

**Village of Bloomdale
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

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. Brooke Moore, Tom Miller, Kailey Keaton, Kathy Simon, Becky Drake, and Cory Kirian all answered roll call. Kathy motioned to approve the minutes from the Police Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. Brooke seconded, all approved. Kathy motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday May 12, 2026. Brooke seconded, all approved. Tom motioned to approve the minutes from the Committee of the Whole Executive Session held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 5 pm. Kathy seconded, all approved. Kathy motioned to approve the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the Opening of Bids for the Walking Path held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6 pm. Becky seconded, all approved. Tom motioned to approve the minutes from the Handbook Committee held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7 pm. Brooke seconded, all Committee Members approved.

Ordinances & Resolutions:

Kathy read the third and final reading of Ordinance 2026-O-2, an updated ordinance for the prevention of animals running loose and noxious animal odors. Kailey motioned to approve. Kathy seconded, all approved. Kathy read the third and final reading of Ordinance 2026-O-3, an ordinance providing for a cybersecurity policy in compliance with Ohio House Bill 96. Becky motioned to approve. Kathy seconded, all approved. Kathy read the second reading of Resolution 2026-R-08, an updated resolution to change the rental rate for the Community Center on Sundays to \$200. Council members reviewed Ordinance 2026-O-04 for Emergency Appropriations. Kathy motioned to suspend the rules. Kaily seconded, approved. Kaily motioned to approve. Brooke seconded, all approved.

Community Visitors:

Adam Kemmerly from Red Alert attended the meeting to discuss his proposal regarding IT Services for the Village to become compliant with House Bill 96. Red Alert would provide website creation, IT Maintenance, setting up e-mails, etc for the Village. Ohio Cyber Reserve, which Adam is a part of, can assist with inspection of our current IT status, but they are not able to fix any gaps that may be in our system. Beth is going to confer with outside counsel to determine if Red Alert needs bonding or insurance in order to be able to work with the Village regarding any Cyber Security issues. Ada will look at the BBB website to determine the rating that Red Alert has.

EJAD Update, Bob Clark:

Bob Clark indicated that is good with the EJAD. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2026. Bob inquired about the basketball hoops being reinstalled at the park. Maintenance is currently working to get those reinstalled.

Maintenance Personnel, Mark Bowman & Tim Springer:

Menards receipt for fittings that were needed by AMP on May 18, \$3.79. Kailey motioned to pay, Brooke seconded, all approved. The military memorial flags were purchased and were installed. Tim purchased the flags through his personal Amazon account. Tim asked to be reimbursed for \$121.64. Kailey motioned to re-imburse Tim. Becky seconded, all approved. The fish for the pond were picked up at Remlinger Farm and they have been rehomed at the pond. The Police vehicle has been started; however, it is in need of a new battery. The new battery will be purchased one Council decides if they are going to move forward with re-establishing a Police unit.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Dave Smith:

Dave and Beth had met to create a violation notice for 106 Lincoln St. 211 N Main St – has been mowed, but the back of the property has not been cleaned up. 107 S Garfield needs maintenance, owner lives in Washington, DC. Council suggested that Maintenance mow the property and charge the fees to the property owner's taxes. Kathy motioned to have the property mowed and the fees billed to the owner's taxes. Brooke seconded, all approved. The Telephone Company building on Garfield has been mowed. Dave's hi-vis vest was given to him.

Fire Department, Billy Mareches:

The four (4) Thermal Imaging Cameras for the F.D. were ordered and have been received. Billy has asked that Beth determine if Northwest Water and Sewer can be dispatched to conduct flow tests of the hydrants. Discussion was held about calling the Sheriff's office when the Village needs Northwest Water and Sewer to be dispatched after hours.

Committee Meeting Recaps:

Minutes from the Police Committee, Executive Session, Walking Path Bid Openings and Handbook Committee were reviewed and approved. Council discussed the option of carrying over vacation from one year to another. The Handbook Committee members had previously agreed on presenting an option to carry over 5 days of vacation (Option G). Kailey motioned to approve 5 days of carry over vacation. Kathy seconded, all approved. The discussion surrounding pay days was postponed until June 9 when Maintenance personnel will be in attendance.

Old Business:

Discussion continued regarding the restoration of a Police presence. The Police vehicle needs some work in order to be fully operational. An inverter at an estimated cost of \$600, may be needed in order to operate the radio and laptop. A car battery at an estimated cost of \$185. A subscription for Lexipol would also be needed at an estimated cost of \$500 per year. Sarah Konves suggested that the Village consider a new patch that will more actively represent Bloomdale. She suggested that the Village do a design contest with the residents. It's possible that an officer would have their own gun and tactical pants. There are some shirts in the office that may be able to be used. The radios need to be looked at to determine if they are still usable or if they will need to be replaced. A new radio is estimated at \$5,000. Beth did confirm that the job for Police Chief will need to be posted. Cory will look into what items will need to be either purchased or repaired and will make a list of the expenses associated with those items. This information will help Council to make a decision as to whether to restore the BPD or not. Council will revisit this topic on June 23.

New Business:

The 2026 Ohio Revised Code book was received. Ada is going to send an e-mail to American Legal Publishing to confirm if this book was already paid for or if this is a new charge that the Village will be billed for. Discussion surrounding the abolishing of Property Taxes was held. There have been many questions about how the tax will be replaced. The Ordinance 1-O-22 related to Storm Sewer rates was discussed. The Ordinance expired in 2024 and was not replaced. Beth asked John Courtney if the Village should re-do the documentation and he had no suggestion as this is not his area of expertise. Jeff Dennis said to continue with the increases and to restart effective January 2027. The increase in rates will help to fund Phase 3 of the Storm Sewer project. The refuse rates have not been increased as they should have been according to the most current Ordinance (2024-O-05). Ada will post the refuse Ordinance on the Bulletin Boards. Kathy motioned to approve the increase. Becky seconded, all approved.

Fiscal Officer-Clerk, Lisa Heft & Ada Kitchen:

Kathy motioned to pay bills. Brooke seconded, all approved.

Communications from Mayor Bethany Vincent:

Beth will not have any office hours on Tuesday, June 2 due to another meeting commitment related to CDBG. Goodwill will have their truck available on Saturday, July 11 from 10am to 2pm for any resident that wants to donate their unsold clothing items. They will also be available on August 9 at the Community Building from 1-4pm. Beth noted that there was vandalism at the Swain Ballfield bathrooms as well as a park bench that was damaged. The goose nest at the pond was also disturbed and the Sheriff was called to investigate. Beth noted that there were five baby geese at the pond.

Next 2 Meetings: Council meeting on Tuesday, June 9 at 7 pm meeting to include 90/180 day reviews and Northwest Water and Sewer; Tuesday, June 23 at 7 pm Sarah Konves to be in attendance to discuss BPD.

Meeting Adjourned: Kathy motioned to adjourn at 9:24 pm.



Bethany Vincent, Mayor



Kathy Simon, President of Council



Ada Kitchen, Fiscal Officer-Clerk

DATE: 6-9-2026