

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

April 7, 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.

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 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.

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.

Linda Huntley – 86 Van Dam Ave, Bloomingdale

Made the following comments:

- Requested clarification of Resolution 2026-4.3
- Inquired if the council was hiring a new DPW Laborer

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
 - Beefsteak Fundraiser – April 18
 - 438 YTD calls, provided additional statistical updates
 - Medical equipment available for rent

- Senior Advisory Committee/Center:
 - Center open daily from 9AM-1PM / currently operating out of the Fireman's Hall
 - Monthly calendar and nutrition menu available on website
 - April 9 – Paper Mill Playhouse
- Public Event Committee:
 - April 18, 2026 Fishing Contest 10AM

Councilman, John Graziano

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

- Tri Boro Little League:
- Economic Development:

Councilman, Dominic Catalano

(BEC liaison, Recreation liaison, Planning Board member)

- Planning Board:
- Recreation: great turnout for Egg Hunt, the rec commission placed 8,000 eggs for the kids

Councilman, David Bronkhurst

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

- Board of Education Liaison: to be presenting bid for construction of WTB school
- Environmental Commission: May 6 is the next meeting

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

- Library:
- Public events:
 - Triboro Little League Parade April 11th Butler Park to Anderson Field
 - Fishing Tournament April 18th at Bogue Pond 10AM
 - May 16 Clean up Day & Camp Under the Stars
- BOH
 - Upcoming Health Extravaganza in May & June
 - Wellness Family Festival

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

Borough Attorney, Dawn Sullivan *no report*

Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer

- Progress update on Senior Center Improvements
- Ann & Elm Road project to begin

Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith: *no report*

Mayor John D'Amato:

- Adoption of Ordinance 2-2026 is rescheduled for May 5, 2026
- Noted the excellent mutual aid / community efforts for the fire on Butler Main street. reported no loss of life and no injuries

CONSENT AGENDA

(Adoption of Resolutions No. 2026-4.1 – 2026-4.9)

Motion: Dominic Catalano

Second: Jenniffer Hagin

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4.1 OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

*Accepting, Approving and/or Adopting the Consent Agenda of the
April 7, 2026 Council Meeting*

A. Motion to approve minutes:

- February 17, 2026 – Regular Meeting
- March 17, 2026 – Regular Meeting

B. Motion to amend Resolution No. 2026-3.11

C. Resolution No. 2026-4.2: Authorizing Online Auction (govdeals.com)

D. Resolution No. 2026-4.3: Cancellation of General Capital Ordinances

E. Resolution No. 2026-4.4: Approve Tax Exemption for Disabled Veteran

F. Resolution No. 2026-4.5: Approve ABC Expansion (Krio's)

G. Resolution No. 2026-4.6: Authorizing the Cancellation of Tax Title Lien Premiums

H. Resolution No. 2026-4.7: Hire of DPW Laborer

I. Resolution No. 2026-4.8: Promote DPW Mechanic

J. Resolution No. 2026-4.9: NJHIF Indemnity & Trust Agmt

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

Passaic County Open Space Grant Application:

Walter T. Bergen – Fitness Course Improvements

Motion to open Public Hearing was made by Ray Yazdi, seconded by Dominic Catalano

The Municipal Clerk noted that certified notice of this public hearing was made to residents who live within 200 ft of the property. The Mayor noted the intent would be to demolish and replace existing aging fitness equipment with fitness course equipment. The existing equipment is falling apart, and the vendor is no longer in business to supply replacement parts.

There was no public who wished to comment.

Motion to close Public Hearing was made by Dave Bronhurst, seconded by Dominic Catalano

PENDING ITEMS

Second/Final Reading and Public Hearing

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

[[POSTPONED // RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 5, 2026]]

NEW BUSINESS (none)

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Linda Huntley – 86 Van Dam Ave, Bloomingdale

Made the following comments:

- Inquired if Pompton Lakes shared service agreement with Oakland with effect Bloomingdale’s vegetive waste contract

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

GOVERNING BODY SCHEDULE

- A. April 21, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting
- B. May 5, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting
- C. May 19, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be conducted, YAZDI moved to adjourn at 7:17PM; seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk

April 7, 2026 RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-3.11
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF FULL-TIME DPW LABORER

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a full time Laborer within the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent, and the Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, recommend the position be filled by Hunter Ryan; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, that Hunter Ryan be hired on a one-year probationary period as a full-time DPW Laborer, effective March 9, 2026, as per the terms of the CWA Local 1032 DPW contract with a starting salary of ~~\$42,394.00~~ \$45,394.00.

Adopted: March 17, 2026

Amended: April 7, 2026

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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Brecanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4.2
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY BY USE OF
ONLINE AUCTION – GOVDEALS.COM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale has title to the following property:

Year: 2005 Make: Ford Model: F350 VIN: 1FTWF31P06EA68204
Year: 2008 Make: Ford Model: F350 VIN: 1FTWF31R38EE30403

WHEREAS, the aforementioned property is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to auction off the aforementioned property, which is municipal public property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomindale desires to list personal property for sale via an online auction hosted by GovDeals.com, which sale is going to be conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of the agreement that will be entered into with the vendor are available on the vendor’s website and available in the Department of Public Work’s office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that the appropriate borough officials are hereby authorized to sell the above listed vehicle described above in an online auction hosted by GovDeals.com.

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. 2026-4.3
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF GENERAL CAPITAL
ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, certain General Capital Improvement Authorizations have appropriation balances which remain dedicated to projects that are completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to capital surplus, grants receivable and unused debt authorizations may be cancelled;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, the following unexpended and dedicated balances of General Capital Fund appropriations be cancelled:

Ordinance Number	Project Description	Amount Cancelled	
		Receivable	Reserve
20-2024	Bogue Playground – CDBG Grant	\$180,000	\$180,000
		<u>\$180,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to cancel the above listed unused funded and unfunded improvement authorizations totaling \$180,000.

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. 2026-4.4
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 January 20, 2026, for this property tax exemption from:

Claimant Name: Stephen R. Becker
Property: Block 2004 / Lot 40
Address: 15 W Shore Road
Bloomingdale, NJ 07403

WHEREAS, it has been determined Stephen R. Becker holds legal title to 100% of 15 W. Shore Road; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that they hereby accept the Tax Assessor’s approval of the claim for a 100% property tax exempt for Stephen R. Becker of 15 W Shore Road; and authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel taxes as appropriate.

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. 2026-4.5
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PLACE-TO-PLACE EXPANSION APPLICATION FOR PLENARY
RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 1601-33-007-014 LICENSEE: ALIJA GROUP LLC**

WHEREAS, Alija Group LLC (the “Licensee”) is the holder of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1601-33-007-014 for premises located at 60/60A Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee has submitted an application for a place-to-place expansion of the licensed premises pursuant to applicable New Jersey statutes and regulations, including N.J.S.A. 33:1-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 13:2-7.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion premises are located at 58 Main Street, and are contiguous to or otherwise meet the statutory and regulatory requirements for expansion of the currently licensed premises; and

WHEREAS, proper notice of the application has been provided in accordance with law, and no objections have been received; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Issuing Authority has reviewed the application, supporting documents, and any reports or recommendations from municipal officials, including but not limited to the Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department and Building Department; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that the approval of the place-to-place expansion is not contrary to the public interest and will not adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The application of Alija Group LLC for a place-to-place expansion of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1601-33-007-014 is hereby approved.
2. The licensed premises, as expanded, shall include the area described in the application and depicted on the plans submitted to the Municipality and approved by the appropriate authorities.
3. This approval is subject to the following conditions:
 - Compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations;
 - All necessary construction, zoning, fire, and health approvals prior to occupying the expanded area
4. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to endorse the license certificate to reflect the approved expansion upon satisfaction of all conditions.
5. Effective date of approval shall be April 7, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

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. 2026-4.6
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF
TAX TITLE LIEN PREMIUMS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic, State of new Jersey has authorized the cancellation of Tax Title Lien Premiums; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale has determined that certain Tax Title Lien Premiums remain unredeemed for a period exceeding five (5) years and are therefore subject to cancellation or deferral; and

WHEREAS, such unredeemed premiums must be removed from the Borough’s financial records and balance sheet in accordance with applicable regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, that the following TTL Premiums are cancelled:

	Sale Date	
TTL CERTIFICATE #17-00014	11/29/2018	\$8,300.00
TTL CERTIFICATE #17-00016	11/29/2018	\$31,300.00
TTL CERTIFICATE #19-00001	12/15/2020	\$11,200.00

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. 2026-4.7
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF FULL-TIME DPW LABORER

WHEREAS, Izza Rodriguez was hired on January 26, 2026 and is currently serving the Borough of Bloomingdale Department of Public Works on a part time basis as a seasonal laborer; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent, and the Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, recommend promoting Izza Rodriguez to a full-time Laborer; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, that Izza Rodriguez be hired on a one-year probationary period as a full-time DPW Laborer, effective April 16, 2026 as per the terms of the CWA Local 1032 Blue Collar Unit (Union) contract.

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. 2026-4.8
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROMOTING COLLIN COULSON TO DPW
MECHANIC**

WHEREAS, there is a need to fill the position of mechanic within the Department of Works; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that the DPW Superintendent has recommended the promotion of Collin Coulson to ‘Mechanic’ effective April 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that said promotion is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens who are served by the Borough’s Public Works Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, in the County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that Collin Coulson is hereby promoted to mechanic for the Borough of Bloomingdale Department of Public Works effective April 16, 2026 as per the terms of the CWA Local 1032, Blue Collar contract.

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. 2026-4.9
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THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**NORTH JERSEY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
RESOLUTION to RENEW**

WHEREAS, a number of public entities in the State of New Jersey have joined together to form the **North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund**, hereafter referred to as "FUND", as permitted by N.J.S.A. 11:15-3, 17:1-8.1, and 40A:10-36 et seq., and;

WHEREAS, the FUND was approved to become operational by the Departments of Insurance and Community Affairs and has been operational since that date, and;

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of a joint insurance fund, contain certain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a FUND;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, hereinafter referred to as "LOCAL UNIT" has determined that membership in the FUND is in the best interest of the LOCAL UNIT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the LOCAL UNIT hereby agrees as follows:

- i. Become a member of the FUND for the period outlined in the LOCAL UNIT's Indemnity and Trust Agreements.
- ii. Will participate in the following type (s) of coverage (s):
 - a.) Health Insurance and/or Dental and/or Prescription as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:17-4, the FUND's Bylaws, and Plan of Risk Management.
- iii. Adopts and approves the FUND's Bylaws.
- iv. Execute an application for membership and any accompanying certifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the LOCAL UNIT is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the FUND as required by the FUND's Bylaws, and to deliver these documents to the FUND's Executive Director with the express reservation that these documents shall become effective only upon:

- i. Approval of the LOCAL UNIT by the FUND.
- ii. Receipt from the LOCAL UNIT of a Resolution accepting assessment.
- iii. Approval by the New Jersey Department of Insurance and Department of Community Affairs.

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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