

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

June 3, 2025

The Workshop 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 6:00 PM.

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

Official Roll Call: (taken by the Administrative Assistant)

In Attendance: Mayor John D’Amato
Councilman David Bronkhurst
Councilman Dominic Catalano
Councilman John Graziano
Councilwoman Dawn Hudson
Councilwoman Evelyn Schubert
Councilman Ray Yazdi (came in at 6:37 p.m.)

Administrative Assistant, Aimee Greenspan
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 May 11, 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.

REQUEST FOR MOTION

Motion was made by HUDSON authorizing Administrative Assistant Aimee Greenspan to temporarily serve as Municipal Clerk for the council meeting; seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on voice vote all voting AYE.

MOTION FOR EARLY EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor noted the council would not meet in early executive session

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, GRAZIANO 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, Library Board, ROSE Fund & Tri-Boro First Aid Liaison):**

- Library Board of Trustees

- 100 year anniversary – bug library, big impact
- Literary programs like Hoopla available
- Dueling Pianos: Oct. 17th
- July 17th – Speaking from Spirit, Medium in council chambers
- Tri-Boro First Aid Squad
 - Just had EMS week
 - Calls to date: 636; 2024 - 541
 - Equipment rental available
 - Helpsie clothing bin – 51 Morse Ave., Butler
- Senior Advisory Committee/Center:
 - Finger Lakes trip just passed
 - June 19th – Casa Blanca
 - June 25th – The Little Mermaid
 - Website and Facebook has info and June nutrition up
- Memorial Day Parade:
 - Had high attendance

Councilman, John Graziano (EDC Chairman, Budget Committee Member)

- EDC:
 - Main St. by Sloan Park closed 3-9 June 14th

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

- Fireworks – June 28th (29th RD) – walking path to be closed that day.
- July 4th – Borough Closed – No DPW collection
- Thanked everyone for participating in cleanup day
- Thanks to Sam Scitoro for presentation last week
- Recycle coach and RAVE sign up available
- Asked people to please use the website for correct contact info, not google

Council President, Ray Yazdi (Budget Committee Member, Council President) *no report*

Councilman, David Bronkhurst (BOE liaison, Ordinance Review Committee Member)

- 3 teachers received governor's educator of the year award – Sage Donelly, Shannon Gomez and Gabriella Herbert – 2 specialists also recognized – Lauren Podelick and Jeannine Siren

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

- Environmental Commission:
 - Received DEP approval for the beaver culvert
- Recreation:
 - Lacrosse Ord. submitted for new program
 - Sound Bath Healing and Yoga event – June 10th

Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer

- Catherine/Bailey milling and paving done this week and done next week.
- Bogue Park Grand Opening – June 14th at 9:30 a.m.
- County was asked if the money leftover from the open space grant can be used for pavers, camera system and fountains with whatever is left being used for Delazier.

Administrative Assistant, Aimee Greenspan: *no report*

Borough Attorney, Dawn Sullivan:

- Introduced Daniel Canning (intern)

Mayor John D'Amato: *no report*

- SRO officer of the day, Quinn Bressette, had been sworn in, had a ride along and events with the Police Dept.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Adoption of Resolutions No. 2025-6.1 – 2025-6.4)

Motion: Dawn Hudson

Second: David Bronkhurst

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6.1
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Accepting, Approving and/or Adopting the Consent Agenda of the
June 3, 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. Resolution No. 2025-6.2:** Renewal of ABC Liquor Licenses
- B. Resolution No. 2025-6.3:** Waiver of Garage Sale Fee (Townwide)
- C. Resolution No. 2025-6.4:** Search and Rescue Appointment (Thomson)

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 June 3, 2025.

Aimee Greenspan
Administrative Assistant, Borough of Bloomingdale

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. Second/Final Reading & Public Hearing:**
Ordinance No. 17-2025: Amending Ch 17 ‘Water’ & Ch 18 ‘Sewer’ (Rates & Charges for services)

The Administrative Assistant, Aimee Greenspan, read the Public Notice statement.

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

The Administrative Assistant read the following Ordinance by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-2025
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER XVII (17), ENTITLED “WATER” AND CHAPTER XVIII (18), ENTITLED “SEWER”, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, INCLUDING A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO THE USERS OF THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale has the fiduciary responsibility for the effective and efficient operation and maintenance of the water supply and wastewater collection systems owned and operated by the Borough of Bloomingdale; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that changes in the cost of operation have necessitated amendments to the fees and charges for services rendered to the users of said water supply and wastewater collection systems, in order to ensure their continued effective and efficient operations and maintenance as prescribed by State law.

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:

Effective with the July 2025 billing cycle the following amended charges apply:

(Deleted material shown with ~~strikeouts~~, added material is underscored)

SECTION 1. Section 17-6.1 “Charges and Fees” shall be amended as follows:

c. **Water User Rates and Charges.** The following rates and charges are hereby established:

1. All metered residential, commercial and industrial water service customers shall pay a fixed service charge, based upon the size of each meter installed, in accordance with the following rate schedule:

(a) Effective with the July 2025 billing cycle the following charges apply:

Size of Meter	Fixed Service Charge
5/8 inch	—\$65.00 <u>\$70.00</u>
3/4 inch	—\$83.00 <u>\$90.00</u>
1 inch	—\$100.00 <u>\$108.00</u>
1 1/2 inch	—\$133.00 <u>\$144.00</u>
2 inch	—\$160.00 <u>\$173.00</u>
3 inch	—\$415.00 <u>\$448.00</u>
4 inch	—\$782.00 <u>\$845.00</u>
6 inch	—\$1,487.00 <u>\$1,606.00</u>
8 inch	\$1,890.00 <u>\$2,041.00</u>

2. All metered single-family residential and recreational underground lawn sprinkler water service customers shall pay a fixed service charge, based upon the size of each meter installed, in accordance with the following rate schedule:

(a) Effective with the ~~January 2024~~ July 2025 billing cycle the following charges shall apply:

Size of Meter	Fixed Service Charge
5/8 inch	—\$36.00 <u>\$39.00</u>
3/4 inch	—\$46.00 <u>\$50.00</u>
1 inch	—\$57.00 <u>\$62.00</u>
1 1/2 inch	—\$79.00 <u>\$85.00</u>

3. Effective with the ~~January 2024~~ July 2025 billing cycle the following charges apply: In addition to the basic service charge(s) set forth above, all water service customers shall be charged for all water used, as registered by each meter installed, at the rate of ~~\$4.102~~ \$4.43 per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used.

4. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:12A-17, the rate established in the preceding paragraph shall be inclusive of the State Public Water Tax of one (\$.01) cent per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used.

All other portions of this Chapter remain unchanged.

SECTION 2. Section 18-5.19 “Sanitary Sewer System Regulations and Charges” shall be amended as follows:

18-5.19 Charge for User Class 11.

Effective with the ~~January 2024~~ July 2025 billing cycle the following charges apply: The sewer usage charge for User Class 11 shall be the sum of a fixed amount of ~~(\$128.00)~~ \$138.24 dollars per quarter for each unit and of a net charge of ~~(\$8.45)~~ \$9.13 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual water consumption per unit. Said net charge shall reflect the application of a fifteen (15%) percent consumption credit for non-sanitary water to a gross charge of (\$10.00) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual water consumption per unit. The Governing Body may, in its discretion, grant special exemptions or credits for the filling of residential swimming pools or any other water use that is separately metered and approved by the Superintendent.

18-5.20 Charge for User Class 12.

Effective with the ~~January 2024~~ July 2025 billing cycle the following charges apply: The sewer usage charge for User Class 12 shall be the sum of a fixed amount of ~~(\$128.00)~~ \$138.24 dollars per quarter for each unit and of a net charge of ~~(\$8.45)~~ \$9.13 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual water consumption per unit. Said net charge shall reflect the application of a fifteen (15%) percent consumption credit for non-sanitary water to a gross charge of (\$10.00) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual water consumption per unit.

18-5.21 Charge for User Class 15.

Effective with the ~~January 2024~~ July 2025 billing cycle the following charges apply: The sewer usage charge for User Class 15 shall be the sum of a fixed amount of ~~(\$128.00)~~ \$138.24 dollars per quarter for each unit and a net charge ~~(\$8.45)~~ \$9.13 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual water consumption per unit. Said net charge shall reflect the application of a fifteen (15%) percent consumption credit for non-sanitary water to a gross charge of (\$10.00) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual water consumption per unit.

18-5.22 Charge for User Class 21.

Effective with the ~~January 2024~~ July 2025 billing cycle the following charges apply: The sewer charge for User Class 21 shall be the sum of a fixed amount of ~~(\$128.00)~~ \$138.24 dollars per quarter for each unit and of a net charge of ~~(\$8.45)~~ \$9.13 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual water consumption per unit. Said net charge shall reflect the application of a fifteen (15%) percent consumption credit for non-sanitary water to a gross charge of (\$10.00) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual water consumption per unit.

18-5.23 Charge for User Class 23.

Effective with the ~~January 2024~~ July 2025 billing cycle the following charges apply: The sewer usage charge for User Class 23 shall be the sum of a fixed amount of ~~(\$128.00)~~ \$138.24 dollars per quarter for each dwelling unit/commercial unit, seasonal dwelling, seasonal business/commercial units and/or seasonal dormitory unit and of a net charge of ~~(\$8.45)~~ \$9.13 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual water consumption per unit. Said net charge shall reflect the application of a fifteen (15%) percent consumption credit for non-sanitary water to a gross charge of (\$10.00) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual water consumption per unit.

18-5.24 Charge for User Class 25.

Effective with the ~~January 2024~~ July 2025 billing cycle the following charges apply: The sewer charge for User Class 25 shall be the sum of a fixed amount of ~~(\$128.00)~~ \$138.24 dollars per quarter for each unit and a net charge ~~(\$8.45)~~ \$9.13 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual water consumption per unit. Said net charge shall reflect the application of a fifteen (15%) percent consumption credit for non-sanitary water to a gross charge of (\$10.00) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual water consumption per unit.

All other portions of this Chapter remain unchanged.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Borough of Bloomingdale inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. 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 5. This law shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE
COUNTY OF PASSAIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Breeanna Smith, Borough Clerk

By: _____
John D’Amato, Mayor

Public Hearing:

At this time CATALANO made a motion to open the Public Hearing for comment; seconded by GRAZIANO and carried on a voice vote all voting AYE.

Since there was no one who wished to speak HUDSON made a motion to close the public hearing; motion was seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on voice vote all members voting AYE; none were opposed.

Adoption:

GRAZIANO made motion for adoption; the motion was seconded by HUDSON and carried per the following roll call vote: CATALANO (YES), GRAZIANO (YES), HUDSON (YES), SCHUBERT (NO), YAZDI (ABSENT), BRONKHURST (YES)

Council Discussion:

- The Mayor inquired as to what changes Councilwoman Schubert would suggest based off of the information provided.
- Councilwoman Shubert said that the raise was too much.

NEW BUSINESS [NONE]

NON-AGENDA

A. Introduction of Ordinance No. 18-2025: Amend Ch 2 Rec Fees (Lacross Program)

A motion was made by BRONKHURST to introduce the Ordinance by title; second and final reading/ public hearing will be on June 17, 2025 at 7 PM; the motion was seconded by HUDSON and carried on the following voice vote: all members present voting AYE, in favor; none were opposed.

The Administrative Assistant read by Title:

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

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Aaron Jasper – 125 Red Twig Trail, Bloomingdale

Made the following suggestions and inquiries:

- Made suggestions for Bogue Pond playground area and pond
- Asked about sewer map timelines to be proactive with breaks
- Questioned 4 town sewer increase being split 4 ways evenly or another way.

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

GOVERNING BODY SCHEDULE

- A. June 17, 2025 7 PM – Regular Meeting
- B. July 15, 2025 7 PM – Regular Meeting
- C. August 19, 2025 7 PM – Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be conducted, HUDSON moved to adjourn at 6:45PM; seconded by GRAZIANO and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk

June 3, 2025 RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6.2
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES FOR 2025-2026 TERM

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale has been informed by the Municipal Clerk that the following names, persons and corporations have made application for the renewal of their alcoholic beverage licenses; and

WHEREAS, said application is accompanied by the necessary municipal fee; and

WHEREAS, the licensees have filed an application online with State Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, together with the necessary \$200.00 fee for said Division; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Tax Clearance Certificate has been received for the applicant from the State of New Jersey Department of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, no objections have been filed in writing with the Municipal Clerk against the granting of this renewal and no objections being heard hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to renew the alcoholic beverage license of the following place:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION

Licensee:	Establishment:	Address:	License Number:
PAGLIARULO SALVATORE	<i>(inactive / pocket)</i>	N/A	1601-33-012-006
NLS MGMT LLC	River of Beer Saloon	133 &135 Main Street	1601-33-008-012
LLSTI LLC	Stumble Inn	231 Hamburg Tpke	1601-33-009-004
HVBM INC	Turnpike Liquors	139 Hamburg Tpke	1601-33-001-006
EL BORRACHO LLC	Cinco De Mayo	125 Hamburg Tpke	1601-33-002-009

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION

Licensee:	Establishment:	Address:	License Number:
GB KRISHNA LLC	Bloomingtonale Discount Liquor	82 Main Street	1601-44-004-005
HMT INC.	USA Wine Traders Club	29 Main Street	1601-44-005-008

CLUB LICENSE

Licensee:	Establishment:	Address:	License Number:
BLOOMINGDALE FIRE DEPT INC.	Bloomingtonale Fire Department Inc.	97 Hamburg Turnpike	1601-31-013-001

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, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Bloomingtonale

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6.3
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGTONALE

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGTONALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SETTING DATES & PERMITTING FEE WAIVER FOR
THE ANNUAL TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

WHEREAS, section 92-26.3 (Signs) and section 2-80 (Fees) of the Borough Code provides for garage sales within the Borough and regulations and fees; and

WHEREAS, the Town Wide Garage sale will be held on June 7, 2025 (rain date of Sunday June 8, 2025), and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingtonale does hereby establish Saturday, June 7, 2025 (rain date Sunday 6/8/2025) as the date for the Town-wide Garage Sale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Borough Council does hereby authorize the Municipal Clerk to waive the licensing and sign fees for these dates.

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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Aimee Greenspan
Administrative Assistant, Borough of Bloomingtonale

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6.4
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

*Resolution of the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey,
Appointing Members to the Search and Rescue*

WHEREAS, Residents’ safety is enhanced by the Search and Rescue; and

WHEREAS, the Search and Rescue assist in supervising and coordinating the civilian defense and disaster control activities of the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale hereby appoints the following member(s) to the Search and Rescue Team for a one year unexpired term; expiring December 31, 2025:

Search & Rescue1 yearEmily Thomson

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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Aimee Greenspan
Administrative Assistant, Borough of Bloomingdale