

Bloomdale Village Council
Meeting Minutes
May 23rd, 2023

Opening

The regular meeting of The Bloomdale Village Council was called to order at 7:00PM by Mayor Stephen Schafer.

Members Present

Julie Dean, Bethany Vincent, Robert Clark, Kathy Simon, Jamie Robinson and Tom Miller all answered roll call.

Bob Clark approved the minutes from the May 9th, 2023 meeting and Tom Miller 2nd, all approved.

11-R-23 to create a joint ambulance district and rescind 7-R-23, 6-R-23, 8-R-23 and 10-R-23. Accepted and adopted by Julie Dean & 2nd by Bob Clark, all approved.

Chris Smalley the Director of the Wood County Park District brought our check for the park improvement grant that we applied for. We also received a plaque for it.

Chief Fitzgerald gave the stats for this month. He brought up the vest grant from the State of Ohio. \$1,141.58 without the grant but we only need to supply \$380.52. He's using Traffic Stop in Bowling Green. \$380.52 for a vest & equipment attached to it was approved by Bob Clark 2nd by Bethany Vincent, all approved.

Bathroom issues. He wants to revisit the quote from BeeSafe. The one bathroom had things lit on fire, charcoal in there. Jen Putman is giving a friend's information to the Chief on a different camera that the Hancock County Sheriff's Office uses.

The speed watch thing will be back up later this summer to record speeds again once road construction is completed.

We have an applicant and he's available weekends. James Waltemyer a retired Captain out of Pemberville. He will be at the next meeting so we can meet him and decide on swearing in. We can do it all during one meeting.

Chief Fitzgerald brought a contract for his company Fitzgerald's Firearms LLC so he can have people take a one-time concealed carry class, July 18. He'd pay the fee, he only requests the community center and firing range to use to anyone who legally can carry a firearm. He's doing it as a citizen not the chief. \$150 is his standard fee for students. Jeff Dennis clarified that he'd review the contract as the village solicitor and the charge will go onto the rental agreement, so he maintains the attorney client relationship with the village. Jeff will go over it and our insurance policy and get with us at the next meeting.

Bethany Vincent asked Chief Fitzgerald about the vending machine. He's trying to sell it to get rid of it. It'll be gone by June 1st.

Billy Mareches thanked Dave Ohler for cleaning up the Fire Department's appearance at the chicken BBQ. The Mother's Day Chicken BBQ, they sold out.

Auto aid contract with Cygnet Fire Department. We currently have an auto aid, when Cygnet has a fire, we and they automatically get paged. They want to add North Baltimore to the auto aid page. It won't change anything on our end.

The siren failed the test again last week. The last bill from Radio Hospital, they said they'd come back as much as we want them to. Billy will ask Radio Hospital if they'll replace the circuit breaker. We need new sirens, ours are probably about 50 years old. It'd be \$30,000-35,000 just for one. Right now, we have 4 in town. The new ones are technology—their louder, the head rotates. The Mitigation Grant via EMA we should be able to get a new siren on that.

Approval for \$1,600 to install the power load system into ambulance 610. The new squad won't be here until the first quarter of 2024. He can apply for a BWC grant. That's what the township would like to see happen so they can put it in a truck now. He has until the end of the month to fill this grant out. A company out of Kentucky will install the whole system with a 1-year warranty. We won't have to take the truck anywhere and it'd just be out of service for a few hours. As of today, their 4 ½ weeks out but if they're in the area they could jump up.

Billy will make an appointment and if the township says no, he can just cancel the appointment.

No grant questions on the Bloom Township for the Fire & EMS. \$10,000 Fire and \$15,000 for EMS. Bob Clark made a motion to go into agreement with Bloom Township for EMS for \$15,000 and Bethany Vincent 2nd, all approved.

Bethany Vincent made a motion to go into agreement with Bloom Township for Fire Services for \$10,000 and Julie Dean 2nd, all approved.

Jen Putman had nothing. June 4th at 6AM, who wants to give Elizabeth Hopple the key to the community center. Steve Schafer will meet up with her at 6AM. Bob Clark will get with Ryan Bennett.

Bethany Vincent would like to revisit Hancock Wood Electric because Kathy Simon's question is always about the fees/money which they'd like to offer to do an account analysis for whatever we deem would be useable. They could take the information (kilowatts not names) from Kelly Ziegler. Bethany, Kathy and Tom will do the pros & cons of utilities with Hancock Wood. They will meet on Friday at 5PM.

Steve will find out when sidewalks will be replaced.

Jeff got a few forms from the US Post Office to fill out. A letter of interest and a request for assistance. Erica up in Toledo area is who he's dealing with. JD Vance is also someone to reach out to.

Regarding ODOT and the cracked asphalt, the poles being taken out. They basically told Steve they won't decrease the stain, they won't reimburse us for the poles, etc.

The Railroad Street lots. The realtor (Doug Finney) wasn't here. Bob Clark will call him.

Bob Clark, K&P has a Boy Scout club. The Grand Lodge is donating money to the scouts if their doing community service. If we get a truckload of mulch, they'll do the mulching. Bethany Vincent made a motion for a truckload of mulch and Kathy Simon 2nd, all approved. Steve will see if D&D will donate.

They have 4 signs they want to put on the entrances of town. Bethany Vincent made a motion to put the troop signs up and Kathy Simon 2nd, all approved.

PEP insurance, we'll invite them to the next meeting to discuss insurance and renewal.

Bob Stewart vacation time was approved.

Bob Clark made a motion to pay the bills and Kathy Simon 2nd, all approved.

The work hasn't been done on the Laware property; Bethany will email tomorrow.

Bob Clark moved to end the meeting at 8:16PM.

/s/ Stephen A. Schafer, Mayor

/s/ Julie Dean, Clerk of Council

DATE: June 13, 2023