Village of Bloomdale
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 27, 2026

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. Brooke Moore, Kailey Keaton, Kathy Simon, Becky Drake, and Cory Kirian all answered roll call. Becky motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 13, 2026 at 7 pm. Brooke seconded and all in attendance approved.

Ordinances & Resolutions:
The Mayor asked Council to acknowledge a correction to 2026-O-12 for E. Brown Excavating in which the amount of the original document was incorrect. The correct amount should have been $78,402.80. Kathy motioned to accept the change. Kailey seconded and all approved. Kathy read the first reading of Resolution 2026-R-18, Wage Increase for Fiscal Officer.

Community Visitors:
Corey Hawkey from AMP was in attendance to discuss the EcoSmart Choice Program. EcoSmart is a voluntary program that enables AMP members to offer renewable energy to their customers. Only customers who opt in pay. There is no charge to the city's power supply and no rate impact on anyone else. A Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) is verified proof that 1 megawatt-hour of renewable energy was generated and delivered to the grid. The REC's allow customers to support renewable energy and claim it in their electricity supply. John Courtney was in attendance to discuss the review and update of the Village's Electric Policy. The policy was last updated in 2018. John indicated that the majority of the policy is still applicable, however many of the rates should be updated as they are low compared to other locations. Ada will send John a copy of the Revenue and Expenses Cash Flow Report to assist in the review. John suggested that the rates be reviewed annually going forward.

EJAD Update, Bob Clark:
There was no update from Bob.

Maintenance Personnel, Tim Springer and Jon Keaton:
Streaker receipt for $32.90 for a support bracket for the bucket; Menards - $9.16 clips for flag and $30.46 for LED lights. Tim has been looking for a car port to cover the cluster mailboxes. He has found a 20x10 cover for approximately $1,600. They would need to build up the concrete at the end of the cluster boxes to be more level. Previously, $4,000 was approved for this project. Kathy motioned to approve the purchase of the car port cover. Brooke seconded and all approved. The leaf vac is ready to be used. The Mayor will make a post on FaceBook to notify the community. The ceiling fans at the Fire Department needs to be repaired, Tim believes that there is a problem with the switch. Maintenance has also looked at the hose dryer.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Dave Smith:
Dave issued violations at 111 Harrison St – some clean up has been completed, however more to be completed along with improper storage of trailer/boat. 602 Mulberry has temp electric – needs to be completed by circuit riders. 302 Garfield is no longer cleaning up the property, another violation will be issued. 106 Lincoln has continued to be non-compliant with the numerous violations. It is recommended that the Village proceed with legal intervention. Kathy motioned for Dave to turn over his files to Jeff Dennis. Kaily seconded and all approved. 307 Garfield – Dave to look at this property for potential violations.

Fire Department, Billy Mareches:
There will be one or two trucks at the Halloween parade and Trick-or-Treat. They will also try to get to Bairdstown's Halloween events. The Fire Department has initially opted out of the program to install computers in the fire trucks due to bad cell service which prohibits the use of the computers. A bird caused an outage at the FD which caused the key fobs to be inoperable. Billy and Maintenance to determine if there is a battery back-up for the key fob system. They will also start to get quotes on generators.

Committee Meeting Recaps:
There were no meeting recaps.

Old Business:
The Mayor asked to look around the Village and report on any streets that are in need of repair. Vine Street will likely be the focus for 2027. Adam from Red Alert is unable to come to the next meeting, however Beth will work with Adam to find an agreeable day for him to come to a meeting. Kleinfelder has proposed a letter for the Income Survey for the Phase 3 Storm Sewer project. Kelly created a spreadsheet for all of the addresses located in the Village. There will be 172 letters to be mailed out using self-addressed stamped envelopes. Shonda has requested various supplies be purchased for the Community Building. Council discussed the Police Department again and determined that the budget does not allow for the department to be in full force. Council asked if it's possible to check if the Sheriff's office can send deputies to make rounds in the Village.

New Business:
New park signs will be looked at for 2027 budget. A couple of quotes have been received including one from Cramer for $485 for three signs and from Chatelain for $845. CyberOhio announces two grant opportunities supporting local governments in strengthening their digital security. Kailey motioned to allow for the Mayor to apply for the grants. Kathy seconded and all approved. Kathy motioned to approve the AMP Circuit Rider hours for 2027 for 120 hours. Brooke seconded and all approved. Council to meet on Friday, October 30 to decorate for the Walking Path Ribbon Cutting and Halloween Parade.

Fiscal Officer-Clerk, Ada Kitchen:
Kailey motioned to pay bills. Kathy seconded and all approved. Kelly provided Council the list of 14-day shut off notices, there were 29 on the list.

Communications from Mayor Bethany Vincent:
Erin Miller from AMP received an award Otterbein College and Beth sent her a card on behalf of Council. Beth attended a Data Center webinar which was free of charge presented by the Ohio Economic Development. The Van Buren Methodist Church invited the Village to attend its Craft Bazaar on November 7th. ADAMHS has asked if the Village would be interested in having a Narcan box in the Village. Council indicated that they would not be interested at this time.

Next 2 Meetings: Council meeting Tuesday, November 10at 7 pm with Jeff Dennis and Tuesday, November 24 at 7 pm.

Kathy motioned to adjourn at 9:28 pm.

Bethany Vincent

Bethany Vincent, Mayor

Kathy Simon

Kathy Simon, President of Council

Ada Kitchen, Fiscal Officer-Clerk

DATE: 10-28-26