

Village of Bloomdale  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 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.

**Members Present:**

Bob Clark, Tom Miller, Jamie Robinson, Becky Drake, Kathy Simon, and Tommy O'Leary IV all answered roll call. Bob motioned to accept the meeting minutes from May 14, 2024 as written. Kathy seconded, all approved.

**Interjection:**

Beth informed Council that members will no longer interrupt others during discussions and that each member will speak about a topic before any member will speak for a second time.

**Ordnances and Resolutions:**

Beth asked if all members looked over the Blight Ordinance that our Solicitor shared with us and instructed that further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

**Community Members Present:** none

**Fire Department:**

Received an application from Chris Zeller of Cygnet FD; wants to run EMS with BFD and already has fire and emt cards. Kathy motioned to bring him on-board. Becky seconded; all approved. Cory is still working on quotes to get the electronics re-certified. Billy asked for approval to take the ambulances to Class 8 Truck Repair for maintenance and 610 needs the a/c serviced. Bob made the motion, Tom seconded and all approved. At Bob's suggestion Billy will call our ins agent Rob Fawcett to ask if a claim can be made for the damage to the Lucas Devices. Discussion of No Parking signs at the FD due to Little League parents using the FD spots. Considered parking permits for FD members so Sheriff Deputies can enforce restrictions. Discussion of painting the black-top versus signs. Billy shared that Kelly from Clean Claim is taking care of the Medicare audit; she thinks BFD is immune due to volunteer squad status. . Jonathan Heldman questioned the cost of Amplex regarding the FD switching to the fiber service.

**Committee Meetings:**

Park Committee met tonight; Kathy will speak about decisions once she has collected estimates.

**Old Business:**

Casey's billing dispute, Bob Stewart attended to it. Bob Clark has not yet welded the merry-go-round. Village cannot mow at the problem properties until proper paper trail has been laid. Bob Stewart put up a temporary no parking sign at the ball field per Kailey Keaton's request. Village is audited every 2 years. Need to see Brianna Delancy's RITA bill in order to consider waiving fees or penalties. Leaf vac is insured thru the Village due to it being under our control, care, and custody. It was purchased by a grant jointly

with Cygnet and they pay half of repair and maintenance fees. Kelly from Clean Claim would need to set up her own credit card payment feature for insurance company use. Council was informed that the electric will not be changed from postcard to letters for June; that will take as long as it takes for the software company to re-program us. Postcards are getting better results: with only 2 residents not getting the card amounts to less than 1% of the billing. Beth again reminded Council to analyze the flyer that Kelly and Diane designed. Council decided to write a letter of petition to get the USPS to open up a post office in Bloomdale. Kathy will write it; Beth will send it on to Jeff for legal opinion. Once approved, Council members will walk the Village for signatures. Bob motioned to approve the contract from NAT. Tom seconded, all approved. Bob Clark will contact Billy's paving to get a quote for the basketball court at Railroad Park.

**New Business:**

Elmwood Baseball was playing on Swain Field. Was permission asked and received? Jamie Robinson will ask about this.

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

**Village Manager:** Task-list was distributed.

**Communications from the Mayor:** none

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** June 11 and June 25

**Update:**

Billy shared that he dropped off the street sweeper after servicing and picked up the back hoe for servicing.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Becky motioned to adjourn at 8:31. Bob seconded, all approved.

Electric bills can be e-mailed to residents. Interested, contact the Village at [villageofbloomdale@gmail.com](mailto:villageofbloomdale@gmail.com). Also, residents can check current electric balance at [www.villageofbloomdale.com](http://www.villageofbloomdale.com) with 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: June 11, 2024