

Village of Bloomdale
Council Meeting Minutes
March 11, 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, and Kathy Simon all answered roll call. Tommy O'Leary was absent and then arrived at 7:02. Bob motioned to accept the meeting minutes from February 25, 2025, as written. Kathy seconded, all approved.

Note: Prior to the start of the meeting there was discussion of a Conflict-of-Interest opinion presented to the Village by our Solicitor. Discussion of the Village's EJAD board representative's level of participation in discussion and decisions involving the Village and EJAD.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Kathy read 25-R-11, an agreement with Jeff Dennis of Stearns & Hammer for legal representation until March 1, 2027. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Becky seconded, all approved.

Kathy read 25-R-12, an authorization for financial assistance for our long-awaited walking path. Bob motioned to accept and adopt. Kathy seconded, all approved.

Community Members: none

Committee Meetings: none

Fire Department:

Billy presented EJAD with the items approved for the equipment swap. BFD inventory of backboards and headblocks allows them to include some in the swap. Jamie motioned for BFD to give EJAD a backboard backpack kit which includes headblocks. Kathy seconded, Bob abstained, all others approved. Regarding the EJAD invoice for contracted services, \$22,000 was approved to be paid. BFD drug license expires in March, not May as previously discussed. Bob motioned to pay \$320, the higher fee of the two possible levels now required, for the renewal. Jamie seconded, all approved. CleanClaim contract has been cancelled, effective February 28, 2025. The Cass Township contract for services has been completed and signed, Diane will forward to the Trustees.

EJAD Update:

Bob shared that runs are being covered and there are some personnel issues being worked through.

Old Business:

The engineer added 8 catch basins to the plans for Storm Sewer Phase III. Diane will switch Bob's phone over to Mint from Verizon. Kathy will bring playground turf quotes to next meeting. She shared that she chose red and yellow for the Merry-Go-Round since some of the play equipment is already painted to match. Discussed Village and BFD communication of pulled electric meters. Jamie confirmed Ben Camp removed the trailers from the alley. Tom brought a quote from County Electric for upgrading lighting for the little league ball fields. The quote includes the use of the Village's bucket truck and

digger. Beth will run this by Jeff for his opinion of liability. Discussion of Utility Committee attending a school board meeting to ask for input. Jamie shared that other fields involved have lights and maybe only daylight games can be scheduled in Bloomdale for the first season. The farmland lease ad ran in the print edition of the Sentinel-Tribune on 3/5 and 3/8 and appeared online for 5-6 days. Council discussed not entertaining escalating bids during the opening of the sealed bids. Tommy shared that he had a call from Chris Barringer regarding scheduling and preparing for an auction of various no-longer-in-use equipment items. Discussion of holding this on Community Garage Sale Weekend. Bob had Beth copy a list of said equipment for Village employees to gather to a central location. Bob asked about the basketball courts; Beth replied that Morlocks know we voted to approve the bid and that we want to be put on the spring schedule as soon as possible. Discussion turned to streets and crafting a plan for continuity. Council has approved the streets scheduled for repaving in 2025. Beth will ask Morlock's for quotes for the next couple streets for the 2026 budget.

New Business: none

Village Clerk:

Diane shared info regarding the Village's opinion on a pole light at 112 N Main St. Bob motioned that the Village absorb the \$5 monthly fee for the light. Jamie seconded, all approved. Discussion of a utility arrears situation; ordinance to be enforced. Bob motioned to pay bills. Kathy seconded, all approved.

Village Manager:

Task list was distributed.

Communications from the Mayor: none

Bob mentioned to all to be aware and cautious while driving of kids being out and about now that the weather is turning nice. Tommy would like to see the cones placed again at the striped lines in the back parking lot to restrict and direct traffic more precisely for safety. Tom shared that he was able to locate a ball field quote from Zehnder in his e-mail.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: March 25 and April 8

Meeting Adjourned: Bob motioned to adjourn at 8:08 pm.

/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

/s/ Diane Miller, Fiscal Consultant

DATE: March 25, 2025