

Village of Bloomdale
Council Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2024

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Bloomdale Village Council was called to order by Mayor Bethany Vincent.

Members Present:

Bob Clark, Tom Miller, Becky Drake, Kathy Simon, and Tommy O'Leary IV all answered roll call. Jamie Robinson was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Bob motioned to accept the minutes as written from the meeting of February 13, 2024. Tom seconded and all present approved.

Community Members Present:

Randy Cunningham asked to have two east-west alleys vacated in the lots on South Garfield St so he may begin building. Bob motioned to vacate said alleys. Tom seconded, all present approved. Beth will contact Jeff Dennis to start the vacating procedure. Randy shared that the two southern-most ranch-style homes will be designated for 60+ renters. He would like to offer a way for elders to remain in Bloomdale, rather than need to move away.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

02-R-24 regarding transferring debt to NWWSD was read in a third reading by Kathy. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Kathy seconded and all present approved.

2024-O-02 relating to income tax was read and declared an emergency. Bob motioned to suspend the rules. Tom seconded and all present approved. Bob motioned to accept and adopt 2024-O-02. Tom seconded and all present approved.

Fire Department:

Billy attended the Cass Twp meeting recently and all is well with the service contract there. He attended the EJAD meeting on Feb 21 and found that they voted to retain Bloomdale EMS as first responders for 911 calls in Bloom Twp. There was discussion of the progress of EJAD. Billy added that at this point Bloomdale EMS is making 50% of the runs. Regarding the monthly run reports that Joe submits to Diane for the pay-per-run: the header indicates the date and time the report is entered, not the date and time of the run itself. To the question whether volunteers may take a run alone, no for EMS, but yes for FD, for example, a lift assist. Joe is addressing the "glitch" in the run reports. Two of his e-mails have bounced back, he needs to make some phone calls. Billy read the SOGs Beth forwarded to him, which are primarily for EMS and leave out FD. He is looking for discipline guidelines to work off of. Beth will get back to Jeff for further instruction. Cory found a tech in Avon for the out-of-service Lucas Device. It will be picked up on Thursday to be diagnosed and estimated; it is one level away from becoming obsolete. In light of that information Kathy asked Billy to obtain the cost for a replacement device. Billy asked for new volunteers to be a part of the Volunteer Firefighter Dependents Fund; Tommy and Bob volunteered. Billy called the Wood County EMA office to inquire if they are designating an open north-south route for emergency vehicles during the eclipse; so far they are not. Discussion of the eclipse; Beth will e-mail Jerry Griner to inquire whether NWWSD will be checking levels that day.

Committee Meetings: nothing to note

Old Business:

Kathy brought the Xmas décor quotes and they are pricey. Discussion of new Amplex cables blocking some of the poles used, so we may need to simply spread out the décor for holidays '24. Beth shared an

update for 580 N Garfield St: Jeff will send the ordinances that Diane looked up for him to use and Ben Gaff has called the Wood County Health Dept on that property, maybe something will come from that. Discussion of Morlock's street repaving quotes, Bob commented that we should ask for Hamm and Center St quotes and take care of them along with S Garfield. Beth will ask for those quotes. Bob opened a discussion regarding tree removal for the storm sewer project and Beth added that Bob Stewart let us know that Myer's Tree Service was in town and noticed the marked trees so they prepared a quote. Bob shared that the digger truck is at Casey's and asked if when it is returned could the bucket truck be used to untangle the flag at the K of P. Tom motioned to allow, Kathy seconded, Bob abstained and all others present approved.

New Business:

Kathy noticed that the BOE updated our council information as far as Beth and Becky but Tommy is still not listed. Kathy will contact an employee to get it further updated. Light discussion of a farm animal ordinance.

Village Clerk: Bob motioned to pay the bills, Kathy seconded, all present approved.

Village Administrator:

Bob Stewart shares that the roof over the shop has a leak and we should plan for that as an upcoming expense.

Communications from the Mayor:

Beth had updates regarding USPS. Channel 13 was in the village on February 19 to interview residents regarding the service/lack of from the USPS. Due to this she reread meeting minutes dating back to September 2022 to make notes and followed up with Jeff by asking if he had the feasibility study that the USPS said was completed in June 2023. He didn't, so he then followed up with his contact and was told his public records request was denied because the study is, in fact, not complete.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: March 12, March 26

Meeting Adjourned: Bob motioned to adjourn at 8:23, all approved.

Electric bills can be e-mailed to residents. Interested, contact the Village at villageofbloomdale@gmail.com. Also, residents can check current electric balance at www.villageofbloomdale.com with last name and account number.

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