this week to quote out improving the current situation and quoting a new tap. Beth's idea to include Chapman's catch basin in the Storm Sewer Phase III project was shot down because Phase III ends at Church St, not Mulberry. Jamie reported that the alley behind Ben Camp's has been cleared in prep for the utility pole replacement. Bob reported that a parking situation at the FD field may need addressed in the future. Tommy will get quotes to rent a roller to flatten out the grassy area behind the community building. Discussion of Deere Creek, weed spraying, and tick-spraying quotes; tabled till May 27.

New Business:

Discussion of ordinances for grass and mowing. Resident complaint of not mowing at 306 S Main. This led to a conversation of inviting Chris North, the Bloom Township zoning person, to a meeting to ask input about enforcing our existing ordinances. Alex Roth from AMP will be attending the May 27 meeting to discuss our 2025 Long-Term Load Forecast and Beth will ask Diane to run this by John Courtney in the meantime. Rick McClellan asked Bob Stewart to use the front-end loader to push over a tree at his home on S. Garfield; Council decided to not incur that liability. Will offer Ashcraft's number to Rick. Janea King sent pictures of deteriorated sidewalks and asked what action can be taken. Council relayed that sidewalks are homeowner's responsibility.

Village Clerk:

Last week B'Hillz was able to fill the hole on N. Garfield with asphalt; the bill came out \$280 higher than the quote due to deteriorating edges over the winter. Jamie motioned to pay the additional. Bob seconded, all approved. RITA rep Tom Miller will look at his calendar and let Beth or Diane know which of the 4 meetings he will be able to attend. PEP needs 2 delegates: Beth volunteered and Bob will be the alternate. ODOT sent an apology for the delay in hanging our new speed signs, a result of the speed study last fall. Bob motioned to pay the bills. Tommy seconded, all approved.

Village Manager:

Discussion of purchasing and hanging a life ring out at the pond in anticipation of more folks enjoying that area once the walking path gets installed. Topic was tabled until Beth can contact our PEP rep. Beth pointed out that the flags, donated by the Ben Gaff family, have been hung. Shonda asked Council to purchase a lock box for renters to drop the Community Building key into when exiting the building. Jamie motioned to purchase a box, up to \$25. Bob seconded, all approved. Power Line Supply provided a quote for 16 3-inch by 10-foot U-Guard molding for \$1,140.08. Tom motioned to purchase. Jamie seconded, all approved. Rory will pick up cold-patch after school is out for the summer on June 3; Tommy requested Vine Street have some of that. Beth shared that the green space is now locked due to residents dropping off household trash and construction waste there. A Facebook post directs residents to call and leave a voicemail and a drop-off will be coordinated. A Tawa Mulch employee is going to drive down to measure our green space piles and provide a quote to get it all chopped up and hauled away. The digger truck is out of commission; it cannot be repaired at Casey's. Casey's is providing Bob with resources for the repair and Bob is reaching out to HWEC to ask where they get their fleet repaired.

Communications from the Mayor:

Discussion of auction, planned for Garage Sale Weekend: does anyone want to take over, tag items, work with Chris Barringer? Bob volunteered and Tom will help out, too.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: May 27 and June 10

Meeting Adjourned: Kathy motioned to adjourn at 9:11 pm.

/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

/s/ Diane Miller, Fiscal Officer

DATE: May 27, 2025