

Village of Bloomdale  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 27, 2024

**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, and Tommy O'Leary IV all answered roll call. Kathy Simon was absent. Bob motioned to accept the meeting minutes from August 13, 2024 as written. Becky seconded; all present approved.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:** Ordinance 2024-O-6 regarding electric rates was read for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Becky seconded; all present approved.

**Community Members Present:** none

**Fire Department:** Radio reprogramming quotes are expected to change due to 615 being placed into EJAD hands as of Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>. Fire Department will participate in the Halloween parade and Trick-or-Treat; Beth will text Billy the details. Diane had 2 overdue bills relating to Fire Department; Billy says both are meant to be paid by Bloom Township and he will take them there. Billy will make a list of equipment which can be removed from the Village's insurance.

**Committee Meetings:** none

**Eagleville Joint Ambulance District update:** Furniture arriving today or Thursday. Plan to fire up 1<sup>st</sup> shift ASAP, possibly prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Old Business:** Discussed the basketball court resurfacing quote of \$9,100 and not the approximate \$7,000 that was remembered. Bob motioned to move forward with Morlocks quote for the resurfacing. Tom seconded; all present approved. Update on jetting the storm sewer tile on North Garfield: got 625 feet in before an obstruction; Council agreed to schedule NWWSD's camera to discover the source of the obstruction. Results of this will be forwarded to our Storm Sewer Phase III engineer at Kleinfelder so he has the most information possible for our project. Blight Ordinance discussed: Jeff suggested the document be presented to the Sheriff as it could involve a more active role by his office. Beth will forward the Ordinance on.

**New Business:** Terry Hummel shared Bloom Township's versions of permits to cut into roads to ensure careful reconstruction. This was brought on by the discussion of South Garfield, Hamm, and Center street's resurfacing prior to Randy Cunningham getting a plumber to cut his laterals for his new construction. Bob will look into the details of these permits; tabled for now. Rory Fitch requests permission to hunt at the ponds. Bob motioned to allow. Tom seconded; all present approved. Paulette Mills from Kleinfelder was expected at the meeting as a late arrival. Along with having a meeting in McComb in the same time frame the storm prevented her from attending at all. Beth relayed to Council that our OPWC grant deadline is approaching and that legislation is required to be

passed tonight and provided the two options that Kleinfelder designed. Bob motioned to move forward with the OPWC grant application for Storm Sewer Improvement Phase III consisting of North Main from Church to Mulberry and North Garfield from Sunset to Church (the scaled-down option). Tom seconded; all present approved.

**Village Clerk:** Bob motioned to pay the bills. Becky seconded; all present approved.

**Village Administrator:**

Task list was distributed. Tom shared that Bob scheduled AMP to replace old sodium lights at Railroad Park near the basketball court with LEDs. Agreed to ask Bob to remove the 4 old basketball hoop poles before Morlock resurfaces the court and will ask Kathy to add 2 to the park grant request if 2 cannot be re-used. Due to vandalism, restrooms at both parks are closed until Halloween and after that they will be winterized.

**Communications from the Mayor:**

Verified all Council received the e-mail from RITA regarding the mailing of 137 subpoenas to income tax non-filers. The 7-minute fraud training has been completed by all but 1 Village employee – Beth thanked all for getting to it so quickly! Beth relayed that a resident requested that Sheriff deputies increase night patrols out at the ponds due to suspicious activity.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** September 10, September 24

**Meeting Adjourned:** Bob motioned to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

Utility bills can be e-mailed to residents. Interested, contact the Village at [villageofbloomdale@gmail.com](mailto:villageofbloomdale@gmail.com). Also, residents can check current utility bill balance at [www.villageofbloomdale.com](http://www.villageofbloomdale.com) with the last name and account number.

Community Building Rentals – Contact Bre 910-635-5496 or Jose 419-379-4779.

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/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

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/s/ Diane Miller, Fiscal Consultant

DATE: September 10, 2024