

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

June 23, 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 Jennifer Hagin~~ (excused)
Councilwoman Evelyn Schubert
Councilman Ray Yazdi

Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith
Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer
Borough Attorney, Dawn Sullivan

PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT

Mayor John 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.

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

- *Supported deer population survey, health care relief resolutions, and Highlands support resolution*

Youth Members of Girl Scout Troop

Representatives of a local Girl Scout troop appeared before the Council to request approval to install an interpretive wildlife sign near Bogue Pond to promote environmental awareness and education. The members advised they would conduct fundraising efforts to cover the cost of the sign and would work with the Borough Administration to identify an appropriate location for installation. Council expressed support for the project.

Aaron Essner – 30 Vreeland Ave, Bloomingdale

Made the following inquiries: *confirm consent agenda item to approve survey to determine deer population within the Borough*

Since there was no one else 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):

- Provided an update on the upcoming public events (Fireworks)
- Senior Center programs & upcoming trips are available on the website
- Newport Rhode Island Senior Trip (November 17-20)
- 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: members walked Main St with County & state officials to discuss development opportunities, goals and limitations.

Councilman, Dominic Catalano

(BEC liaison, Recreation liaison, Planning Board member)

- Planning Board: meeting on 6/24
- Recreation: Summer camp is underway. Soccer & volleyball camp to start. Summer concert series begins 7/22

Councilman, David Bronkhurst

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

- Board of Education Liaison: next meeting is June 24
- Environmental Commission: next meeting is July 1; all meetings going forward will be moved to the Council Chambers

Councilwoman, Jenniffer Hagin (absent)

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

- Library:
- Public events:
- BOH

Council President, Ray Yazdi

(Budget Committee, Government Operations Committee, Shared Service Committee, Bloomingdale/Butler Soccer Club) no report

Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer

- Progress update on Delazier playground; grand opening to be scheduled
- Concrete pad being put down in the municipal lot for PD storage shed

Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith: no report

Borough Attorney, Dawn Sullivan no report

Mayor John D'Amato:

- Attended WTB & Butler HS graduation
- Sloan Park festival well attended, successful event
- Progress update on the Ann & Elm project
- Anticipated traffic delays on Hamburg Tpke due to construction on guardrail at Fichter & Delazier intersection

CONSENT AGENDA

(Adoption of Resolutions No. 2026-6.10 – 2026-6.19)

Motion: Ray Yazdi

Second: Dominic Catalano

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

Council Discussion: *Mayor congratulated Mary on her retirement & thanked her for her many years of dedicated service to the Borough*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-6.10
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Accepting, Approving and/or Adopting the Consent Agenda of the
June 23, 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:**
 - June 9, 2026 – Regular Meeting
- B. Motion to accept Resignation:** M. Mazzola (Dispatcher) effective 8/31/26
- C. Resolution No. 2026-6.11:** Renewal of ABC Licenses (2026-2027)
- D. Resolution No. 2026-6.12:** NJDOT Grant Resolution (Fitcher St)
- E. Resolution No. 2026-6.13:** Approve Search & Rescue Team Members
- F. Resolution No. 2026-6.14:** Deer Population Survey
- G. Resolution No. 2026-6.15:** Urging Reform to Mitigate Unsustainable Increase to Health Benefit Premiums for Public Sector Employees
- H. Resolution No. 2026-6.16:** Urging Relief from Rising Public School Employee Health-Care Cost
- I. Resolution No. 2026-6.17:** Endorsing A4860 Highlands Region School Aid Bill
- J. Resolution No. 2026-6.18:** Tax Appeal Adjustment to the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes
- K. Resolution No. 2026-6.19:** Side Letter/Agmt with Blue Collar Union

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PENDING ITEMS

A. Adoption of 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Municipal Clerk read Section 2

- **Resolution No. 2026-6.20:** Adoption of the 2026 Municipal Budget
 - Motion:** Ray Yazdi
 - Second:** John Graziano
 - Roll Call Vote:** CATALANO (YES), GRAZIANO (YES), HAGIN (ABSENT), SCHUBERT (NO), YAZDI (YES), BRONKHURST (YES)

B. Second/Final Reading & Public Hearing:

Bond Ordinance No. 9-2026: Various Road Improvements

The Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith, read the Public Notice statement.

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

The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinance by title:

**BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

BOND ORDINANCE No. 9-2026

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS ROADS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$415,000 THEREFOR (INCLUSIVE OF A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$331,080) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$415,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Borough of Bloomingdale, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$415,000, which amount includes a \$331,080 grant expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal Aid Program (the "NJDOT Grant"). No down payment for said improvements or purposes is required pursuant to Section 40A:2-11(c) of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"), as this bond ordinance involves a project funded by the NJDOT Grant provided by the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet said \$415,000 appropriation, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in a principal amount not exceeding \$415,000 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$415,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said bonds or notes are to be issued are for the reconstruction of the entire lengths or portions of various roads within the Borough, including, but not limited to, Hillcrest Drive and Cook Court. Such improvements or purposes are to include, but are not limited to, as applicable, demolition and excavation, milling, paving, resurfacing and reconstruction of the roadways, roadway painting and striping, the repairing and/or removal and installation of sidewalks, driveway aprons, curbing, retaining walls and curb ramps, guardrails, and concrete improvements,

and all other related improvements, design work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, contract administration, work, materials, equipment, accessories, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and available for public inspection.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$415,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$415,000.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Passaic make a contribution or grant in aid to the Borough, for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Borough prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Passaic. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Passaic, shall be received by the Borough after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Borough as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements or purposes, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$415,000 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$80,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements hereinbefore described.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Borough's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations §1.150-2. All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than any bonds or notes authorized herein is paid, or (ii) the date the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof is "placed in service" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 10. The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this bond ordinance on a tax-exempt basis.

SECTION 11. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough, which are authorized herein, and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough, which are authorized herein, and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication of this bond ordinance after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Public Hearing:

At this time YAZDI made a motion to open the Public Hearing for comment; seconded by BRONKHURST and carried on a voice vote all voting AYE. Since there was no one who wished to speak YAZDI made a motion to close the public hearing; motion was seconded by CATALANO and carried on voice vote all members voting AYE; none were opposed.

Adoption:

Motion: Ray Yazdi

Second: Dave Bronkhurst

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-6.21: Municipal Obligations

Motion: John Graziano

Second: Ray Yazdi

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

B. Introduction of Ordinance No. 10-2026: Amend Ch 2 Recreation Fees

A motion was made by CATALANO to introduce the Ordinance by title; second and final reading/ public hearing & adoption will be on July 21, 2026 at 7PM; the motion was seconded by GRAZIANO 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 2, ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-64.11 FEES FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Aaron Essner – 30 Vreeland Ave, Bloomingdale
Made the following inquiries: *seeking construction site update on vacant lots next to post office on Main Street*

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

GOVERNING BODY SCHEDULE

- A. July 21, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting
- B. August 18, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting
- C. September 1, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be conducted, YAZDI moved to adjourn at 7:38PM; seconded by CATALANO and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk

June 23, 2026 RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-6.11
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES FOR 2026-2027 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:
SALVATORE PAGLIARULO	(inactive / pocket)	N/A	1601-33-012-007
NLS MGMT LLC	River of Beer Saloon	133 &135 Main St	1601-33-008-012
LLSTI LLC	Karl’s Stumble Inn	231 Hamburg Tpke	1601-33-009-004
HVBM INC	Turnpike Liquors	139 Hamburg Tpke	1601-33-001-006
ALIJA GROUP LLC	Krios	60/60A Main St	1601-33-007-013
*EL BORRACHO LLC	Cinco De Mayo	125 Hamburg Tpke	1601-33-002-009

**Conditional approval of EL BORRACHO, LLC. License will only be renewed if/when tax clearance has been issued & verified by the Municipal Clerk.*

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION

Licensee:	Establishment:	Address:	License Number:
GB KRISHNA LLC	Bloomingtondale 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.	Bloomingtondale 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				Hagin				X
Catalano	X				Schubert	X			
Graziano	X				Yazdi	X			

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-6.12
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT
AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO FICHTER STREET***

WHEREAS, the Bloomingtondale Mayor and Council desire to construct road improvements to Fichter Street, including: upgrades to stormwater facilities; pavement resurfacing; repair of curbs where required; ADA curb ramp rehabilitation; traffic control signs; and, long-life traffic striping; and,

WHEREAS, 2027 Municipal Aid funds are available through the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Bloomingtondale Borough, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application, identified as MA-2027-Fichter Street-00287, to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Bloomingtondale Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Bloomingtondale Borough and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

My signature and the Clerk’s seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

ATTEST AND AFFIX SEAL _____
Clerk
Breeanna Smith, RMC

Presiding Officer
John D’Amato, Mayor

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. 2026-6.13
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOROUGH OF
BLOOMINGDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM**

WHEREAS, individuals seeking membership in the Borough of Bloomingdale Search and Rescue Team are required to submit an application to the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has conducted background investigations of the applicants and has reported no findings that would disqualify the applicants from membership; and

WHEREAS, the Search and Rescue Team has reviewed the applications, voted upon the candidates, and recommended their appointment to the team; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to formally appoint the recommended individuals to serve as members of the Borough of Bloomingdale Search and Rescue Team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the following individuals are hereby appointed as members of the Borough of Bloomingdale Search and Rescue Team:

Kyle Pezzolla
Anthony Catalano Sr.
Anthony Catalano Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these appointments shall be effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.

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. 2026-6.14
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
AGREEMENT TO RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR A DEER
POPULATION SURVEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale desires to conduct a deer population survey to assist in evaluating and managing the local deer population; and

WHEREAS, Raritan Valley Community College, through its Center for Environmental Studies, has submitted a proposal dated February 13, 2026, to conduct an infrared drone deer population survey for the Borough at a cost not to exceed \$3,098.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has reviewed the proposal and recommends its acceptance; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project is available through the Borough's ROSE Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law permits the award of contracts for professional services without public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).

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

1. The proposal submitted by Raritan Valley Community College for a deer population survey in an amount not to exceed \$3,098.00 is hereby approved.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this agreement.
3. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to utilize ROSE Trust Fund monies to fund this project.

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. 2026-6.15
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Resolution Urging State Leaders to Implement Fair and Equitable Reforms to Mitigate the Unsustainable Increases in Health Benefit Premiums for Public Sector Employees

WHEREAS, the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), governed by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq., offers medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage to qualified State and participating local government public employees, retirees, and eligible dependents; and
WHEREAS, all SHBP plans are self-funded, meaning that the money paid out for benefits comes directly from an SHBP fund supplied by the State, participating local employers, and member premiums; and

WHEREAS, the rate increase for the 2026 Local Government Employer Group is 36.25% and does not include fully funding the loan to the SHBP Local Government Group under c. 86 or funding to bring the Claims Stabilization Reserve to the required two-month balance; and

WHEREAS, since the end of 2020 nearly 200 local government employers have exited the SHBP, representing a nearly 30% decline, largely leaving only local governments with the highest risk in the plan; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, during budget testimony State Treasurer Binder noted regarding the SHBP costs, while Treasury does not have the final numbers, “based on the plan actuary’s midyear reports and SHBP Local Government fund levels, it is possible that rate increases could be as high as the rate increases, we experienced last year;” and

WHEREAS, such proposed exorbitant rate increases will fall upon the local property taxpayer along with the local public employees at a time where there is record inflation; and

WHEREAS, despite innovative cost containment measures taken by municipalities to make available affordable and quality healthcare for valued employees and their families, public sector health benefit plans are far too costly; and,

WHEREAS, time is of the essence for State leaders to enact long-term structural reforms that should include eliminating costly plan designs; modifying co-pays for specialists and urgent care, restricting the use of out-of-network healthcare coverage and GLP-1 drugs; implementing a Reference Based Pricing system; streamlining the use of Health Savings Accounts and Flexible Spending Accounts; and, enhancing medical transparency and the collection of data; and

WHEREAS, failure to make these long-term structural reforms will leave local officials no choice but to impose hiring freezes, eliminate budgeted vacancies, and increase taxes on residents already burdened with the highest property tax bills in the nation.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Bloomingdale in the county of Passaic, urge state leaders to implement fair and equitable reforms to mitigate the unsustainable increases in health benefit premiums for public sector employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Sherrill, State Treasurer Binder, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Joseph Pennacchio, Assemblymen Jay Webber and Brian Bergen, and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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. 2026-6.16
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

Urging Relief from Rising Public School Employee Health-Care Costs

WHEREAS, at a time of continued fiscal uncertainty and mounting challenges, local boards of education from across the state of New Jersey continue to suffer under the growing crisis posed by the rising cost of health benefits and are desperate for relief; and

WHEREAS, despite record levels of state investments in public education, these school districts are facing fiscal pressures similar to those confronting the state budget, including the unsustainable growth in health-care premiums and the mounting insolvency of the state’s public employees’ health benefits programs; and

WHEREAS, both within the School Employees’ Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) and the private market, year-over-year double-digit increases are placing tremendous strain on district budgets and local taxpayers alike; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mikie Sherrill and legislative leadership have publicly acknowledged the urgent need to address rising health-care costs and the challenges facing the state’s health benefits plans, including both the state and local portions of the State Health Benefits Program and the SEHBP; and

WHEREAS, the seriousness of this issue is underscored by the mid-year SEHBP analysis released by the State of New Jersey Department of the Treasury in March 2026, which concluded that “based on these projected losses and building in future trends, active premium rate increases for 2027 are likely to be in the double digits;” and

WHEREAS, these projected increases would follow the 31.9 percent premium increase that took effect in January 2026, further exacerbating an overall premium increase of nearly 74 percent in the preceding five years; and

WHEREAS, this growth in health-care costs far exceeds inflation, state aid increases and the fiscal capacity of local communities; and

WHEREAS, rising health-care premiums are consuming an ever-larger portion of already-constrained school district budgets, forcing difficult decisions that directly affect students, staff and educational quality; and

WHEREAS, these cost pressures also have significant consequences for taxpayers, as districts are often compelled to utilize the full extent of their available tax levy, even after which many districts remain unable to fully offset these increases due to the constraints of the property tax levy cap, despite the limited health-care exception; and

WHEREAS, for the families and students these districts serve, the downstream consequences — including district deficits, program cuts and school closures — mean the loss of community stability, continuity of services, and in many cases, access to the specialized supports on which our most vulnerable students depend; and

WHEREAS, these are also precisely the conditions that erode student achievement and weaken the family engagement that is central to strengthening New Jersey’s public schools; and

WHEREAS, implementing real, sustainable solutions to the rising cost of health benefits and reforming how benefits are delivered through the SEHBP would demonstrate Governor Sherrill’s and the New Jersey State Legislature’s leadership and continued commitment to New Jersey’s students, educators and families, which directly advances our shared goal of affordability and effective, efficient government for all New Jerseyans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, in the County of Passaic does hereby call upon Governor Mikie Sherrill and the New Jersey State Legislature to provide immediate, short-term relief from the unsustainable increased health-care costs experienced by school districts in recent years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby urge Governor Sherrill to engage in meaningful engagement with all affected stakeholders to develop and implement practical long-term reforms to the state’s system of delivering health care to its public employees in order to generate meaningful, long-term savings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale requests that the Municipal Clerk transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Mikie Sherrill; State Treasurer Aaron Binder; State Senate President Nicholas Scutari and Senator Joseph Pennacchio; General Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and Assemblymen Jay Webber and Brian Bergen and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

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. 2026-6.17
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

Endorsing A4860, the “Fairness for School Districts in Development Restricted Areas Act”

WHEREAS, the Bloomingdale Board of Education (“Board”) is committed to providing a thorough and efficient system of free public education for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade within the Bloomingdale School District (“District”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Bloomingdale”) is a significant stakeholder in the New Jersey Highlands Region, with approximately 4,155 acres—or roughly 70% of Bloomingdale’s total land area—designated as part of the Highlands Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (“Act”) was enacted to protect natural resources that provide drinking water to over five million New Jersey residents, placing the financial burden of preservation on municipalities like Bloomingdale; and

WHEREAS, the Act and its stringent regulations have exacerbated this financial burden by resulting in limited potential for development within Bloomingdale; and

WHEREAS, these state-mandated development restrictions and the prioritization of land preservation (with approximately 3,000 acres of Bloomingdale already permanently preserved as open space) inherently limit the growth of the local tax base, which is the primary source of funding for the District; and

WHEREAS, there is currently pending in the New Jersey General Assembly legislation known as A4860, the “Fairness for School Districts in Development Restricted Areas Act,” which

seeks to provide additional state school aid to districts located in the Highlands Preservation Area in order to provide fair and additional funding to Highlands Region school districts whose local revenue-generating capabilities are restricted by state-mandated environmental preservation acts; and

WHEREAS, enactment and implementation of A4860 will enable the Board to fulfill its commitment to providing a thorough and efficient system of free public education for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade within the District in a manner that is fair and equitable to Bloomingdale taxpayers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale does hereby endorse the enactment of A4860, *the “Fairness for School Districts in Development Restricted Areas Act,”* into law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale respectfully requests that the Municipal Clerk transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Mikie Sherrill; State Senate President Nicholas Scutari; General Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and the sponsors of A4860: Assemblypersons Brian Bergen, Robert Clifton, Aura Dunn, Dawn Fantasia, Michael Inganamort, Brian Rumpf, Alex Sauickie, and Marisa Sweeney; State Senator Joseph Pennacchio; Assemblyman Jay Webber.

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. 2026-6.18
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**SUPPLEMENTING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5.6 TO APPLY N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41(c)(1)
TAX APPEAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE 2026 RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale previously adopted Resolution No. 2026-5.6 on May 5, 2026, computing the 2026 Reserve for Uncollected Taxes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41(c)(1) permits a municipality to further reduce the amount to be raised for the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes when certain conditions are met, including the occurrence of final tax appeal judgments against the municipality; and

WHEREAS, during the preceding fiscal year, the Borough of Bloomingdale experienced final tax appeal judgments resulting in reductions to the total tax levy in excess of the statutory threshold; and

WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2025, tax appeal judgments reduced the Borough's certified tax levy by \$57,822.02; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the tax appeal judgments for the preceding fiscal year and has determined that the total dollar amount of such judgments meets the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has prepared and signed the following certification, which is incorporated into this resolution:

CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Heather Barkenbush Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Bloomingdale, do hereby certify that the total dollar amount of final tax appeal judgments rendered against the Borough during the preceding fiscal year is \$57,822.02 of the total tax levy for that year. This amount exceeds the statutory threshold set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41(c)(1).

Heather Barkenbush, CMFO
Certified Municipal Finance Officer, Borough of Bloomingdale
Date: June 23, 2026

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

1. This resolution supplements Resolution No. 2026-5.6 adopted on May 5, 2026, by applying the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41(c)(1) to reduce the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes for the 2026 municipal budget based on certified tax appeal judgments.
2. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to incorporate the certified reduction amount into the budget calculations in accordance with law.
3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be uploaded to the FAST System and filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services as required.

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. 2026-6.19
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER
AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE CURRENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE AND THE COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF
AMERICA**

WHEREAS, previously the Borough of Bloomingdale and the Communication Workers of America (“CWA”) entered into an agreement governing the terms of the employment relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and representatives of the CWA have negotiated and agreed to an amendment related to the provision of a clothing allowance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and CWA have agreed to an amendment of Article 15, Section 1 whereby the Borough will no longer supply uniforms to members of the CWA and the clothing allowance per employee will increase from \$250.00 to \$1,000 for the 2026 contract term; and

WHEREAS, for the remainder of the contract term, January 2027 through December 2029, the annual clothing allowance shall be \$1,200 per employee; and

WHEREAS, all dress requirements shall remain in effect as set forth in the contract qat Article 15, Section 2; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council desire to authorize the letter agreement amending the current contract; and

WHEREAS, members of the CWA have consented to this amendment.

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 amendments to the contract between the Borough of Bloomingdale and the Communication Workers of America, term January 2025 through December 2029, is hereby amended as noted above.

Section 2. The Borough Administrator and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the letter agreement between the parties to amend the current agreement.

Section 3. The Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to take whatever actions are necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution and finalize the settlement.

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			

SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION 2026-20

Be it Resolved by the COUNCIL MEMBERS of the BOROUGH
of BLOOMINGDALE, County of PASSAIC that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby
adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$ 9,827,238.70

(Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) \$ -

(Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
- (c) \$ -

(Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in
- Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of
- the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.
- (d) \$ 181,952.58

(Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
- (e) \$ -

(Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
- (f) \$ 453,705.00

(Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE
(Insert last name)

Ayes

Bronkhurst

Catalano

Graziano

Yazdi

Nays

Schubert

Abstained

Absent

Hagin

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues			
Surplus Anticipated	08-100	\$	65,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	13-099	\$	5,845,186.47
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499	\$	437,654.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSED (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	07-190	\$	9,827,238.70
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR <u>SCHOOLS IN TYPE I</u> SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195	\$	-
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$	-
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY			\$ -
4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR <u>SCHOOLS IN TYPE II</u> SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191		
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX	07-192	\$	453,705.00
Total Revenues	13-299	\$	16,628,784.17

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-6.21
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	\$1,968,023.02	CURRENT	\$584,087.91
UTILITY	\$85,703.24	UTILITY	\$32,067.51
CAPITAL	\$117,943.56	OPEN SPACE	
CAPITAL UTILITY	\$24,100.00	TRUST ACCOUNT	\$2,850.00
TRUST	\$22,244.11	RECYCLING	\$1,319.52
DOG TRUST	\$1,392.89	DOG TRUST	
RECREATION	\$3,448.85	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$304.25
ROSE FUND	\$7,048.03	CAPITAL	
RECYCLING	\$0.00	WATER CAPITAL	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$0.00	RECREATION	
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$0.00	ROSE FUND	\$30,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,229,903.70	TOTAL	\$650,629.19

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 June 23, 2026.

Breeanna Smith, R.M.C.

Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale