

Village of Bloomdale  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 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.

**Members Present:**

Bob Clark, Tom Miller, Becky Drake, Kathy Simon, and Tommy O'Leary IV all answered roll call. Jamie Robinson was absent.

Beth offered a reminder to all that we allow others to finish thoughts and that everyone gets to speak about a topic before someone speaks a second time.

A mistake was noticed in the minutes from April 8, 2025 so the minutes were not approved; a corrected version will be brought to the May 13 meeting.

Four sealed bids were opened for the farm land lease in the presence of 3 of the 4 bidders. Bob motioned that Council go into executive session at 7:11 to discuss finance, Kathy seconded. Bob motioned to leave executive session at 7:22, Tom seconded. Bob motioned for Council accept Mark Mareches' bid. Kathy seconded, all present approved.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:** none

**Community Members Present:** none

**Committee Meetings:** none

**Fire Department:**

Billy presented Diane with the requested reports from June -December. Going forward the monthly reports will come from Billy, not Joey. The 2 remaining pay-per-run checks which have not been cashed will be voided. Beth asked if there has been any progress of getting the FD insulated; no, not at this time. Bob picked up the No Parking signs from Cramer; FD will hang them. Billy asked if it is feasible to get a separate water line for the concession stand near the FD due to plumbing issues. Beth will call NWWSD for a quote; if the quote is too high, she will get a quote from Jack's.

**EJAD Update:**

Terry Hummel has resigned as the Board Chairperson; Bloom Twp is replacing him with community member Steve Arnold. The district is working thru some bumps.

**Old Business:**

Council received 2 quotes for street light replacement heads. Anixter, \$3,708.45 for 15. LAPA, \$2,250 for 15. Bob motioned to increase the \$2,100 previously approved amount to \$2,250 and place the order with LAPA. Kathy seconded, all present approved. Bob shared that Todd Cramer let him know that if we

ask for stickers to update the Veteran's Memorial, they are likely to not stick well. Council decided to hold off on updating until 2028 as discussed. Bob asked about the mausoleum at the Bloom Twp meeting on Monday night; the zoning administrator will issue a letter addressing the situation. Discussion of ordinances ensued with particular properties being brought up. Billy shared that the McNally property's roof is covered with tarps.

**New Business:** none

**Village Clerk:**

Diane would like to know if Council prefers Elliott's or Bate's for Village Clean-Up recycling or whichever is available? Whichever is available. Kathy motioned to pay the bills. Bob seconded, all present approved.

**Village Manager:**

Scheduling with AMP for the pole replacement in the alley of Maple St; AMP is training a new circuit rider and has a few projects in BG, so we will wait a bit. The digger truck was delivered to Casey's for repair. Restrooms are opened up for the season. Have already had some trash left inside and a faucet was left running. Beth will look up prices for pressure activated faucets.

**Communications from the Mayor:**

NWWSD is unable to get us on the schedule to assess the storm sewer on Mulberry/Garfield until later in the year but suggested Cam-Tech Ind in Grand Rapids as an alternative. Beth has made contact and is waiting for a quote to arrive. Beth contacted B'Hillz for the remaining repair to the catch basin installation on North Garfield; they are just waiting on asphalt. Beth shared that she spoke with a resident at 208 E Walnut regarding dog waste on Village property and he will clean that up and moving forward will no longer use for his dogs. Discussion returned to ordinance enforcement; each Council member will bring top 3 to 5 ordinances to the May 13 meeting.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** May 13 and May 27

**Meeting Adjourned:** Bob motioned to adjourn at 8:42 pm.

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/s/ Bethany Vincent, Mayor

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/s/ Diane Miller, Fiscal Consultant

DATE: May 13, 2025