

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

February 3, 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 7:00 PM.

It was noted this was the first meeting to be broadcast live via the Borough's YouTube Channel.

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 January 9, 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.

NON-AGENDA

1. **Resolution No. 2026-2.5:** Hire of part time receptionist for the Construction Department (Cynthia Vargas-Gonzales)

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion was made by YAZDI 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 YAZDI made a motion to close the meeting for public comment, seconded by BRONKHURST 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
 - 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
- Public Event Committee:
 - Ramadan Cresent Lighting 6:30PM
 - The committee is seeking vendors to participate in various events
 - Camp Under the Stars TBA
 - Dog Costume Parade October 24th

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

- Tri Boro Little League:
 - Registration is open
- Economic Development:
 - Thank you Magpie Bakery – annual vegemite challenge
 - EDC to meet with County Director, Gianocarlo

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

- Planning Board: members have put together a resolution with recommendations to re-introduce an ordinance regarding ‘walls’

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

- Board of Education Liaison:
 - Dr. Michael Ryder, new Superintendent of Schools
 - Seeking Construction Manager
 - PTA Fundraiser – Casino Night
- Environmental Commission:
 - Next meeting February 4

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

- Library:
 - 2026 marks the libraries 100th anniversary
 - The library is now ‘fine free’ all fines are forgiven
 - kanopy – streaming services (with library card)
 - adult painting classes
 - various book clubs
 - storytimes available
- Public events:
 - “Camping Under the Stars” – postponed TBA
 - Cresent Lighting – Febrary 12th at 6:30PM
- BOH screenings available; second Tuesday of each month (February 10th)

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

Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer

- Senior Center Improvements to begin on February 16th
- Grant opportunity discussion with council (LRIG & Open Space)
- Dock installation at Bogue Pond in the Spring
- Discussion of Museum needing additional space

Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith: *no report*

Mayor John D’Amato:

- Highlighted 4th round affordable housing compliance requirements that are forthcoming including ordinances and resolutions to be placed on future agendas

- Thanked all personnel and first responders who dealt with recent snow storm

CONSENT AGENDA

(Adoption of Resolutions No. 2026-2.1 – 2026-2.4)

Motion: Jenniffer Hagan

Second: Dave Bronkhurst

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2.1 OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

*Accepting, Approving and/or Adopting the Consent Agenda of the
February 3, 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:

- January 20, 2026 – Regular Meeting

B. Resolution No. 2026-2.2: Employee Benefit Consultant (Vozza)

C. Resolution No. 2026-2.3: Appoint Members to Recreation Commission

D. Resolution No. 2026-2.4: Hire DPW Seasonal Laborer

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCIL PERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Bronkhurst	X				Hagan	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 3, 2026.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

NON-AGENDA

A. Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-2.5: Hire of part time receptionist for the Construction Department (Cynthia Vargas-Gonzales)

Motion: Jenniffer Hagan

Second: Dave Bronkhurst

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

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT:

YAZDI opened the meeting to late public comment; seconded by GRAZIANO and carried on voice vote, all in favor voting AYE. Since there was no one who wished to speak, HAGIN 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, CATALANO moved to adjourn at 7:29PM; seconded by HAGIN and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk

February 3, 2026 RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2.2
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE POSITION OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONSULTANT & APPOINTMENT OF THE VOZZA AGENCY FOR SAME

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale is a member of the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (the “Fund”); and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Fund require the Fund Program Manager (the “Program Manager”) to perform certain consulting, field and marketing services for Fund members; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that a member municipality may have a relationship with a licensed broker/consultant, a member municipality may appoint another firm to perform the portion of the professional producer, consulting and field service (the “Services”) normally provided by the Program Manager to the member municipality, as detailed in the “Producers Agreement” attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Vozza Agency has provided these Services for the Borough for a number of years and possesses significant knowledge and institutional memory of the Borough’s Medical, Prescription, and Dental plans, and overall employee benefits programs; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Services renders comparative bidding impractical.

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

1. The Borough of Bloomingdale hereby appoints the Vozza Agency, Inc. as its Producer of record for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in connection with its membership in the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the consultant’s agreement annexed hereto and to cause a notice of decision to be published according to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(I).
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because said services are performed by a person licensed under law to practice a recognized profession.
4. This contract shall not exceed \$50,000 annually without the prior written approval of the Borough Council.

5. Notice of this action shall be published once in the Borough's official newspaper as required by law.

6. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Borough Treasurer and to the Vozza Agency, Inc. at 77 Market Street, Suite 1, P.O. Box 100, Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656, for their information and guidance.

7. Pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. §40A:11-1 et seq.), this Resolution and the contract hereby authorized shall be available for public inspection.

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. 2026-2.3
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THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, that they do provide, advice and consent to the appointment of the following members to the Recreation Commission, effective January 1, 2026:

Recreation Member	5-year (Expires 12/31/2030)	Barbi Gnecco
Recreation Member	5-year (Expires 12/31/2030)	Jessy Redondo
Recreation Member	5-year (Unexpired 12/31/2028)	Terese Opiela

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. 2026-2.4
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THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE SEASONAL LABORERS FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for laborers within the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, Frank Neuberger, recommends that authorization be given to hire the following individual(s), to work seasonally, not to exceed 10 weeks for 40 hours per week, at the rate of \$20.00 per hour:

Employee Name	Start Date
Izza Rodriguez	01/26/2026

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the aforementioned person(s) be hired as seasonal laborer(s) for the Department of Public Works.

<i>Record of Council Vote on Passage</i>									
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. 2026-2.5
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale requires a dependable and organized part-time receptionist to support the Construction Department; and

WHEREAS, the position will serve as a primary point of contact for residents, contractors, and professionals and perform general clerical and customer service duties; and

WHEREAS, the position shall be twenty (20) hours per week, Monday through Friday, at an hourly rate of twenty dollars (\$20.00); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale as follows:

1. Authorization is hereby granted to hire Cynthia Vargas-Gonzales as Part-Time Receptionist for the Construction Department at \$20.00 per hour.
2. Start date of employment shall be February 17, 2026.

<i>Record of Council Vote on Passage</i>									
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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