

Village of Bloomdale  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 27, 2025

**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, Kathy Simon, and Tommy O'Leary IV all answered roll call. Bob motioned to accept the meeting minutes from May 13, 2025 as written. Kathy seconded, all approved.

**Community Members:**

Alex Roth with AMP visited to explain and discuss our Power Supply Update. Discussion of Prairie State, a coal-based power source and a newer technology of "waste to heat" which is where excess heat from compression units is captured and used to generate power. Lily Gostnell attended to fulfill an Advanced Government Class requirement.

**Committee Meetings:** None

**Fire Department:**

The ISO audit is tomorrow, May 28. Billy is hopeful that all the older radios have been removed from the State list so that BFD is not charged on the next Marks invoice. BFD is hoping to find value in these older radios to any organization or class; they seem too good to scrap or destroy. Billy delivered the roster information to Diane for the insurance. Billy received an application from Landon Lowery, a recent fire program graduate at Penta. Bob motioned to hire Landon. Kathy seconded, all approved. For clarification, Beth asked Billy about the pay-per-run program and payment for "cancelled en route" and "standby" – yes, payment is generated.

**EJAD Update:**

The new building is coming along; frame and tresses are up. Bob shared that at the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board approved to move the EJAD meeting location to Bloomdale Council Room, beginning tomorrow, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Discussion of changing EJAD meeting times to match with Council Room availability, distributing building keys, re-keying the building, and restricting access to areas other than the Council Room. There is no changing the meeting time for May 28<sup>th</sup>; Beth gave a key to Bob; Bob will discuss with the Board a change of time for future meetings.

**Old Business:**

ODOT hung our updated speed limit signs. Inquiries regarding legality of speed signs being hung on utility poles. As per instruction from Travis Bonnet, Transportation Engineer, ODOT, District 2, yes, ODOT may hang speed limit signs on utility poles on highways. Tommy updated that Beth can get the quote for the roller from Sunbelt. Beth confirmed to Kathy from Diane that the U-channel purchase will come from the electric fund. Tom is registered and confirmed for the RITA Conference in Napoleon on June 20; no fee to the Village for this. NWWSD worked with Bob Stewart on adjustments to the pressure system for the public restroom at Swain Field. The utility pole in the alley is scheduled for replacement in June with our AMP circuit riders. Merry-Go-Round discussion: sonotube costs about \$80, mini excavator rental will be approximately \$1200-1300 for a week, still working on the quote for concrete, confirmed snow fence is available, coordinating volunteers for

assembly. Morlock Asphalt update: (1) it was recommended to pave the block of Cherry from Main to Maple instead of Cherry from Lincoln to Cleveland, due to the vast difference in condition, and (2) a tack truck had a line leak into a grassy area; the grass and layers of dirt were removed and the area will be re-seeded. Bob asked about the basketball poles; the area will need to dry out and firm up a little more because a concrete truck will be involved. Regarding the BFD's storm watch on the night of April 2 and claims of possible ORC violations, Cory Kirian called Scott Flynn, Investigation Supervisor, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS. Cory explained the situation including the back story of the EMS district being formed and of Bloomdale's EMS service being discontinued. Mr. Flynn's response was that Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Division of EMS has no jurisdiction on municipal services in regards to vehicles and that the State only retains licensing authority over private EMS services; thus, no violation of the Ohio Revised Code occurred.

**New Business:**

There is a dead bush at the Veteran's Memorial; Beth asked if Council minded that it be removed and replaced. No objection, Beth will get quotes on a replacement.

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

**Village Manager:**

A North Garfield household had a power outage on Thursday, May 22; they asked about a possible cage-type contraption that can be placed at the top of the utility pole to prevent squirrels from causing outages. Discussion of a metal wrap that can be installed on the pole to prevent squirrels climbing.

**Communications from the Mayor:**

Beth attended a webinar for AMP regarding Peak Shaving for the upcoming season; the power point slides were e-mailed to Council members. Beth also attended a Teams meeting with Kleinfelder regarding ODOT's Abbreviated Safety Grant, which is a \$500,000, 90/10 split grant. Six bus stops were addressed and there was also discussion of adding rapid flashing beacons (RFBs) on Main south of Buckeye and on Main south of Railroad, for park access. Ben Black, from Kleinfelder, will be in town to photograph the bus stop areas and will attend the June 10 Council meeting to discuss the scope of the Village's application.

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

**Meeting Adjourned:** Bob motioned to adjourn at 8:54,

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/s/Bethany Vincent, Mayor

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/s/ Diane Miller, Fiscal Officer

**DATE:** June 10, 2025