

Village of Bloomdale
Council Meeting Minutes
September 23, 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, Kailey Keaton, Kathy Simon, Becky Drake and Tommy O'Leary IV all answered roll call. Tom Miller was absent.

Tommy motioned that Council install Billy Mareches as the permanent Fire Chief. Bob seconded, all present approved.

Bob motioned to accept the meeting minutes from September 9, 2025 as written. Kathy seconded, all present approved.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Beth shared Ordinance violation updates: 2 attempts to hand deliver a violation letter to 401 S Garfield were unsuccessful; letter was mailed with tracking. Confirmation of letter delivery to 112 N Main; no improvement in the situation. Continued effort and marked improvement by homeowner in the 300 block of S Main over the previous 3 weekends.

Community Members:

Cory Stewart attended regarding developing the Railroad St property he purchased from the Village. Discussion of setback requirements and stormwater and drainage. Cory will contact B'Hillz and Beth will compose a letter showing due diligence.

Kevin King attended regarding the poor condition of sidewalks along most of Main St. He shared an idea of creating a bike path rather than ask residents to pay for improvements (less costly). Discussion of lost parking spots, required widths, northbound vs. southbound, mailboxes, and possible Village liability. He had already contacted the Wood County Engineer's office and is waiting for a call back from a contact at ODOT. Jeff Dennis suggested asking for grants from ODOT for a "shared use path"; Kevin will ask when speaking with the ODOT contact. Beth will ask Diane to look for any sidewalk ordinances.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Discussion of both the cutting roads and indigent cremation ordinances. Beth and Bob will work out the language regarding finishing road cuts; waiting on funeral home to reply with fees regarding cremation.

Fire Department:

Billy turned in run reports from June and August. 2 sirens are down; Billy will call Radio Hospital for repair. Mitchell Kelly is a new applicant for the FD. Already carded, needs no training. Bob motioned to hire. Becky seconded, all present approved. Billy asked Council for 3 out of 7 sets of turnout gear and will ask the Township for the remaining 4; sets are \$3,000 each. Bob motioned to make the purchase from the Capital Fund. Kathy seconded, all present approved.

EJAD Update:

The crew is now operating out of the house. Bob brought reports to share statistics: average response time = 13 minutes. The national average = 18 minutes 40 seconds. Average chute time = 2 minutes 27 seconds. Average total time on call = 56 minutes 39 seconds. Average turn-around time = 24 minutes 33 seconds. Average transport time to hospital = 19 minutes 55 seconds. Hiring a new chief at tomorrow's meeting.

Old Business:

Rutter and Dudley declined to quote the basketball hoop pole installation citing that is not a task they would perform. Beth e-mailed a different address at Morlock's to inquire about the status of the basketball hoop pole installation.

Fire Department:

Billy added an invitation to Council Members to the FD steak dinner at the end of Fire Prevention Week.

Old Business:

Bob shared that he had a phone call from an individual closely associated with the trailer on Harrison St and was asking footer and pad questions in order to bring them into ordinance compliance.

New Business:

Jr Royal Football asked permission to practice in the grassy area out at the Community Building on Thursdays thru the first week of November. Bob motioned to allow. Becky seconded, all present approved. Council reviewed the Sheriff Department reports from July and August. Tommy illustrated that only 3 items reported pertained to traffic stops, even though the Village and ODOT have updated the speed limit signs on State Route 18 to enforceable limits. All other items were incidents that would have required a response via a 911 call. Discussion ensued. Tommy motioned to discontinue the contract for services with the Wood County Sheriff's office. Kailey seconded, all present approved. This led to a discussion regarding a partnership with the Village of Cygnet in building a police department to serve both communities. Tom O'Leary III was in attendance and is a member of the Safety Committee in Cygnet. 3 possible meeting dates were discussed to bring the Safety Committee from Cygnet and the Police Committee in Bloomdale together for discussion. Beth brought a quote from LaRiche Chevrolet Cadillac to re-enable the automatic shut-off feature on the 2024 Silverado for \$330, recognizing the cost to do this will only keep rising as labor rates rise, and this will need done before the Village would sell the truck. Bob motioned to pay the fee to re-enable the feature. Kathy seconded, all present approved. Beth opened discussion of paid holidays for Village employees. The Village recognizes 6 holidays compared to Wood County's 11 and the State of Ohio's 11. Council was not interested in matching the 11. Beth opened discussion of increasing the quantity of Council meetings in 2026 – adding either 4 meetings scheduled on each of the 5th Tuesdays OR adding 12 meetings scheduled on each of the 3rd Tuesdays. These additional meetings would have a focus on updating ordinances and would not require presence of FD, as FD has meetings scheduled on each of the 3rd Tuesdays. Much discussion which ended with Council considering Ohio Basic Code. Bob motioned for Jeff to pursue Ohio Basic Code for the Village. Kathy seconded, all present approved. Discussion of adding meetings on 5th Tuesdays is tabled till October 14.

Village Clerk:

Discussion of the outstanding cremation bill; Beth will read details in the Model Ohio Municipal Code book for guidance; tabled till 10/14. Bob motioned to pay the bills. Kathy seconded; all present approved.

Communications from the Mayor:

Heard from Paulette that ODNR said "October" for our walking path at the pond. Read a letter from Ryan Lee asking for Council's vote for a seat on NWWSD Board; Council has already voted. Informed Council of the location change for Halloween Parade Line-Up for walkers; Line-Up will be organized on Buckeye Street in front of Swain Field. During the clean-out of the Community Building closet the Time Capsule from 2013 was found and it will be buried next Saturday ~ to be opened in 2038.

Committee Meetings:

A Personnel Committee meeting was held on Thursday September 11. There were no applications for the Ordinance Enforcement Officer job posting. Beth will reach out to a potential applicant to ask if there is any interest. Bob motioned to go into Executive Session at 9:39 pm to discuss personnel. Tommy seconded, all present approved. Bob

motioned to go out of Executive Session at 10:31 pm. Tommy seconded, all present approved. Bob confirmed no action was taken.

Bob motioned to get 3 quotes to re-drywall the closet in the Community Building. Kathy seconded, all present approved. Becky motioned to paint the interior of the Community Building. Tommy seconded, all present approved.

Tommy asked for details listing the costs to maintain the Community Building. Beth will get that from Diane.

Village Manager:

The digger truck was recently repaired at North Street Truck Repair and it was learned that there is a component losing air pressure; manufacturer is no longer in business, replacement parts may be hard to find if or when needed.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: October 14 and October 28

Meeting Adjourned: Bob motioned to adjourn at 10:42 pm.

/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

/s/ Diane Miller, Fiscal Consultant

DATE: October 14, 2025