

Bloomdale Village Council
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Bloomdale Village Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Bethany Vincent.

Members Present:

Kathy Simon, Jamie Robinson, Bob Clark, Tom Miller all answered roll call.

Interested Council member letter of interest was read. Motion to appoint Thomas F. O'Leary IV.- Bob Clark, 2nd- Tom Miller, All Yes.

Acceptance of December 12, 2023 Minutes – motion -Bob Clark, 2nd Tom Miller. All Yes.

Meeting dates are set for the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. – Motion Bob Clark, 2nd Kathy Simon. All Yes.

Still have an open seat for a 4-year term. Interested person should attend next meeting with letter of intent.

Tom Miller made the motion to nominate Kathy Simon as Council President, 2nd Jamie Robinson. All yes.

Starting January 1, 2024, check signers are Mayor, Bethany Vincent, Council President – Kathy Simon and Diane Miller-Fiscal Officer. Paperwork will be filed with Old Fort Bank.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 2024-R-01 – Entering into an agreement with B Hill's Excavating for Storm Sewer Phase 2. Motion by Bob Clark, 2ndTom Miller. All Yes. Work is set to begin in January but need a pre-construction meeting. Beth will reach out to get a meeting scheduled and notify interested members.

Community Visitors

Frank Harris and Larry Drake attended and voiced concern over electric bills not being received via USPS. Not all residents are able to retrieve their bills via website. Electric bills were mailed out on December 28, 2023 and residents have not received them. Discussion next meeting regarding cost savings using post cards vs. envelopes.

Fire Department

Received an application for Michael Cramer to be added to the EMS/Fire roster. Motion Kathy Simon, 2nd Jamie Robinson, All yes.

Heinze Insurance/Buckeye Insurance donated two Milwaukee stand lights, a Sawzall, charging station and batteries to Bloomdale Fire. Huge thank you to Heinze Insurance.

ESO reporting software for Fire and EMS subscription is due January 24 for \$3324.09. In the past, Bloom Township picked up the cost. Billy reported that Bloom township may pay just the fire portion, but not the EMS portion. Bloomdale needs the EMS portion because of Cass Township contract. Billy will attend the EJAD meeting tomorrow and will have update next meeting. Possibly thinking about a contract between the District and the Village to keep the Bloomdale EMS running.

Pay per Run – Run reports will be submitted every month and payments for January 2024–November 30, 2024 runs will be made in December. Motion to change pay per run from quarterly to annually – Bob Clark, 2nd-Kathy Simon. All Yes.

Jonathon Heldman asked about the estimate (12,189.00) Tom received for a generator at the Fire Department. Current diesel generator is at South Park. That generator could be moved to the FD and installed at the fire hall with electrical

changes. Bob will get quote on the moving and installing the diesel generator vs. purchasing the natural gas generator if we could sell the diesel one. More discussion to follow.

Old Business:

Jeff Dennis finished SOGs in December. Council members should review them along with Billy and the fire department personnel, and report back next meeting what needs to be added/deleted.

2024 Park grant we were not awarded any money. Kathy will gather quotes for Christmas decorations.

The original CSX purchase agreement was updated with new dates and re-signed. Mayor Vincent signed the purchase agreement. Jeff Dennis will notarize and forward the agreement back to CSX for the purchase of the park (\$1).

New Business:

Received a quote from Casey Sales for 2024 two-year lawn mower lease (\$2995). Motion to accept the quote/lease – Bob Clark, 2nd Kathy Simon, All Yes.

Tom Miller asked about the Village's plan for the April 8 eclipse. Area of concern for the Village are South Park. Billy will place the equipment truck across the entrance to eliminate squatters from using the area. Restroom will not be opened yet from winter. We will not be encouraging visitors due to legal and manpower issues.

Potholes to be filled with stone, Beal Drive and Garfield.

Village Clerk:

Motion to paying bills – Bob Clark, 2nd Kathy Simon, All yes.

Meeting signers for Village Bills/Payments will be Kathy, Jamie and Bob.

Budget meeting – Thursday, January 25 – 7:00 PM

Communication from Mayor:

Would like to have Mayor office hours starting end of February/first of March after locks have been secured on two desks. Possible office hours 5-6:30 on Tuesdays before meeting.

Bill's Locks will be contacted about desk, police station and the village room doors.

Beth will contact Landmark Dividends about cell tower.

Michelle Hister filed paperwork on Bloomdale's behalf for the 3rd phase of storm sewer.

Ohio Municipal League offering seminar for new mayors and Council member for \$125.00 for group Kathy, Beth and Tom are interested in attending. Bob Clark made the motion to pay the registration fee, 2nd Jamie Robinson, all yes.

Upcoming meeting dates – 1/23 and 2/13 – 7:00 pm

Electric bills can be emailed to residents. Interested, contact the Village at villageofbloomdale@gmail.com. Also can check your 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.

Meeting Adjourned - Bob Clark – 9:02pm.

/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

/s/ Diane Miller, Clerk of Council

DATE: January 23, 2024