

Village of Bloomdale
Council Meeting Minutes
January 28, 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 January 14, 2025 as written. Kathy seconded, all approved.

Ordinances and Resolutions: None

Community Members: None

Committee Meetings:

The Budget Committee met on Thursday evening, January 23, to discuss the 2025 Budget. Committee Members presented to Council these topics: paving Cherry Street, Sheriff's Department contract for services hours, and moving funds from the General Fund to the Capital Fund. Bob motioned to move into executive session for personnel discussion at 7:28 pm. Tom seconded, all approved. Bob motioned to move out of executive session at 7:41 pm. Kathy seconded, all approved. Diane will prepare the necessary resolutions for the meeting to be held on February 11, 2025.

Fire Department:

Billy called Jack's to get a quote to replace the FD furnace: \$7,780.00 for an 80% Efficiency model or \$17,280.00 for a High Efficiency model. Jamie suggested making an additional call to K & R.

EJAD Update:

Bob updated Council: interviews are going on for the open Chief position; staff numbers approximately 30; comments on delays upon leaving for runs are being addressed. Hearsay and gossip were once again addressed and the public is welcome to attend the Board Meetings to ask questions.

Old Business:

Quotes for installing the basketball hoop poles and striping of the court at Railroad Park were discussed. Bob motioned to approve Morlock's quote for \$3,800.00 (pole installation) and \$1743.00 (striping). Kathy seconded, all approved.

New Business:

Kathy brought up changing Bob Stewart's village cell service from Verizon, as contact with him is unreliable and frustrating. She will gather quotes from other companies. Bob brought up revitalizing our Bloomdale Police Department and will look into costs and fees to do so; more discussion on that to come. The Village plans to renew the contract for services with the Wood County Sheriff's Department at this time.

Village Clerk:

Diane answered Kathy's software question from the previous meeting. Diane received a letter from RITA, the Village needs to submit a delegate and an alternate to them. Tom volunteered to be the delegate; Kathy volunteered to be the alternate. Bob motioned to approve. Becky seconded, all approved. Discussion of publishing the Village's farmland for bid for a farming contract to commence January 1, 2026. Beth will update and correct the details of the Sentinel-Tribune's ad from 2018. Bob motioned to publish. Kathy seconded, all approved. Bob motioned to pay the bills. Tom seconded, all approved.

Village Manager:

Bob Stewart relayed that the coolant lines have ruptured under the cab floorboards in the back hoe. Back hoe will be transported to A & M for repair.

Communications from the Mayor:

Beth shared that Bob, Tommy, Jamie and Kathy's terms expire at the end of 2025; discussion of decisions, petitions, deadlines. B'Hillz completed the catch basin and storm sewer pipe clearing on North Garfield Street; the bill for the project matched the estimate. Those improvements were then communicated to the Village's project engineer at Kleinfelder so the plans for Phase III may be updated and to Paulette so our next application for grant funding can be updated.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: February 11 and February 25

Meeting Adjourned: Bob motioned to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

/s/ Diane Miller, Clerk

DATE: February 11, 2025