

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

May 19, 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 John D’Amato 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

Councilman Ray Yazdi 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.

PRESENTATION

Mayor D’Amato & Councilwoman Jenniffer Hagin presented the following to the Library:

**Proclamation of the Borough of Bloomingdale Recognizing and
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the
Bloomingdale Free Public Library**

WHEREAS, the Bloomingdale Free Public Library was established in 1926 to serve the residents of the Borough of Bloomingdale, with a foundational mission to provide free and open access to information, ideas, and resources; and
WHEREAS, for the past 100 years, the Bloomingdale Free Public Library has served as the heart of our community, acting as a welcoming hub for lifelong learning, literacy, and community gathering for residents of all ages; and
WHEREAS, the library has evolved from its early roots to become a modern technology hub, providing essential digital resources, engaging programs, and innovative learning experiences that meet the changing needs of the Borough of Bloomingdale’s residents; and
WHEREAS, the staff, volunteers, and Board of Trustees of the Bloomingdale Free Public Library have shown tireless dedication to fostering a love of learning, fostering growth and connection, and maintaining an environment of curiosity and inclusion; and
WHEREAS, the 100th anniversary, or Centennial, marks a historic milestone in the Borough’s history, highlighting the lasting value of community investment in public knowledge and civic engagement;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale do hereby extend their sincere congratulations to the Bloomingdale Free Public Library on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Bloomingdale commends the Bloomingdale Free Public Library for its century of service and encourages all residents to participate in the upcoming centennial celebrations and continue utilizing this invaluable resource.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this proclamation be officially recorded in the minutes of this Council and a copy presented to the Bloomingdale Free Public Library leadership as a token of our esteem and gratitude.

Mayor John D'Amato
May 19, 2026

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion was made by YAZDI to open the meeting for public comment; seconded by HAGIN and carried on voice vote all voting AYE.

Linda Huntley – 86 Van Dam Ave, Bloomingdale

Made the following inquiries:

- Estimated tax rates for school & county
- Misc payments on bills list: vehicle lease payments, fire apparatus, county open space taxes

Charles Caraballo – 75 Vreeland Ave, Bloomingdale

Made the following inquiries:

- Estimated tax rates & increase amounts

Since there was no one else who wished to speak YAZDI made a motion to close the meeting for public comment, seconded by HAGIN 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):

- Senior Center programs & upcoming trips are available on the website
- Provided statistical update for the Tri-Boro First Aid Squad

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: “Red White & Bloomingdale” Celebrate 250 years of the USA with a town-wide event filled with hometown pride, patriotic spirit, and community fun. Encourages patriotic decorating

Councilman, Dominic Catalano

(BEC liaison, Recreation liaison, Planning Board member)

- Planning Board: May meeting cancelled
- Recreation: Bloomingdale Day Camp registration is open

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: good turnout for clean up day, \$2,000 sustainable NJ grant

Councilwoman, Jenniffer Hagin

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

- Library: celebrating 100th birthday
- Public events:
 - May 25 Memorial Day Parade (Bloomingdale to Butler)

- June 6 Townwide Garage Sale
- June 13 Sloan Park Festival
- June 27 Fireworks
- BOH: wellness clinics 2nd Tuesday of month

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

- Ann & Elm project is on going
- Senior Center Improvements: reopen June 1
- Delazier playground is demo / installation to start
- Chestnut Culvert – reviewing proposals

Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith: no report

Mayor John D’Amato:

- County will be repairing guardrail at Fichter / Delazier / Hamburg (there is damage underneath)
- Tilcon is donating the firework to the Borough on 6/27

CONSENT AGENDA
(Adoption of Resolutions No. 2026-5.7 – 2026-5.10)
Motion: Dominic Catalano
Second: Ray Yazdi
Roll Call Vote: BRONKHURST (YES), CATALANO (YES), GRAZIANO (YES), HAGIN (YES), SCHUBERT (YES), YAZDI (YES)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5.7
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Accepting, Approving and/or Adopting the Consent Agenda of the
May 19, 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:**
 - May 5, 2026 – Regular Meeting
- B. Resolution No. 2026-5.8:** Estimated Tax Bills
- C. Resolution No. 2026-5.9:** Purchase of Rock Salt
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Bronkhurst	X				Hagin	X			
Catalano	X				Schubert	X			
Graziano	X				Yazdi	X			

NEW BUSINESS

- **Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-5.11:** Payment of Municipal Obligations
Motion: Dave Bronkhurst
Second: Ray Yazdi
Roll Call Vote: CATALANO (YES), GRAZIANO (YES), HAGIN (YES), SCHUBERT (YES) YAZDI (YES), BRONKHURST (YES)

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Linda Huntley – 86 Van Dam Ave, Bloomingdale
Made the following inquiries:

- Bloomingdale sweeper on Hamburg Tpke (county road)

Charles Caraballo – 75 Vreeland Ave, Bloomingdale
Made the following inquiries:

- School groundbreaking ceremony held much enthusiasm

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

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution 2026-5.11

One Matter – Personnel
Motion: Ray Yazdi
Second: Jenniffer Hagin
Voice Vote: all members present voting AYE; none were opposed.
[entered at 7:31 PM]
[resumed in open session at 8:07 PM]

GOVERNING BODY SCHEDULE

- A. June 9, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting
- B. June 23, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting
- C. July 21, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be conducted, YAZDI moved to adjourn at 8:07PM; seconded by HAGIN and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk

May 19, 2026 RESOLUTIONS

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Bronkhurst	X				Hagin	X			
Catalano	X				Schubert	X			
Graziano	X				Yazdi	X			

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5.8
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE ESTIMATED TAX BILLS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER INSTALLMENT OF 2026 TAXES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, pursuant to Section 3 of P.L. 1994 c. 72 and 54:4-66.2, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale has determined that the Tax Collector was not be able to complete the mailing and delivery of the tax bills by June 15, 2026 due to the absence of a certified tax rate; and

WHEREAS, The Tax Collector, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3 and they have both signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, and the range of permitted estimated tax levies; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Tax Collector requests the Mayor and Council to approve the estimated tax levy of \$36,308,095.42 at a tax rate of \$4.988; which is between the mandated estimated range proposed by the Local Government Services. Approval will enable the Borough to meet its financial obligations, maintain the tax collection rate, and provide uniformity for tax payments and save the unnecessary cost of interest expenses on borrowing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes that:

1. The Tax Collector of the Borough of Bloomingdale is hereby authorized and directed to prepare, and issue estimated tax bills for the Borough of Bloomingdale

for the third quarter installment of 2026 taxes.

- 2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2026 is hereby set at \$36,308,095.42. The estimated tax rate for 2026 is hereby set at \$4.988
- 3. In accordance with the law, the third quarter installment of 2026 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10 or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Bloomingdale for their records.

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			

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5.9
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 Bloomingdale, 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 Bloomingdale 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 \$120,000.00; and

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

- 1. The Borough of Bloomingdale 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 \$120,000.00 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				Hagin	X			
Catalano	X				Schubert	X			
Graziano	X				Yazdi	X			

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5.10
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
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CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF PEDDLER LICENSE

WHEREAS, Section 4-2 [PEDDLERS & HAWKERS] of the code of the Borough of Bloomingdale authorizes the issuance of peddler’s licenses with Borough Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk has received an application from Lowai Atiyat of AJ’s Ice Cream and reported to the Governing Body the applicant has completed all the requirements as required by code & the Chief of Police has endorsed the application; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has made aware of the requirement to obtain a mobile retail food license from the Board of Health; and

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 Municipal Clerk may issue a Peddler’s License to Lowai Atiyat of AJ’s Ice Cream upon confirmation of an approved mobile food license from the Board of Health and clearance from the Chief of Police.

2. The peddler’s license shall expire on December 31, 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			

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5.11
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 LIST</u>		<u>PREPAID</u>	
<u>LIST</u>	Prepaid is Highlighted	Payroll & Items Not included in bills list	
CURRENT	\$3,494,079.77	CURRENT	\$302,188.52
UTILITY	\$129,834.77	UTILITY	\$15,971.88
CAPITAL	\$1,162,752.46	OPEN SPACE	\$0.00
CAPITAL UTILITY	\$180,312.20	TRUST ACCOUNT	\$800.00
TRUST	\$13,499.57	RECYCLING	\$433.33
DOG TRUST	\$678.73	DOG TRUST	\$0.00
RECREATION	\$5,160.00	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$217.03
ROSE FUND	\$11,700.39	CAPITAL	\$0.00
RECYCLING	\$0.00	WATER CAPITAL	\$0.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$306.16	RECREATION	\$0.00
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$0.00	CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$4,998,324.05	TOTAL	\$319,610.76

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Bronkhurst	X				Hagin	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 May 19, 2026.

Breeanna Smith, R.M.C.

Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5.12
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, prior to the conclusion of this Council Meeting, the Governing Body shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, sub-section (s) (b):

- 1. Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.
- 2. A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
- 3. Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
- 4. A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
- 5. Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.
- 6. Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure could impair such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.
- 7. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
- 8. Personnel matters.
- 9. Deliberations occurring after a public hearing that may result in penalties.

❖ *The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings of the State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1) The Borough Council shall hold a closed session from which the public shall be excluded on May 19, 2026.
- 2) The general nature of the subjects to be discussed at said closed session shall be related to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b): (8) Personnel Matters (1 matter)

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			