

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

February 17, 2026

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 6:30 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
Councilwoman Jenniffer Hagin
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 February 8, 2026; 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.

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of Butler Running Club: National Junior Olympics for Cross Country

Mayor John D'Amato, Mayor Ryan Martinez (Butler), and Council John Graziano presented certificates to Leo Fragale, Anthony Fragale, Luke Hopper, Harlie Dobkowski, & Andre Fragale

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

Councilwoman Evelyn Schubert

(Senior Committee, ROSE Fund & Tri-Boro First Aid Liaison, Public Events Committee):

- Tri-Boro First Aid Squad
 - 154 calls for January
 - Pancake breakfast & Craft fair – March 22 at St. Anthony's Church (Butler)
 - Beefsteak Fundraiser – April 18
- Senior Advisory Committee/Center:
 - Center open daily from 9AM-1PM

- Monthly calendar and nutrition menu available on website
- Follow their Facebook page: Bloomingdale NJ Seniors
- Public Event Committee:
 - The committee is seeking vendors to participate in various events

Councilman, John Graziano (EDC Chairman, Triboro Little League Liaison, Budget Committee member, Government Operations Committee member, Ordinance Review Committee member)

- Ordinance Review Committee:
 - Working on ‘wall’ ordinance, thanked Engineer & Planning Board for team effort
- Tri Boro Little League:
- Economic Development:
 - Snowman Contest supported by local businesses Elle & Bee Clothing, Munchies, & MagPie Bakery

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

- Planning Board: no report

Councilman, David Bronkhurst (BOE liaison, Ordinance Review Committee Member, Public Safety Committee member, Shared Service Committee member, Environmental Commission liaison)

- Board of Education Liaison:
- Environmental Commission:
- Upcoming Polar Plunge

Councilwoman, Jenniffer Hagin (Library Board Liaison, Board of Health Liaison, Public Events Committee):

- Library:
 - 2026 marks the libraries 100th anniversary – timeline on website
 - kanopy – streaming services (with library card)
 - adult painting classes
 - various book clubs
 - storytimes available
- Public events:
 - “Camping Under the Stars” – postponed TBA
 - Crescent Lighting – February 12th at 6:30PM
- BOH screenings available; second Tuesday of each month

Council President, Ray Yazdi (Budget Committee, Government Operations Committee, Shared Service Committee, Bloomingdale/Butler Soccer Club) *no report*

Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer

- 4 main water breaks
- Update on Senior Center construction
- Deer culling program – cost \$3,000 to survey the town by drone. Availability to proceed in December 2026
- Grant discussion

Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith: *no report*

Mayor John D’Amato:

- Thank Jenn Altfield and acknowledged her resignation as Chairperson for the Environmental Commission. Mike Mascitello will proceed as chairperson

CONSENT AGENDA

(Adoption of Resolutions No. 2026-2.6 – 2026-2.12)

Motion: Dominic Catalano

Second: Jenniffer Hagin

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2.6
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Accepting, Approving and/or Adopting the Consent Agenda of the
February 17, 2026 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 to approve minutes:**
 - February 3, 2026 – Regular Meeting
- B. Motion to accept resignation:**
 - BEC member (J. Altfield)
- C. Resolution No. 2026-2.7:** Animal Control Shared Service (Kinnelon)
- D. Resolution No. 2026-2.8:** Tax Lien Redemption
- E. Resolution No. 2026-2.9:** Authorize Millennium Strategies to Prepare LRIG Grant Application
- F. Resolution No. 2026-2.10:** Authorize Submission of LRIG Grant Application
- G. Resolution No. 2026-2.11:** Appt BEC members
- H. Resolution No. 2026-2.12:** Council Support of Sustainable Grant by PSE&G

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

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Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-2.13:** Transfer Reserve Budget Appropriations
Motion: Ray Yazdi
Second: Dominic Catalano
Roll Call Vote: CATALANO (YES), GRAZIANO (YES), HAGIN (YES), SCHUBERT (YES), YAZDI (YES), BRONKHURST (YES)

- B. Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-2.14:** Municipal Obligations
Motion: Ray Yazdi
Second: Dominic Catalano
Roll Call Vote: GRAZIANO (YES), HAGIN (YES), SCHUBERT (YES), YAZDI (YES), BRONKHURST (YES), CATALANO (YES)

- C. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2-2026:** Amend Ch. 7 Traffic (Parking Prohibited)
A motion was made by YAZDI to introduce the Ordinance by title; second and final reading/ public hearing will be on March 3, 2026 at 7PM; the motion was seconded by HAGIN and carried on the following voice vote: all members present voting AYE, in favor; none were opposed.

The Municipal Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 7 “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-11 “PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

D. Introduction of Ordinance No. 3-2026: Amend Ch. 7 Traffic (Stop Intersections)

A motion was made by BRONKHURST to introduce the Ordinance by title; second and final reading/ public hearing will be on March 3, 2026 at 7PM; the motion was seconded by HAGIN and carried on the following voice vote: all members present voting AYE, in favor; none were opposed.

The Municipal Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 7 “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-29 “THROUGH STREETS” & SECTION 7-30 “STOP INTERSECTIONS” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

E. Introduction of Ordinance No. 4-2026: Ch. 12 Affordable Housing

A motion was made by YAZDI to introduce the Ordinance by title; second and final reading/ public hearing will be on March 3, 2026 at 7PM; the motion was seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on the following voice vote: all members present voting AYE, in favor; none were opposed.

The Municipal Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 12, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 12, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ADDRESSING THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND THE UNIFORM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS (UHAC) REGARDING BLOOMINGDALE BOROUGH’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING FAIR SHARE OBLIGATION

F. Introduction of Ordinance No. 5-2026: Ch. 92 Zoning (Schedule of Regulations)

A motion was made by HAGIN to introduce the Ordinance by title; second and final reading/ public hearing will be on March 3, 2026 at 7PM; the motion was seconded by CATALANO and carried on the following voice vote: all members present voting AYE, in favor; none were opposed.

The Municipal Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE TO AMEND CHAPTER 92 ZONING, ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS TO AMEND THE BOROUGH’S INCLUSIONARY HOUSING DISTRICTS CONSISTENT WITH AND DESIGNED TO EFFECTUATE THE BOROUGH’S ADOPTED 2025 ROUND 4 HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN AND 2025 MEDIATION AGREEMENT WITH FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER

G. Introduction of Ordinance No. 6-2026: Ch. 92 Zoning (Walls)

A motion was made by BRONKHURST to introduce the Ordinance by title; second and final reading/ public hearing will be on April 7, 2026 at 7PM; the motion was seconded by CATALANO and carried on the following voice vote: all members present voting AYE, in favor; none were opposed.

The Municipal Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 92 “ZONING” SECTION 26.7 WALLS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Councilwoman Evelyn Schubert: inquired about rent control and affordable housing

Aaron Essner – 30 Vreeland Ave, Bloomingdale
Made the following comments:

- Seeking update on Borough’s position in deer management control measures
- Sewage smell coming from 29 Vreeland Ave

Charles Carabello – 75 Vreeland Ave, Bloomingdale
Made the following comments:

- Request that residents are informed of traffic changes in the introduced ordinances

Since there was no one else 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. February 17, 2026 at 6:30PM – Regular Meeting**
- B. March 3, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting**
- C. March 17, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting**

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be conducted, YAZDI moved to adjourn at 7:26PM; seconded by HAGIN and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk

February 17, 2026 RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2.7
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE AND BOROUGH OF KINNELON FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Kinnelon has the need for Animal Control Services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale has the ability to provide Animal Control services; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Borough of Bloomingdale and the Borough of Kinnelon desire to enter into this Interlocal Shared Services Agreement (“Agreement”) through which the Borough of Bloomingdale shall provide the aforementioned services for the Borough of Kinnelon.

WHEREAS, execution of said agreement is authorized pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.

WHEREAS, said agreement shall be effective for a period of five (5) years, commencing on January 1, 2026 and terminating on December 31, 2030; and

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 Council President and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Interlocal Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Kinnelon for Animal Control services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interlocal Shared Services Agreement shall take effect upon the adoption of appropriate resolutions by all the parties thereto, and execution of agreements authorized thereunder as set forth in the agreement. Said agreement is on file in the Office of the Clerk for inspection by the public.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

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Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2.8
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION AND CANCELLATION OF TAX TITLE LIEN CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has reported receiving the amounts shown below for the redemption of the respective lien(s); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the proper officers be and are hereby authorized and directed to pay the indicated amount to the holder of the lien certificate as hereinafter shown below:

Certificate No.	Certificate Date	Block / Lot	Reimbursement Amount	Pay to Lien Holder	FORM-1099
24-00012	12/16/25	3012/1	\$197.06 Certificate	RTL-F-NJ II LLC PO BOX 71054 CHICAGO, IL 60694	\$4.15

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2.9
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES FOR THE PREPARATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION: NJ DCA LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of applying for grant funds through the NJ Department of Community Affairs to be used for local recreation improvements projects such as: project to construct a calisthenics court at the Walter T. Bergen Middle School and

WHEREAS, the Borough has appointed Millennium Strategies to provide grant research and support; and

WHEREAS, Millennium Strategies had submitted a quote to the Business Administrator for the preparation of the grant application for the NJ Department of Community Affairs – Local Recreation Improvement Grant, and the maximum amount for services under this contract shall not exceed \$2,750.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer or their designee has certified the availability of funds in the annexed in the certification; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. §40A:11-1 *et seq.*) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself be available for public inspection.

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:

Section 1. The contract with Millennium Strategies is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. §40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law.

Section 2. Millennium Strategies shall provide professional grant writing services to the Borough as set forth in its proposal of February 5, 2026..

Section 3. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the legal newspaper of the Borough of Bloomingdale as required by law.

Section 4. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Finance Department & Millennium Strategies for their information and guidance.

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				Hagin	X			
Catalano	X				Schubert	X			
Graziano	X				Yazdi	X			

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2.10
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
AFFAIRS 2026 LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

Whereas, the Borough of Bloomingdale desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (“Department”) 2026 Local Recreation Improvement Grant (“LRIG”) for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to carry out a project to construct a calisthenics court at the Walter T. Bergen Middle School; and,

Be it therefore RESOLVED,

1) that the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and, 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Bloomingdale and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

John D’Amato
Mayor

Michael Sondermeyer
Borough Administrator

CERTIFICATION:

I, Breeanna Smith, the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Bloomingdale certify that at a meeting of the Borough Council held on February 17th, 2026, the above *RESOLUTION* was duly adopted.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2.13
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Authorizing the Transfer of 2025 Appropriations

WHEREAS, Title 40A:4-58 provides that should it become necessary during the last two months of the fiscal year to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of any respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may by resolution setting forth the facts adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess of those appropriations deemed to be insufficient; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the following transfers are both necessary and appropriate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the FY2025 Budget.

Operating Budget

2025 Budget Transfers	FROM	TO
Police Salary & Wages	\$ 3,500.00	
Dispatch Salary & Wages	\$ 2,000.00	
Shelter Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,000.00	
Celebration of Public Events	\$ 800.00	
Sick Pay Benefits		\$ 6,500.00
Planning Board Other Expenses		\$ 800.00

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

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