

Village of Bloomdale  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 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. Beth offered a reminder to all that we are allowing people to finish thoughts without interruptions and that we are not entertaining side conversations and if there is a question or comment it should be shared so that all may learn.

**Members Present:**

Bob Clark, Tom Miller, Becky Drake, and Tommy O'Leary IV answered roll call. Jamie Robinson and Kathy Simon were absent. Bob motioned to accept the meeting minutes from March 25, 2025 as written. Becky seconded, all present approved.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Diane read Resolution 2025-R-13, a resolution to hire Shonda Harbin as the new Community Building Coordinator. Bob motioned to proceed. Becky seconded. Voting: Bob-yes. Tom-yes. Becky-yes. Tommy-abstain.

Diane read Resolution 2025-R-14, a resolution to transfer funds as an **interfund advance** from the General Fund to the Fire Department Fund for the year 2025 and repayment asap or before December 2025. Bob motioned to proceed. Tom seconded, all present approved.

**Community Members Present:** none

**Committee Meetings:** none

**EJAD Update:**

Bob shared that EJAD is hiring a Chief, Laura Fouty is the interim Chief. Becky reported being delayed by the EJAD ambulance blocking Main Street the other day while employees were chatting with a nearby resident. Bob will take that to tomorrow evening's EJAD Board Meeting.

**Old Business:**

Tom will replace a circuit breaker at the ball fields and would like to replace all of them with the AMP circuit riders during the next session. Tom will get actual paper quotes for the streetlight head replacements so the Diane can place an order. Bob obtained a quote from Cramer Signs for 18x24 No Parking signs, with ORC and Tommy Boy towing info, \$60 per sign, to be hung at the Fire Department. Bob motioned to approve the purchase of 4 signs with leeway to order only 3; Billy will measure to verify space for the 4<sup>th</sup>. Becky seconded, all present approved. Discussion of updating the Veteran's sign. Most recent update, due to storm damage, was April 2023 at the cost of \$524.00. Bob will inquire at Cramer Signs about whether it is possible to have decals made to add new veterans and Council discussed re-addressing in 2028.

**Village Clerk:**

Beth read a letter from ODNR relaying that the Village's application for the Land & Water Conservation grant was declined. This would have paved our walking path, and Paulette has assured us that the Village is in contention for a different grant to accomplish this. The Village was invoiced for \$150 by the Volunteer Firefighter's Dependents Fund (VFDV). Diane would like Council to approve \$450 toward this fund in anticipation of future invoices in 2025. Bob motioned to approve \$450 for VFDF. Tom seconded, all present approved. A resident would like to use her electric deposit to pay for her final, overdue electric bill. No record of deposit found (circa 2005). Council suggests that if she shows proof of deposit then it can be applied. Bob motioned to pay Diane's bills. Becky seconded, all present approved.

**New Business:**

All about the storm which brewed up on Wednesday April 2:

Window(s) were blown out of a building on Main Street. Several complaints; neighbors swept up much of the debris; owner cleaned up the remaining shards. Storm sewer at the corner of Mulberry & Garfield was overwhelmed and wasn't able to keep up with the 4-5" inches of rain. Beth checked with ODOT, they don't maintain any of the storm sewers. Discussion of camera-ing, jetting, and vacuuming, similar to what was done on North Garfield in 2024, and of some type of mesh to prevent stones entering the drain. A pole was blown over in the alley behind 105 and 109 North Maple. AMP circuit riders were able to stabilize it. Discussion of discovering pole ownership and responsibility. Village Manager will organize its replacement using mutual aid as the Village digger truck is currently out of commission.

**Village Manager:**

Task list was distributed. Bob Stewart has made contact with Deere Creek to proceed with weed spraying. Related, he is clearing the ball field fence lines so the spray can reach the weeds. The back hoe has been returned and the digger truck awaits a trip to Casey's.

**Fire Department:**

Mayor Vincent thanked the Fire department for cutting up fallen tree limbs to clear roads for traffic on North Main at Sunset and on Garfield between Walnut & Cherry. Billy had a call from ACR roofing in Fremont regarding the roof and questioned if it was a legit contact or a cold call, decided it was a cold call. Diane again asked Billy for the documentation to support the 2024 pay-per-runs and for the Dec 2024 and Jan-Feb-Mar, 2025 reports for the 2025 pay-per-runs. Billy shared that the Wood County computer hack may have something to do with the unavailability of certain reports. Discussion that some of the missing 911 incidents may be due to them having originated in North Baltimore. EJAD has asked that the Village hold the check for the 2024 contracted services invoice due to discovery that there are 4 incidents that overlap with North Baltimore. Discussion of (1) Billy having attended the EJAD meeting and successfully defended the invoice and it has been approved for payment, (2) tightening up channels of communication between the Village and EJAD by employing Bob as the sole go-between. Back to the storm on April 2, it was brought to Beth's attention by several individuals that BFD utilized the ambulance for storm patrol, thus violating ORC Chapter 4765 and/or Chapter 4766; the ambulance will be parked and keys pulled.

Tom asked whether Bright Speed pays the Village rent for the use of the poles. Yes, per Diane.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** April 22 and May 13; reminder that April has 5 Tuesdays

**Meeting Adjourned:** Bob motioned to adjourn at 9:20 pm.

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/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

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/s/ Diane Miller, Fiscal Consultant

DATE: April 22, 2025