

*Village of Bloomington*  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 3, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board was called to order by Village President Robert McLimans at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll call was taken, present: Robert McLimans, Dennis Moris, Michelle Atterbury, Chasity Allen, and Dawn Drew. Scott Daentl was absent due to illness, and Alan Mergen was absent due to a vacation.

Motion was made by Moris and seconded by Allen to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting for August 5, 2024, as read in email. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Drew and seconded by Atterbury to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting for August 19, 2024, as read in email. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Drew and seconded by McLimans to approve the accounts payable reports for August 2024. All were in favor. Motion carried. McLimans reported total expenditures from the General Fund were \$24,562.69, Water Utility Fund were \$5,356.02, and Sewer Utility Fund were \$8,047.13. Total expenditures from all funds were \$37,965.84.

Officer Small was present to give his report. Officer Small presented updates on various issues, including resolving a complaint about overgrown shrubs blocking visibility at 2nd and Mill Street, which was promptly attended to by the residents. Officer Small also assisted a resident with vehicle registration after the resident received a notice regarding junk vehicles. Ongoing issues with junk vehicles resulted in 14 more notices being sent out. Additionally, efforts to contact another residence about grass debris on Canal Street were unsuccessful. Officer Small reported on follow-up contact he made with Roger Richter regarding the fence issue. In addition, Officer Small provide an update on a recent fraud attempt which did not result in financial loss, a false bank alarm, and a harassment issue entailing a theft allegation. Officer Small also addressed a request for approximate hours worked, stating 1 to 2 hours per week depending on seasonal demand.

Two residents were present: Deb Bierman, 538 Congress Street; and Dave Cooley, 430 Mill Street. Upon opening the floor to them, they raised no additional concerns or questions.

McLimans provided an update on the Proposed Infrastructure Improvement Project. McLimans reported the sanitary sewer on Wall Street was completed, while the water main on Wall Street and Spruce Road is nearly complete. Test results showed contamination from samples taken from the newly installed water main. Contractor tested again today and should have results in 24 hours. Bloomington Meats has requested a water service stub to the building west of Bloomington Meats. Discussion was had concerning estimated costs and additional water service requirements.

Pay Application #3 from J.I. Construction was reviewed by the Board. Motion was made by Moris and seconded by Atterbury to approve Pay Application #3 for \$182,371. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Allen to approve a Temporary Alcohol Beverage License to St. Mary's Catholic Church for St. Mary's Fall Festival to be held on September 7 and September 8, 2024, pending the required Individual Questionnaires were completed and filed with the Clerk. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A report concerning deficiencies identified in the Department of Natural Resources inspection was discussed. Responsibilities and procedural steps were shared to meet compliance with set deadlines. Issues regarding inadequate emergency plans, hydrant maintenance, and record-keeping were specifically addressed, with future measures for funding and logical strategies discussed.

A request for a memorial bench, intended for placement at Village Square Park, was discussed. Details surrounding placement, specifications, and associated costs were reviewed, with further checks to align donor intentions with Village guidelines proposed as necessary.

McLimans reported that when concerns were raised regarding the payment of repairs for the library ceiling and lights, it was discovered that positions of the Library Board are to be appointed by the Village President per Village ordinance and Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 43. McLimans explained the requirements for the Library Board appointments and terms and explained plans and timeline for being in compliance.

Motion was made by Moris and seconded by McLimans to approve a Land Use Permit to Robert Dilley for construction of an unattached 24'x26' garage located at 221 1<sup>st</sup> Street. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Drew to approve a Land Use Permit to Juan Perez for an 8'x8' attached deck located at 210 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Moris was present to give the Maintenance Report:

Moris reported that one quote has been received for cement work for a sidewalk needed at the Community Park to improve accessibility. It was decided to postpone this matter until more quotes have been received.

Moris explained the accident involving the skid steer leading to a necessary glass replacement and quotes received. Discussion was had and factors such as standard glass replacement or specialized alternatives and warranty were considered. Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Allen to approve repair of skid steer door at the quoted price of \$655.29 received from Sloan Implement. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Moris explained the quote for \$1,500 received from Hermesen's for repair of storm sewer at Front Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Motion was made by Moris and seconded by Allen to approve repair of storm sewer as per quote received. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Moris reported that Mike Mergen has been cutting and splitting the trees that were removed and placed in ditch between Union Street and Mill Street. Moris suggested giving Mergen a gift certificate to show appreciation. Motion was made by Moris and seconded by Allen to purchase a \$75 gift certificate from Bloomington Stop and Go and a \$75 gift certificate from Hermesen's. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Moris also gave brief updates on various items such as: crosswalks have been painted, Stop Ahead signs with flags have been installed, "Slow Children at Play" signs have been installed on Union Street, computer at Sewer Plant required a reboot which Joe Walsh assisted with, and two loads of salt are needed for this coming winter. It was decided to order the salt from the Grant County Highway Department as has been done in the past.

McLimans offered his appreciation to Moris and Eric Bierman for stepping up and taking over again since Walsh's resignation.

Motion was made by Moris and seconded by McLimans to approve the minutes from the Finance and Purchase Committee meeting held on August 26, 2024, as read in email. All were in favor. Motion carried. McLimans provided a recap of the budget meeting, touching on adjustments, establishment of the water and sewer utilities budget, and program specifications with the new accounting software, Workhorse. The next budget planning meeting will be held on Monday, September 30, 2024, in the Municipal Library.

The Clerk reported on her attendance at the Wisconsin Municipal Clerk Association annual conference, gaining insights through varied focal categories for professional development and village enhancement.

The Clerk discussed a notice from the DNR regarding the Village's Recycling Program Probationary Status. The Village had been placed on probationary status due to the late submittal of the 2022 RU recycling annual report which was due April 30, 2023. Probation began July 1, 2023, for a period not to exceed twelve months and ended with the timely submittal of the 2023 RU recycling annual report which was due April 30, 2024.

The Clerk provided an update from the election held August 13, 2024. The total number of voters was 118, which included 11 absentee voters, and there were two election day registrations. Clerk was notified that River Ridge School District will have a referendum question on the ballot for November election.

Clerk reported that the two times she was able to work remotely on Wednesdays during the month of August proved to be productive and allowed her to accomplish more without daily office distractions. Clerk proposed working remotely on Thursdays during the month of September. Clerk will be flexible on those days and come in if there is a need to be in the office. Clerk will post updated hours on the door at the municipal building, on outgoing voicemail message, the Village's website and Facebook page, and Google. Clerk will be available for residents by email and by cell phone for Village employees.

It was announced that the Board would go into closed session in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c): Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Moris for council to go into closed session per Statute 19.85(1)(c). All were in favor. Motion carried.

Following sessions, motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Allen to come out of closed session. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Future agenda items for considerations focused on revising Village Ordinance Chapter 11: Village Utilities. No additional topics were noted under query throughout the floor.

There being no additional business to come before the board, McLimans moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Atterbury. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer  
Shawna Atterbury