

Village of Bloomdale
Council Meeting Minutes
June 10, 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, Kathy Simon, and Tommy O'Leary IV all answered roll call. Becky Drake was absent. Bob motioned to accept the meeting minutes from May 27, 2025 as written. Kathy seconded, all present approved.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Kathy read Resolution 2025-R-17, a Resolution to Proceed With Renewal of 1.3 Mill Tax Lev. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Kathy seconded, all present approved.

Kathy read Resolution 2025-R-18, a Resolution of Estimate of Revenues For Submission to Wood County Budget Commission. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Tom seconded, all present approved.

Community Members:

Danielle Hale asked permission to hunt at the ponds. Bob motioned to allow. Kathy seconded, all present approved. Danielle asked permission to park at the ponds after dusk (closing time) to hunt the area adjacent, from whom she has hunting permission. Council had no objection.

Danielle, along with residents Bill Baird, Ken Gray, and Ginny Gray, brought up the topic of problem properties. Specifically discussed were: 106 Lincoln, 106 Vine, and 306 S Garfield. Discussion of pallets, junk vehicles, vehicles parked over sidewalks, expired tag vehicles, vegetation overgrowth, loud music, construction material, a racing 4-wheeler, and the overwhelming scent of farm animal excrement. Discussion of ordinances and enforcement; sending ordinances via certified mail. Beth introduced Dave Smith, Zoning Inspector for Perry Township, who attended to answer questions that Council has. Dave shared his work history, training, salary, procedures, and hours per month. Council discussed creating an "Ordinance Enforcer" position; actual title TBD. Diane advised the budget allows for this, would just have to compromise in another area. Tom motioned to move forward with composing a job description to create the position and Jamie seconded. Voting: Bob-no. Tom-yes. Jamie-yes. Kathy-yes. Tommy-yes.

Kailey Keaton attended to discuss parking on Walnut Street along the Fire Department ball diamond left field. Beth explained that the Sheriff's Dept was called to respond to three anonymous parking complaints, from a Walnut Street resident, from Saturday – Wednesday. The "No Parking" signs were removed. Council decided to keep them down for the remaining 2 ½ weeks of the ball season and address clearer signage over the next year.

Becky Heilman and Shonda Harbin from BCIA attended to discuss bringing back SummerFest. Shonda explained that because 2026 is the 250th birthday of our nation, it is a great opportunity to bring this back. Discussion of date, kids' activities, car show, entertainment, volunteers, and community engagement. Jamie motioned for BCIA to proceed with planning SummerFest for Saturday July 25, 2026. Kathy seconded, all present approved.

Ben Black, a Project Administrator with Kleinfelder, attended to determine Council's desired scope of the ODOT Abbreviated Safety Grant Application. This grant is more commonly known as the bus stop & sidewalk improvement grant. He explained that this is a 90/10 grant and has a \$500,000 cap; the Village will be responsible for 10% of the engineering and construction; the Village is not responsible for bidding as ODOT takes the lead in most aspects of this grant program. He further explained the Village can expect to be invoiced for about 20% of the 10% throughout the engineering phase and the remaining 80% would be payable prior to the onset of construction; the turnaround time for this project is expected to be 2-years. Tommy motioned to move forward with the application, making no changes, totaling \$282,047; the Village's 10% is \$28,204.70. Tom seconded, all present approved.

Committee Meetings: none

Fire Department:

TJ Cunningham and Cory Kirian attended on behalf of BFD. Would like approval to purchase \$750 replacement printer/fax/scanner and toner. Diane had one in storage. BFD will try it out; if it doesn't operate correctly, they will move forward with the purchase. Bob motioned to allow \$750 for the unit and toner. Kathy seconded, all present approved.

EJAD Update:

Beth shared an e-mail from Wood County EMA that Eagleville EMS has requested to join the Wood County Fire Chief's Mutual Aid Agreement. Kathy motioned to approve the admission and Tommy seconded. Voting: Bob-abstain. Tommy-yes. Jamie-yes. Kathy-yes. Tommy-yes. Beth shared that the Council room will be unlocked by Kathy for EJAD meetings. Bob shared an update that the new building has skin and electric is being installed.

Old Business:

Merry-Go-Round: Bob is hoping to spray paint the area of installation on Wednesday so Bob Stewart can call 811. Palmer Concrete \$187-ish per yard; K & L \$177 per yard; about 2 weeks out. Bob will schedule a mini excavator for Thursday June 19 and concrete for Friday June 20. Does our auction prep team constitute a quorum? No, per solicitor. Discussion of quote for the 84" roller for out back of the Community Building. For the cost and not being sure the desired result would be achieved this late in the spring the decision was made to wait till March/April 2026. Weed spraying: quote from D & D Landscaping for \$2,925; decision was made to allow Deere Creek to finish out the season.

New Business:

Bob Stewart asked Council to consider formalizing a dumping policy at the Green Space. Beth shared photos of the Green Space being used incorrectly. Council had no objection; Beth will compose for Council's review.

Village Clerk: Bob motioned to pay the bills. Kathy seconded, all present approved.

Village Manager:

Key-drop lock-box has been installed on the Community Building for renter's convenience. Another squirrel power outage on Sunday, June 1 at 105 N Maple; HVEC responded. Tom has some information about aluminum wrap for utility poles to prevent squirrels climbing and causing power outages, waiting on the quote via e-mail. Swain Field men's restroom was again vandalized with feces.

Communications from the Mayor:

Read an invitation from Wood County Board of Health to fill an unexpired seat on the board; interested persons may apply by e-mailing cover letter and resume by June 23. Attended an OML webinar regarding CDBG and a new commission, would anyone like to become part of that? No interest. Legal consult with a PEP attorney regarding installing a life ring at the ponds; Council decided to pass on the installation.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: June 24 and July 8 ~ July has 5 Tuesdays

Meeting Adjourned: Bob motioned to adjourn at 10:35 p.m.

/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

/s/ Diane Miller, Fiscal Consultant

DATE: June 24, 2025