

Village of Bloomdale
Council Meeting Minutes
January 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, Jamie Robinson, Becky Drake, Kathy Simon, and Tommy O'Leary IV all answered roll call. Bob motioned to accept the meeting minutes from December 10, 2024 as written. Kathy seconded, all approved.

Ordinances and Resolutions: none

2025 Council Committees remain the same as 2024; spreadsheet was distributed. Beth asked for interest in President of Council. Beth asked for a motion for Kathy to remain President of Council. Bob made the motion, Tom seconded. Voting: Bob-yes. Tom-yes. Jamie-yes. Becky-yes. Kathy-abstain. Tommy-yes.

Community Members: none

Committee Meetings:

Kathy shared good news from the Parks Committee: the Village was awarded the Wood County Parks Grant in the amount of \$4509.99 to purchase a new Merry-Go-Round for Railroad Park. Congrats to our Parks Committee for applying for and winning this grant!

Fire Department:

Beth asked Billy if he has cancelled Clean Claim MD. Not yet, he will request a list of outstanding debts and bring that to Council. Met with Cass Twp Trustees: would like a year contract for fire services for \$1,500. Motioned to enter into that contract for fire services with Cass Twp. Becky seconded, all approved. Volunteer Firefighter Dependency Fund needs a 5th member on the committee, a community member. Julie Dean agreed to be added. BFD billed EJAD for \$22,400 for 2024 services. Billy requested approval for 1 year of Marcs Radio fees. \$330/quarter which is \$1,320/annually. Bob motioned to pay. Jamie seconded, all approved. Dr. Roberts is interested in remaining BFD medical director. Rob Fawcett has been assisting Billy with re-classifying the ambulance and removing property no longer in BFD care from PEP. Bob suggested that the equipment truck is better suited for a REHAB vehicle. Discussion of heating and AC, expenses, drug license, insurance, garage door height etc. REHAB decision tabled until the February 11 meeting.

EJAD Update:

Received a donation toward wages and training. Interim Chief for now. About 30 employees are keeping shifts covered.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Beth requested AMP generate marketing materials so the Village can inform residents of the capacity rate increase coming in June, 2025. Miscommunication resulted in the utility billing error at the end of December and has been corrected. Beth has more items to add to the “What To Know About Living In Bloomdale” page on the Village website and relatedly asked Council to approve 2025 dates for Community Garage Sales and Village Clean-Up. Jamie motioned to approve Community Garage Sales dates Friday and Saturday, July 11 and July 12 (the second weekend of July). Becky seconded, all approved. Bob motioned to approve Village Clean-Up dates, (*which are subject to weather, staff availability, dumpster availability, and dumpster staff availability*), Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 17, 18, and 19 (the third weekend of July). Becky seconded, all approved.

Village Clerk:

Bob motioned to pay the second half of the December 2024 bills. Kathy seconded, all approved. Bob motioned to pay the first half of the January 2025 bills. Becky seconded, all approved.

Village Manager: none

Communications from the Mayor:

Terry Hummel called Beth to thank the Village for the work done so far on North Garfield. Beth explained to Council the difference in Legislative positions and Administrative positions within the Village and, with Bob’s assistance, all members understand their role and how to go about changing a role if that is desired.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: January 28 and February 11. Budget Meeting January 23 at 6 pm.

Meeting Adjourned: Bob motioned to adjourn at **8:05 pm**.

/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

/s/ Diane Miller, Fiscal Consultant

DATE: January 28, 2025