

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

0339

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

## VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGBURG COUNCIL MEETING

January 8

2026

Meeting was called to order by  
Tim Bennett, Mayor  
With the Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** Jerry Fleak, Melissa Hixon, Gordon O'Grady, Christian Bennett, Keith Hall, Tonya Fleak, Village Administrator Bob Daugherty, Fiscal Officer Lorie Johnson.

### Minutes of previous meeting

Corrections or additions to Joint Meeting and Regular Council Meeting December 9, 2025.

~Motion to approve minutes from December 9, 2025, meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Gordon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Missi, 6 yeas, motion carried.

### Pass Bills, Purchase Orders, Bank Reconciliation, Monthly Financial Reports for Approval

**Motion:** Christian 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith, 6 yeas motion carried.

### Visitors:

~Miike Brown, Gayel Brown, Maryann Smith, observing, Gary Foster has a list of things for the council to review.

~Rachel Keaton asked the council if she could have 4 – 6 chickens. Gordon said you need to get a variance permit and a letter signed by the neighbors, stating they have no objection to the chickens. The permit is \$25. Gordon said bring the permit to the council for approval.

~Gary Foster, a list was given to each council member of things he thinks need addressed. Gary said this town is in sad shape. Properties need cleaned up and sidewalks that need replaced or repaired. There were several other issues on the list. See attached list. Gordon explained that the village is taking proper steps on 99 Main and 11 Wayne. 90 Min fence, trailer park dumpsters, tires. Bobby said the trailer park is regulated by the state. Bobby also stated that we don't know who owns the park now. Christian stated that the mayor Tim and Bobby have both talked to Mr. Lynch about his properties.

### Mayors Report:

~WTP Lorie talked to Barb told and Lorie to let her know that our funds haven't been released yet from the Army Corp. There has been no new news on the status of the plant. Barb also said that there is possibly more funding that might be available. Barb will keep us posted. Gordon stated that there might be another government shutdown.

~Bobby & Gayle went to the county commissioner's meeting to ask for some funds towards our WTP project. Bobby said that he asked the commissioners for funds for the well. Bobby said the cost would be around. \$85,000. This doesn't include any pumps. Lorie said that when she gets the EOY done she will have numbers Bobby.

### Committee Reports:

~**Fire Board:** Gordon gave the mayor the minutes from the fire board meeting. The payroll has been paid. Two trucks having issues, Radio programming needs updated. Valero is having training for the firefighters. Ron is applying for grant funding. They have purchased new electric saw. Gordon said that they discussed training on airplane crashes since our airport has been expanding. They are in the process of purchasing the lot next to the fire station from Bloomingburg Spring & Wire for \$40,000.

~**Cemetery:** Missi they haven't had a meeting yet. Next meeting next week.

~**Park:** trees will be planted when the weather permits.

~**Community Day:** Christian 89 kids Christmas with Santa. Lorie said that the leftover candy and fruit was bagged up and delivered to the seniors. They were very appreciative. Christian said she would like to have committee meeting later this month.

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Solicitors' Report:

~2 applications: Emerson McGinnis and Kim Nguyen. Passed the contracts out to the council. Lorie said she would e-mail the contracts to each council for review and decide at the meeting on January 20. The mayor Tim, Lorie and Bobby had already met both candidates and said they were both very interested in the solicitor position. Bobby was asked who he would recommend and he said McGinnis.

Village Administrator:

~WWTP report given to council. Copy of report in the file.  
~WTP report given to council person. Copy of report on file. Bobby stated that we had major leaks in the village, one was the line at Mian and Biddle, which has been fixed. The other leak was at 7 Wayne Melinda Bramel, leak under the house, has been fixed.  
~Bobby, they are draining the blue tank.  
~Keith asked about dehumidifier in the report. Bobby said this is in the old water plant and we are not going to spend the funds on this since we are getting a new plant.

Legislation:

~Resolution: R-26-01, Resolution declaring the amounts of taxes that may be raised by levy at the maximum rate by law without a vote of the electors to be insufficient for current expenses and declaring the necessity to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitations for current expenses as a levy renewal and proceed submitting the question to the tax to the voters.

Motion: Gordon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Christian, roll call, CB yes, GO yes, JF had left the meeting, MH yes, TF yes, KH yes, 5 yeas, motion carried.

Clerk's Report:

~billed \$35,825.28 ~received \$37,321.04  
~received an e-mail today they should be finishing in a few weeks.

Old Business:

~update on properties  
~sidewalk on Midland at the new house. Bobby said that nothing had been done yet.  
~signs are up on Midland.  
~Fiscal Officer applications. Gordon, we have 1 application. Gordon if they wanted him to post again and extend the date. Council said yes, extend until January 31, 2026

New Business:

~before Jerry left @ 6:55, he made a motion to have Missi be council president, 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith, roll call, CB no, GO no, JF yes, KH, yes, TF yes, MH abstained. 2 nays, 4 yeas, motion carried.  
~Christian nominated Gordon, motion died.  
~complaints about stray cats being fed. Keith stated that he doesn't think people should feed stray cats. They need to have the cats trapped again.  
~complaint letter was given to Lorie about people parking on the sidewalk 118 Midland Ave. The people that live here park, they do car repairs on the sidewalk. Residents can't walk on the sidewalk they have to walk out into the streets. There is an ORC that it is illegal to park or block a sidewalk.  
~Gordon gave the mayor Tim a letter from his employer stating that he will be deployed for his government job. Gordon leaves next week and returns in May.  
~Keith Hall said that we need to get website established. This was tabled.

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The village needs brought to a better standard as far as being clean; we are failing. Main Street needs to be held to a higher standard since it is the view most people see as they pass through the Village of Bloomingburg.

- Sidewalks need to be kept clean, and the grass kept edged back.
- What are the plans for trees and sidewalks at 94 Main (We once had a tree committee).
- Main Street needs swept during the summer months with street sweeper; at least once a month during spring/summer/fall.
- Plans for 86 Main Street (Corner of Main and Union Streets).
- Plans for 90 Main Street? (brush and privacy fence) Is there an ordinance on upkeep of privacy fence (Corner of Main and Union Streets).
- Plans for 91 Main Street (Ray Lynch property).
- Plans for 99 Main Street (former Pioneer Restaurant i.e. trailers and vehicles).
- Trailer park needs addressed (i.e. Tires being piled up; Pickup parked in grass not being used; Needs fence around the two dumpsters).
- 73 Lincoln Street (Apartments) has wrecked white car with no tags.
- 11 Wayne Street (Ray Lynch)
- There should be no RVs parked in front of homes other than in driveway.
- All traffic to Bennett's needs to stay on Main Street. Post signs with ordinance number on sign at all streets coming into village.
- Should council consider looking into one trash company service for the entire village?

We need to come up with a basic set of HOA type rules to keep our village clean. Maybe we need to look into forming an HOA committee that helps regulate the rules and supported by council, mayor, and solicitor (there would be no HOA fees to residents).

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### Executive Session:

Gordon made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Missi at 7:41.  
Returned to regular session at 7:51.

No further discussion.

Conclusion: The next regular council meeting will be January 20, 2026 @ 6:00.

Motion to adjourn council meeting; Missi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon, 5 yeas, 0 nay, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned @ 7:53 pm.

Jan. 20, 2026

Date Approved by Council

Lorie A. Johnson  
Fiscal Officer: Lorie A. Johnson

Tim Bennett  
Mayor: Tim Bennett