VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGBURG COUNCIL MEETING

September 8, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm
by Tim Bennett, Mayor
With the Pledge of Allegiance

- **Attendance**
  - Present: Christian Bennett, Jerry Fleak, Tonya Fleak, Melissa Hixon, Gordon O'Grady
  - Absent: None
  - Staff: Bob Daugherty - Village Administrator, Melody Reed – Fiscal Officer

- **Minutes of Previous Council Meeting**
  - August 11, 2026
    - **Motion:** to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2026 council meeting made by Christian Bennett; seconded by Melissa Hixon. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Passing August Bills and Reports**
  - **Motion:** to pass the bills and financial reports for the month of July made by Melissa Hixon; seconded by Christian Bennett. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Visitors**
  - Gayle Brown, Concerned Resident – Update on Cemetery Levy
  - James Jewell, Concerned Resident
  - MaryAnn Smith, Resident
  - Virgil Jones, Representing BPM Fire Department

  - Cemetery Levy – Gayle Brown
    - Asked for an update on the cemetery levy
      - Emerson stated the second reading of the resolution will take place tonight, if it passes, the change will take effect next year.

  - James Jewell – Complaint brought by Mark Haines
    - James stated that a complaint was brought to the county about the placement of his fence placement. He is asking council to intervene.
      - Emerson stated that this Is a civil disagreement and council can't bring any action because this involves private property. She encouraged James to get legal counsel to argue the issue.
- **Candidates for Council Seat**
  - Gayle Brown, Virgil Jones, Corey Mack, Thomas Price, Julia Thacker
  - Questions asked to every candidate
    - What experience/knowledge do you have with how local government works?
    - What makes you want to serve/come back to council?
    - Are you willing to help with community events?
    - Will your schedule allow you to regularly attend council meeting, committee meetings and community events?
    - How are you with conflict resolution and are you willing to work with a project even if you disagree?
  - **Executive Session**
    - **Motion:** to enter into Executive Session to discuss candidates made by Melissa Hixon; Christian Bennett seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Executive Session began at 6:44pm
    - **Motion:** to end Executive Session and return to regular meeting made by Melissa Hixon; Tonya Fleak seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Executive Session ended at 6:56pm.
  - **Motion:** to nominate Julia Thacker to fill the empty council seat made by Melissa Hixon; seconded by Tonya Fleak. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Cemetery Board – Tonya Fleak**
    - No meeting since last council meeting.
  - **Fire Board – Christian Bennett**
    - Minutes from last meeting distributed
  - **Community Day – Christian Bennett**
    - All invoices have been collected to submit for funding through grant
    - Committee meets next week and will start work on Halloween and Christmas parties
    - Committee wants to use funds raised to purchase something for the park

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- **Solicitor's Report – Emerson McGinnis**
  - Emerson is putting together a list of resolutions and ordinances that are needed every year
  - Reminded everyone to get information about resolutions and ordinances to her as early as possible. Matters that fall under these should be at least 3-5 months out

- **Village Administrator's Report – Bob Daugherty**
  - Shared report from Kenny Thacker
  - Waiting on a quote for the replacement of a pump
  - Filters on system need replaced
  - Miller Pipeline has started its work through town
    - Visitor asked that the clean up of debris they're leaving behind be better managed
- **Legislation**
  - **Resolution 26-18 -** Emergency Resolution to Reappropriate Cemetery Levies within the 10 Mil to the General Fund
    - **Motion:** to approve Resolution 26-18 made by Melissa Hixon; seconded by Christian Bennett. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Clerk's Report**
  - Billed: $37,749.38Received: $37,658.42
- **Fiscal Officer's Report**
  - All financial reports distributed and signed
- **Old Business**
  - Report from Sherriff's Office distributed.
    - Council members asked for a map of the zones to coordinate with the report
    - Also request that report be included with monthly invoice
- **New Business**
  - 31 Lincoln St. – Plot has a new owner and he will have to request a change of zoning for the property
  - Concern was raised that the posted office hours are not being adhered to, specifically on Mondays and Fridays when they are listed as 5:00pm.
    - Water Clerk Doug Wallace has requested they be changed to 4:30pm, so that he has time to close the till and get to the bank before close with the deposit
    - Council feels the hours should stay as-is so that people who work later in the day can still get there
- **Conclusion**
  - Next regular council meeting: **October 6, 2026 at 6:00pm.**
- **Adjournment**
  - **Motion:** to adjourn council meeting made by Christian Bennett; Gordon O'Grady seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Council Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

10/13/26
Date Approved by Council

Melody L. Reed
Fiscal Officer: Melody L. Reed

Tim Bennett
Mayor: Tim Bennett