

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

February 18, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building (101 Hamburg Tpke) on the above date. Mayor John D'Amato called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor led the **Salute to the Flag**.

Official Roll Call: (taken by the Municipal Clerk)

In Attendance: Mayor John D'Amato
Councilman David Bronkhurst
Councilman Dominic Catalano
~~Councilman John Graziano~~ (excused)
Councilwoman Dawn Hudson
Councilwoman Evelyn Schubert
Councilman Ray Yazdi

Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith
Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer
Borough Attorney, Dawn Sullivan

PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT

Mayor D'Amato stated: *This Meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the Herald News on January 9, 2025; copies were provided to the local news media and posted continuously in the Municipal Building. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.*

Per State Fire Code, I am required to acknowledge that there are two emergency exits in this Council Chambers. The main entrance which you entered through and a secondary exit to the left of where I am seated. If there is an emergency, walk orderly to the exits, exit through the door, down the stairs and out the building. If there are any questions, please raise your hand now.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion was made by HUDSON to open the meeting for public comment; seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on voice vote all voting AYE. Since there was no one who wished to speak HUDSON made a motion to close the meeting for public comment, seconded by YAZDI carried on voice vote, all in favor voting AYE.

REPORTS (PROFESSIONALS, DEPT HEADS, COMMITTEES, LIAISONS, MAYOR):

Councilwoman Evelyn Schubert

(Senior Committee, Library Board, ROSE Fund & Tri-Boro First Aid Liaison):

- Library Board of Trustees
 - The ABC Murder Club March 18th
 - Stephen Kind Book Club March 3rd
 - True Crime Chat (2nd Thursday of every month via zoom)
 - Storytime Thursday 10:30AM
 - Porch Leaner (Paint & Sip Fundraiser) February 23rd 1-5PM at firemans hall \$55/person
 - Designer Handbag Bingo
 - Dueling Pianos TBD
 - *****Details for all programs are available on the Library website

- Tri-Boro First Aid Squad
 - 168 calls for January
 - Pancake Breakfast & Spring Craft Fair March 23rd (St. Athony's Butler)
 - Seeking volunteers
 - Medical equipment available to the community
- Senior Advisory Committee/Center:
 - FREE Community Outreach (Substance use & misuse education) March 20th 9AM – 12PM
 - 'Take the Lead' Paper Mill Playhouse April 10th
 - Center open daily from 9AM-1PM
 - Monthly calendar and nutrition menu available on website
- ROSE Fund:
 - 2 meetings were held, recommendations were made & are on the consent agenda

Councilwoman, Dawn Hudson (BOH Liaison, Public Event Committee)

- Animal licenses are due by March 1st
- February 25th – Ramadan Crescent Lighting
- Rabies Clinic March 1st – DPW Garage, Riverdale
- Rave & Recycle Coach signup available on website
- Health Department
 - Open position on the Board of Health
 - BOH introduced an Ordinance regarding massage, bodywork & somatic therapy
 - Free Eye & Hearing Screenings, Monthly Children's Wellness Clinic

Council President, Ray Yazdi (Budget Committee) no report

Councilman, David Bronkhurst (BOE liaison, Ordinance Review Committee Member) no report

Councilman, Dominic Catalano (BEC liaison, Recreation liaison, Planning Board member)

- TY To Robert Fry for his time on the BEC

Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer

- Resignation of DPW Laborer, the position will be posted

Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith: no report

Borough Attorney, Dawn Sullivan: no report

Mayor John D'Amato:

- Animal Shelter tour– thanked ACO Lisa Perry for walking him through the daily processes to run the shelter. Noted there were 3 dogs available for adoption
- TY to Shelby Meyers for her time spent on the BOH
- TY to JP Fortunato who is leaving the DPW for a better job opportunity
- Congratulations to Eagle Scout Samuel Earle

CONSENT AGENDA

(Adoption of Resolutions No. 2025-2.9 – 2025-2.15)

Motion: Dawn Hudson

Second: Dominic Catalano

Roll Call Vote: BRONKHURST (YES), CATALANO (YES), HUDSON (YES), SCHUBERT (YES), YAZDI (YES)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.9
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Accepting, Approving and/or Adopting the Consent Agenda of the
February 18, 2025 Council Meeting*

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale has determined that to increase efficiency, the Consent Agenda shall be adopted with one resolution, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions, placed on this agenda by consent, require no discussion and the same having been previously reviewed by each Governing Body member, be and are hereby adopted in their entirety by the Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale.

A. Motion Accepting Resignations:

- BEC member: Robert Fry
- Board of Health member: Shelby Meyers
- DPW Laborer – Joseph Fortunato

B. Resolution No. 2025-2.10: Discharge of Mortgage (87 Hillside Drive)

C. Resolution No. 2025-2.11: Approve Tax Exemption for Disabled Veteran

D. Resolution No. 2025-2.12: Authorize Tax Overpayment Refund

E. Resolution No. 2025-2.13: Authorize Purchase of Rock Salt

F. Resolution No. 2025-2.14: Accept ROSE Fund Report of Recommendations

G. Resolution No. 2025-2.15: ‘Samuel M.R. Earle Day’ Eagle Scout

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Bronkhurst	X				Hudson	X			
Catalano	X				Schubert	X			
Graziano				X	Yazdi	X			

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale at an Official Meeting held on February 18, 2025.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Second/Final Reading & Public Hearing:

Ordinance No. 5-2025: Amend Ch. 2 Recreation Fees (Hiking Group/Club & Geocaching)

The Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith, read the Public Notice statement.

YAZDI moved that the Ordinance be read by title; seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on voice vote – all members present voting AYE

The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinance by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 5-2025
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-64.11 FEES FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

WHEREAS, the Borough Code currently sets forth certain fees for programs sponsored and/or run by the Borough Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this amendment is to add “Hiking Group/Club & Geocaching” under the fees for activities per the request of the Recreation Director; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, in the County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2-64.11 Fees for Recreational Programs, Section A. ‘Activity’ shall be amended to *add* the aforementioned programs as follows:

§2-64.11 Fees for Recreational Programs.

2-64.11 Fees for Recreational Programs.

a. With the advice and consent of the Mayor and Council, the Board shall have the ability to charge and collect fees ranging from \$0.00 to one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars from persons participating in the following Board sponsored recreational programs:

Activity

Hiking Group/Club & Geocaching

All other portions of this Chapter of the Code remain unchanged.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Borough of Bloomingdale inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This law shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

**BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE
COUNTY OF PASSAIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ATTEST:

Breeanna Smith, Clerk

By: _____
John D’Amato, Mayor

Public Hearing:

At this time HUDSON made a motion to open the Public Hearing for comment; seconded by YAZDI and carried on a voice vote all voting AYE. Since there was no one who wished to speak BRONKHURST made a motion to close the public hearing; motion was seconded by YAZDI and carried on voice vote all members voting AYE; none were opposed.

Adoption:

HUDSON made motion for adoption; the motion was seconded by YAZDI and carried per the following roll call vote: CATALANO (YES), HUDSON (YES), SCHUBERT (YES), YAZDI (YES), BRONKHURST (YES)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-2.16: Municipal Obligations

Motion: Ray Yazdi

Second: Dawn Hudson

Roll Call Vote: HUDSON (YES), SCHUBERT (YES), YAZDI (YES), BRONKHURST (YES), CATALANO (YES)

B. Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-2.17: Award Disposal of Solid Waste Contract to Gaeta

Motion: David Bronkhurst

Second: Dominic Catalano

Roll Call Vote: SCHUBERT (YES), YAZDI (YES), BRONKHURST (YES), CATALANO (YES), HUDSON (YES)

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT:

YAZDI opened the meeting to late public comment; seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on voice vote, all in favor voting AYE.

Steven Pardalis – 2 High Street, Bloomingdale
Made the following inquiries:

- Began discussion on the BOE referendum to close SRD & add addition to WTB. Noted collaboration between BOE & Council on the matter. Noted sales price being part of the BOE presentation. Noted the potential for future housing development & sample PILOT agreements & added comments. Noted he lived near SRD and never envisioned it not being a school. Opposes the future of the property being dedicated to housing development. Discussion of zoning
- *Mayor added the referendum is the initiative of the BOE however, the Council does support their efforts. Comments on the matter continued back & forth.*

Since there was no one who wished to speak, YAZDI moved that it be closed; second by BRONKHURST and carried on voice vote all members voting (AYE), none were opposed.

GOVERNING BODY SCHEDULE

- A. **March 4, 2025 – Workshop Meeting**
- B. **March 18, 2025 – Regular Meeting**
- C. **April 1, 2025 – Workshop Meeting**

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be conducted, HUDSON moved to adjourn at 7:36PM; seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk

February 18, 2025 RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.10
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING DISCHARGE OF A MORTGAGE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 87 HILLSIDE DRIVE, BLOCK 5050, LOT 19

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale held a mortgage on property located at Block 5050, Lot 19, also known as 87 Hillside Drive, in the amount of \$12,720.53 as part of the Borough’s housing rehabilitation program; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation mortgage was recorded on February 6, 2003 at Book M2439, Page 286; and

WHEREAS, the home improvement program mortgage was paid in full as of July 18, 2013.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey that the Mortgage is discharged and Dawn M. Sullivan, Borough Attorney, is hereby directed to file this discharge of the housing rehabilitation program mortgage recorded at Book M2439, Page 286 for the property located at 87 Hillside Drive, with the County of Passaic.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Bronkhurst	X				Hudson	X			
Catalano	X				Schubert	X			
Graziano				X	Yazdi	X			

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.11
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**APPROVAL OF CLAIM FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR A DISABLED
VETERAN PER N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 18:28-1.1 et seq. grants property tax exemptions on dwellings wholly or partial owned by disabled veterans, or their surviving spouse; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has received and approved a claim (form D.V.S.S.E.), effective December 19, 2024, for this property tax exemption from:

Claimant Name: Tony Dickerson
Property: Block 5053 / Lot 97
Address: 163 Reeve Avenue
Bloomingtondale, NJ 07403

WHEREAS, it has been determined Tony Dickerson owns & holds legal title to 100% of 163 Reeve Avenue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingtondale that they hereby accept the Tax Assessor’s approval of the claim for a 100% property tax exempt for Tony Dickerson of 163 Reeve Avenue; and authorize the Tax Collector to cancel taxes as appropriate.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.12
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT(S)**

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records overpayments as shown below and the Tax Collector recommends the refund of such overpayment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks refunding such overpayment as shown below:

REASON:

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Incorrect Payment | 6. Tax Appeal County Board |
| 2. Duplicate Payment | 7. Tax Appeal State Tax Court |
| 3. Senior Citizen | 8. 100% Disabled Veteran |
| 4. Veteran Deduction | 9. Replacement Check |
| 5. Homestead Rebate | 10. Tax Exempt |

Block/Lot	Name	Amount	Year	Reason
3030 / 29	Brian Thomas Rzucidlo 108 Hamburg Turnpike Bloomingtondale, NJ 07403	\$1,982.16	2025	8
5053 / 97	Tony R. Dickerson 163 Reeve Avenue	\$3,698.04	2024/2025	8

	Bloomingtondale, NJ 07403			
5071 / 21	Robert Fry 138 Rafkind Road Bloomingtondale, NJ 07403	\$2,970.09	2025	8
5105 / 34	Robert Barry Klein 76 Van Dam Avenue Bloomingtondale, NJ 07403	\$2,435.13	2025	8

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Bronkhurst	X				Hudson	X			
Catalano	X				Schubert	X			
Graziano				X	Yazdi	X			

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.13
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE
COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING
THE PURCHASE OF A ROCK SALT THROUGH THE PASSAIC COUNTY
CO-OPERATIVE AS PER BID SB-23-077**

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works indicates there is a need for additional rock salt for the upcoming winter season; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingtondale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.3 et seq. may, by Resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services through the Passaic County Co-Operative, which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingtondale desires to purchase rock salt from the Passaic County Co-Operative as per Bid SB-23-077: Winter Products, Including Bulk Rock Salt, Grits, Bagged Calcium Chloride, Liquid Calcium Chloride and Bagged Magnesium Chloride; and

WHEREAS, Morton Salt of 444 W. Lake Street, Chicago, IL 60606, has been awarded the Contract for Rock Salt at a price of \$65.30 per ton; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds as the best means available to obtain the rock salt; and

WHEREAS, the rock salt shall not exceed the amount of \$85,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingtondale, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough of Bloomingtondale hereby authorizes the purchase of rock salt from Morton Salt of IL under the Passaic County Co-Operative BID # SB-23-077.

2. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$85,000.00 without the prior written approval of the Borough Council.

3. The Mayor, Borough Clerk and/or such other officials as is necessary and proper are hereby authorized to execute documents necessary to implement this Resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Bronkhurst	X				Hudson	X			
Catalano	X				Schubert	X			
Graziano				X	Yazdi	X			

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.14
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

ROSE Trust Fund Advisory Board Report and Recommendations

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that the Recreation and Open Space Establishment (“ROSE”) Trust Fund (“Fund”) Advisory Board (“Board”) has submitted its Report and Recommendations, (“Report” attached), for appropriations of monies from the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it has reviewed said Report and has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizenry of the Borough to adopt its Recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby adopt the annexed Report and Recommendations of the Recreation and Open Space Establishment Trust Fund Advisory Board.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Bronkhurst	X				Hudson	X			
Catalano	X				Schubert	X			
Graziano				X	Yazdi	X			

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Brecanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

2025 ROSE Fund Advisory Report

To: Mayor John D'Amato and Borough Council Members

As required by the Borough Code, Chapter 2, Section 2-65.6b, the Rose Fund Advisory Board has held two public hearings in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law. The first took place on January 30, 2025 and the second meeting was held on February 12, 2025.

Please find the formal recommendations of the Rose Fund Advisory Board for 2025 below. The first recommendation will be the 2025 funding percentage amount for each category. The second will be the annual recreation maintenance and project recommendations. The third will be for open space and related projects.

Proposed 2025 allocation of ROSE Funds

- Recreation: 30%
- Open Space: 10%
- Maintenance: 30%
- Discretionary: 50%

Proposed 2025 Recreation, Maintenance and Project Recommendations:

Annual DPW Tasks

- Lawn cutting of WTB, MBD, Sloan Park, Fire House, Police Office, Boro Hall, Bogue Pond, Oakwood Lake.
- Freshen up all stone dust in dugouts.
- Remove white tarp from Delazier field.
- Move garbage cans to the proper locations for baseball use.
- Set-up batting cage at Delazier Field.
- Mulch playgrounds.
- Add clay and remove all growth of grass from clay infields.
- Edge all infield grass areas.
- Weed-whack all fence edges - around entire fenced area, perimeter of part, dugouts, backstops, etc.
- Cut the grass at Delazier.
- Move bleacher to baseball field. DPW may have already done this after football.
- Constant maintenance all year long: clay, grass, weeds, etc.
- Open bathrooms at WTB and Delazier.
- Install outfield fence at Delazier (Temporary).
- Tune up all tractors at Delazier and WTB.
- Open hose bib on side of announcement booth. Install hose on hose reel.
- Test baseball scoreboards to make sure they are operational.
- Put out all screens, field draggers, and field spike dragger behind each backstop.
- July: start the conversion to Football. Move fence to create sidelines for football, buy paint to line the field, move bleachers to the football sidelines, put all baseball supplies in the trailer, dismantle batting cage, move garbage cans, etc.
- Late November: reverse all the opening procedures for field closure (same applies at WTB and MBD). Place white tarp to have grass again come spring, close sprinklers, close bathrooms. (Delazier, WTB, and MBD require the same services.)
- Open all parks: Sloan Park, Bogue, WTB, Oakwood, & Delazier playgrounds, weed, weed-whack, mulch, spring clean-up. Check playground equipment for safety. Install garbage cans for the season
- WTB Walking Path: Maintenance, Weed-whack, edging, etc.
- Open Sprinkler system at Sloan, WTB & Delazier
- Field opening and closing as well as 4-step fertilizer program. Also includes late spring aeration and seeding.
- Field Hockey now at Delazier Field. Stripe field.
- Groom all baseball fields mid-season
- Expose and plug all base anchors on diamonds.
- Order Porta-Johns for MBD.
- Prep Clay infield so no drop offs

- Seed, top dress field with topsoil, winter fertilizer. (WTB and MBD)
- Purchase bags of speedy dry and bags of lime. Arrange vendor to deliver, notify DPW so they can store it in the trailer at Delazier and WTB, as needed year to year.
- Skating rink, currently in storage, pending a permanent home. Can be offered for sale.

Non-DPW

- Fertilize fields by True Green, includes Grub control, WTB, MBD, All fields and all municipal green property.
- Geese Patrol performed by True Green via non-toxic chemical deterrent.

Proposed 2025 Recreation and Open Space Recommendations

Recreation

Upgrades to Bogue Pond Park:

- \$450K County grant received, to be used to replace playground equipment
- Received State Green Acres grant to fund adding padding under equipment and adding perimeter fence.
- Improvements to be completed this summer

WTB Improvements:

Add “How to Use Equipment” weatherproof signs have faded & are also discontinued

Skating Rink – There currently is no space within Bloomingdale where rink could be installed so it remains in storage. If the opportunity occurs, the rink can be sold to a different entity.

Kinnelon will be contacted since they have mentioned adding a skating rink.

Tennis Courts are available for use by booking for a block of time. Since Wi-Fi and electrical are available at tennis Courts, replace current lock with a digital lock and passcode. Passcode would expire after a week and tennis court users wouldn't have to pick up the key from boro hall.

Open Space

- Build a new Bloomingdale REC center
 - With the proposed addition to WTB, this would provide an additional gym location to share with REC. The school addition at WTB would not permit any additional buildings on the property for separate REC use.
- Recommendation for ROSE Fund Donation to the Community Garden for \$1000.
- Recommend free mulch and gravel to Master Gardeners
- Continue monitoring and managing Poison Ivy Removal and control at Delazier Field, Bogue Pond, Oakwood Lake, and any additional properties as needed.
- Weed control by TruGreen at Delaizer Field, parks, and any green playing surface.
- Annually spray cat tails at Bogue Pond and Oakwood Lake as part of lake management.
- ROSE Fund Balance as of February 12, 2025 is \$180,000.00.

Additional Items

- Main Street Christmas Lights need to be replaced. The current lights are older and burning out. The current lights would be replaced in phases, beginning at the part of Main St with the decorative streetlights. The new lights must be easy to maintain and access by DPW. The cost to replace the lights is estimated at \$45K
- Passaic County is expected to complete the purchase of the Union Ave horse farm soon. The county will have complete ownership of the property.
- Form a Handball League.

The Rose Fund Advisory Board has reviewed the Borough Code and has held two required public meetings. This Board believes that the recommendations conform to the intention of the Ordinance.

Respectfully, Rose Fund Advisory Board **report drafted using ROSE Fund Minutes*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.15
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

WHEREAS, Samuel M.R. Earle has participated in the Boy Scouts of America, a national organization founded in 1910 for the purpose of assisting young boys develop character, citizenship and physical and mental fitness through training in wood, field and handicraft activities and community service; and

WHEREAS, Samuel M.R. Earle has graduated within the organization by achieving successive ranks and merit badges through his successful completion of activities intended to foster the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, and has attained the high rank of Eagle Scout as a result; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale finds and declares that Samuel M.R. Earle has brought honor to his community, his family and himself through his attainment of the high rank of Eagle Scout and has distinguished himself as an example to others of what it means to be a Scout;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby recognize and congratulate Samuel M.R. Earle on his attainment of the high rank of Eagle Scout; does commend to him continued participation in civic and scouting activities as a means of fulfilling his status as an Eagle Scout; and does extend to him best wishes in all of his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale hereby declares March 1, 2025 as “*Samuel M.R. Earle Day*” in the Borough of Bloomingdale.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Bronkhurst	X				Hudson	X			
Catalano	X				Schubert	X			
Graziano				X	Yazdi	X			

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02.16
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing Payment of Municipal Obligations

WHEREAS, the Governing Body ("Governing Body") of the Borough of Bloomingdale ("Borough") finds and declares that certain municipal obligations have come due and are now payable; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that said obligations have been itemized on the annexed schedules, which are hereby deemed part of this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize payment of said municipal obligations, in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Treasurer, from the following accounts and in the following amounts:

<u>BILLS</u>	
<u>LIST LIST</u>	
CURRENT	
UTILITY	\$3,859,648.78
CAPITAL	\$638,115.24
CAPITAL UTILITY	\$1,007,191.06
TRUST	\$30,700.00
DOG TRUST	\$22,763.90
RECREATION	\$1,431.20
ROSE FUND	\$8,797.31
RECYCLING	\$3,083.07
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$0.00
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$709.14
TOTAL	\$0.00
	\$5,572,439.70

<u>PREPAID</u>	
<u>CURRENT</u>	
UTILITY	
OPEN SPACE	\$1,012,626.94
TRUST ACCOUNT	\$345,581.35
RECYCLING	
DOG TRUST	\$41,000.16
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$527.68
CAPITAL	
WATER CAPITAL	\$642.63
RECREATION	
CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	
TOTAL	

<i>Record of Council Vote on Passage</i>										\$1,400,378.76
COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	
Bronkhurst	X				Hudson	X				
Catalano	X				Schubert	X				
Graziano				X	Yazdi	X				

recusals are listed in the official minutes

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale at an Official Meeting held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Brecanna Smith, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2.17
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE TYPE 10 & TYPE 13 TO GAETA RECYCLING CO. INC.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk received sealed competitive bids on January 28, 2025 for the disposal of solid waste type 10 & type 13; and

WHEREAS, four (4) sealed bids were received and opened on January 28, 2025, in accordance with the bid specifications:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Year 1 (2025)</u>	<u>Year 2 (2026)</u>	<u>Year 3 (2027)</u>	<u>Year 4 (2028)</u>	<u>Year 5 (2029)</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
I.W.S. Transfer Systems	\$ 92.76	\$ 95.54	\$ 98.41	\$ 101.36	\$ 104.40	\$ 98.49
Waste Management	\$ 92.59	\$ 97.22	\$ 102.08	\$ 107.18	\$ 112.54	\$ 102.32
Reworld	\$ 91.35	\$ 95.92	\$ 100.71	\$ 105.75	\$ 111.04	\$ 100.95
Gaeta	\$ 91.33	\$ 93.48	\$ 94.33	\$ 95.98	\$ 97.48	\$ 94.52

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that competitive bidding contracts be awarded to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder; and

WHEREAS, the bid received from Gaeta Recycling Co. Inc. has been found to be acceptable and in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:11-23.5 and the specifications as written; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and/or their designee has certified that sufficient funds are available for this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, in the County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough Council hereby awards a contract to Gaeta Recycling Co. Inc, of 278 West Railway Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07503 for the disposal of solid waste type 10 & type 13 in accordance with the bid specifications.
2. The terms of this agreement shall be (5) years beginning on March 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2029.
3. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Gaeta Recycling Co. Inc in accordance with its bid for the disposal of solid waste type 10 & type 13.
4. The Borough's Chief Financial Officer or their designee has certified the availability of funds for this contract in amount not to exceed \$360,000.00 (based on prior year tonnage).
5. This resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Bronkhurst	X				Hudson	X			
Catalano	X				Schubert	X			
Graziano				X	Yazdi	X			

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale at an Official Meeting held on February 18, 2025.

Brecanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale