

Village of Bloomdale
Council Meeting Minutes
October 28, 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, Kailey Keaton, Becky Drake, and Tommy O'Leary IV all answered roll call. Kathy Simon was absent. Bob motioned to accept the meeting minutes from October 14, 2025 as written. Becky seconded, all approved.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Beth read a second reading of Ordinance 2025-O-5, an ordinance for cutting roads.

Community Members:

Krista Metzger attended regarding the invoice received from Hancock Wood Electric Coop. HWEC is not negotiating down the invoice. Tom motioned that the Village take responsibility for the invoice. Tommy seconded, all present approved.

Fire Department:

Billy turned in the September run reports. He looked into the run in question from 06/09/2025; explained as an auto-aid call at Elmwood.

Committee Meetings:

Personnel Committee met on Thursday October, 23 at 7 pm. At 7:20 Becky motioned to move into Executive Session regarding personnel. Tommy seconded, all present approved. After discussion, time not recorded, Bob moved to leave Executive Session. Becky seconded, all present approved. Tommy motioned to raise Billy's pay \$100 per month, effective November 1, in light of his recent promotion to the permanent position of Fire Department Chief. Bob seconded, all present approved.

Old Business:

Beth relayed that the Sheriff's Department has been given notice to end our Contract for Services, effective November 30, 2025. Discussion of Ohio Basic Code fees and options. Bob motioned to purchase 1 paper copy at \$525 and one code on the internet for \$295, for 2026. Tom seconded, all present approved. Discussion of landscape quotes provided by Holbrook Grounds Company of Bloomdale and Wright's Landscaping of North Baltimore for the clearing of problem properties at 306 S Garfield and 106 Vine. It is the intent to clear the properties then remit the invoices to owners' property tax through the county. Tommy motioned to hire Wright's Landscaping to clear 106 Vine. Bob seconded, all present approved. Tommy motioned to hire Holbrook Grounds Company to clear 306 S Garfield. Bob seconded, all present approved. Shonda has scheduled showings for painting quotes at the Community Building. Quotes are not in yet. Discussion of the ODOT bus stop safety improvement grant requirement to solicit Statements of Qualifications from firms which are ODOT-qualified. Beth sent 4 e-mail inquiries and received 2 statements. Tommy motioned to move forward with Kleinfelder. Bob seconded, all present approved. Discussion regarding the indigent resident and the outstanding invoice from American Cremation Events. Council advises ACE to apply for SS death benefit and to further inquire with the deceased's brother for financial assistance. Discussion of the T-Mobile small community grant opportunity. Council is leaning toward the wildflower area idea, with a stone path, intermittent exercise stations, and a possible joining of that area to our future walking path surrounding the large pond with both "porch swings" and "inclusive swings". Beth will relay this info to Paulette and Bob will look up pricing for the mentioned park equipment.

New Business:

Does the Village want to do something for former Fire Chief Red Chapman? No, it seems that would be disrespectful of his final wishes.

Village Clerk:

The electric department requires the purchase of a new laptop; current laptop is out of storage and also uses Windows 10 which is no longer supported. Tommy motioned to approve the purchase up to \$1,000. Kailey seconded, all present approved. Ohio Municipal League invoiced for 2026 Annual Dues of \$397. Bob motioned to pay. Becky seconded, all present approved. There is an inquiry from the insurance company regarding a request to put the 2003 Ford Ambulance back onto the policy. Council would like it added back on until further decisions are made. Diane provided Council with details of the gov.deals account. A sales sheet has already been filled out, will look for it. Bob will pick up the for-sale sign when in town this week. Tommy has a lead of a possible buyer. AMP's Circuit Rider Program for 2026 is due. Council would like the same package as last year, Bob motioned same. Tommy seconded, all present approved. Bob motioned to pay the bills. Tom seconded, all present approved.

Village Manager:

Leaf pick up is during the month of November. Leaf vac has a flat tire, will be changed.

EJAD Update:

New Chief is doing a great job. EJAD has ordered radios and security cameras and was able to pay for that with soft-billing proceeds. Each shift has ALF, a medic available. It is possible the Board may move to 1 meeting per month. Beth asked if the Board has considered rotating meeting places within the entities.

At 9:08 pm Bob motioned to move into Executive Session regarding personnel. Kailey seconded, all present approved. At 10:15 pm Bob motioned to leave Executive Session. Kailey seconded, all present approved. Bob stated no action taken at this time.

Committee Meetings:

Further information from the Personnel Committee meeting of 10/23/2025: Personnel Committee recommends hiring Dave Smith as the Village's Ordinance Enforcement Officer with pay of \$500 per month and the use of the Dodge truck. Tom motioned to hire. Tommy seconded. Voting: Bob-yes. Tom-yes. Kailey-abstain. Becky-yes. Tommy-yes.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: November 11 and November 25

Meeting Adjourned: Bob motioned to adjourn at 10:20 pm.

/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

/s/ Diane Miller, Fiscal Consultant

DATE: November 11, 2025