

*Village of Bloomington*  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 11, 2024

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

McLimans welcomed attendees and requested them to avoid speaking over each other to aid in the recording process.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said. McLimans recognized and thanked veterans in attendance for their service to the country.

Roll call was taken, present: Robert McLimans, Dennis Moris, Michelle Atterbury, Chasity Allen, Dawn Drew, Scott Daentl, and Alan Mergen.

Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Atterbury to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting for October 7, 2024, as read in email. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daentl and seconded by Drew to approve the accounts payable reports for October 2024. All were in favor. Motion carried. McLimans reported total expenditures from the General Fund were \$30,647.61, Water Utility Fund were \$10,159.35, and Sewer Utility Fund were \$14,878.94. Total expenditures from all funds were \$55,684.90.

Officer Small was present to give the police report. Officer Small reported the junk clean-up is ongoing. There is a total of 23 residents/businesses on the list to date. Officer Small has started several follow-up, in-person contacts with residents that have received initial notices but have taken no action. Officer Small reported that he performed security for the election at the library throughout much of the day. The only issues were parking issues and a change in signage helped reduce further parking problems. Officer Small also stopped at the Township Hall to check in on their polling security. Other activity included on the report: a complaint was received from the same, single complainant, of barking dogs on 4<sup>th</sup> Street; a complaint was received of a disorderly conduct and harassment at the construction site by Court Street and was forwarded to the Grant County Sheriff's Office; complaint of suspected tampering of property-lug nuts were claimed to be loosened on a car on Pleasant Street, possibly due to political motivation; welfare check on a female with mental health issues; welfare check on male who did not pick up child from school; property exchange for young couple who ended their relationship; domestic disturbance involving an intoxicated male making homicidal threats; and an elderly male reported all his emails had been deleted. McLimans expressed appreciation for police efforts in election day security and citing improvements in areas of property cleanup.

Concerned citizens: Jason Wagner, 345 Wall Street, was present to address his grievances regarding his past due water and sewer bill. The need to adjust his bill or disconnect the water supply was discussed. Keith Leitzinger provided context regarding the water supply situation and suggested potential resolutions such as having Hermsen's Hardware cap the water line to Wagner's property. McLimans proposed forgiving Wagner's past due water and sewer bill if Wagner would agree to pay half the cost for Hermsen's Hardware to cap the water line. Wagner agreed. Motion was made by Daentl and seconded by Moris to forgive Wagner's past due water and sewer bill on the condition that Wagner pay half the cost of Hermsen's Hardware charges. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Digman from Delta 3 Engineering was present to provide an update on the Infrastructure Improvements Project. Digman detailed completed and pending tasks. Discussions arose surrounding potential paving activities before winter weather greatly impacted progress. Mutual concerns about the project completion timeline and associated responsibilities were expressed, resulting in a consensus to gravel roads and defer completing further infrastructure work until the spring.

Digman provided an explanation on Pay Application #5 from J.I. Construction. Motion was made by Moris and seconded by Drew to approve Pay Application #5 for \$394,979. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daentl and seconded by Mergen to accept Resolution #R-11112025 to approve the 2025 Budget and set the 2025 Levy of \$246,102, payable in 2024-2025. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was had surrounding Chapter 11 Utilities. McLimans explained his conversation with Bart Nies from Delta 3 Engineering. Nies recommended a professional review and revision of Chapter 11 by Delta 3 Engineering and quoted a cost of \$1500-\$2500. Mark Digman provided further explanation of the revision process. Motion was made by Moris and seconded by Daentl to approve professional review and revision of Chapter 11 by Delta 3 Engineering. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Board members discussed outdated references regarding the fire district map in Chapter 13 Building Regulations. It was agreed to postpone further discussion and refer this item to the Ordinance, License, and Permits Committee for review in the first quarter of next year.

A draft of Chapter 17 concerning zoning regulations and associated questions from Wood Law Office were reviewed. Given the scope of the document and accompanying inquiries, a decision was reached to delegate further investigation to the appropriate committee in the first quarter of the next year.

Quotes from Quartz and Medical Associates for employee health insurance were presented, outlining differing benefits, rates, and provider coverage. Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Moris to approve the Medical Associates plan. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Tim Senn was present to discuss plans and safety measures to be provided by the Village such as barricades for the annual Lights of Remembrance event to be held at 6:30 pm on November 29, 2024.

Discussion was had on outdated Christmas decorations. It was decided to dispose of any dangerous and outdated decorations which are cluttering storage.

Discussion was had on the upcoming benefit for Joe Walsh. Motion was made by Moris and seconded by Drew to purchase a gift card in the amount of \$100 for Joe Walsh. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Keith Leitzinger was present to give the Maintenance Report. Leitzinger reported that the Village does not have storm sewer maps. Mark Digman explained two options for creating maps. McLimans asked Digman to put together a written proposal for each option to present to the Board in the first quarter of next year.

Leitzinger presented the five quotes received for the water tower inspection. Leitzinger emphasized the quality insight from Badger States and their competence in inspection services and reliable maintenance approach over other competitors. Motion was made by Daentl and seconded by Moris to accept the Badger State's proposal for water tower inspection. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Leitzinger reported that he has been cleaning up the Village buildings. The Board agreed that Leitzinger should dispose of any junk or unnecessary items. Leitzinger reported on issues with the red truck. The Board asked him to get a quote and present at the next meeting. The white truck needs a connector. The Board advised Leitzinger to purchase what was needed. Leitzinger found a water leak in the sewer plant which he believes he now has repaired.

Leitzinger gave an update on the Community Level 2 Assessment received from the Department of Natural Resources. Discussion was had shutting down chlorination treatments as of December 1, 2024. The Board agreed to stop chlorinating when street construction has been completed.

Discussion was had on the volume of tickets and associated complications involving dig tickets due to ongoing construction. The Board asked Leitzinger to discuss concerns over the contractor's excessive ticket calling and handling of locates with Mark Digman.

Clerk reminded the Board that she will be out of the office November 12 through November 14, 2024.

Clerk reported that the final estimate of the January 1, 2024, population for the Village of Bloomington is 738. Approximately 544 of the estimated population are of voting age, which was calculated by applying the 2020 Census proportion of persons age 18 and over to the final January 1 estimate and then multiplying the result by a state-wide factor to account for the general aging of the population.

Clerk reported that she received a notification from General Engineering Company of an increase in their fees for 2025-2026.

A brief discussion was had on the Election Day Emergency Plan and Evacuation Procedures and reasons why it is necessary to have in place.

The Elections Accessibility Plan of Action was reviewed. Alternatives were considered such as the installation of temporary ramps or assigning election workers to aid voters who need assistance coming in and out of polling place to ensure compliance.

Clerk gave an update on the General Election and record numbers. The Village saw a total of 400 registered voters, 23 early in-person voters, 31 voters by mail, 386 voters on election day, and 36 election day registrations.

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 Moris and seconded by Daentl 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 Moris to come out of closed session. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by McLimans and seconded by Mergen to approve Christmas bonuses for employees, cemetery personnel, and gardeners. All were in favor. Motion carried.

McLimans reminded the Board of the December meeting to be held on December 2, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Discussion was had on setting a date for Caucus. Caucus will be held at 5:45 pm on January 2, 2025, before the regular meeting.

Open floor discussions invited recommendations for future agenda items.

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

Clerk/Treasurer  
Shawna Atterbury