

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

August 18, 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~~ (excused)
Councilman Ray Yazdi

Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith
~~Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer~~ (excused)
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 Hagin and carried on voice vote all voting AYE.

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

- *Expressed concerns regarding the DPW fleet and recent vehicle purchases; reviewed prior vehicle lease payments and inquired about the use of DPW vehicles.*
- *Inquired about an item on the bills list; PO 26-00075 for vehicle subscriptions in the amount of \$1,500*

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)

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: “Movie on Main Street” October 10th in Sloan Park 6PM

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

- Planning Board:
- Recreation:
- Misc: noted in response to Linda Huntley’s public comment that the \$1,500 subscription payment to ALLDATA is for auto / mechanical diagnostics repair software

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: Seeking volunteers to help identify and tag vegetation at Oakwood Lake. Some of the vegetation will be removed and/or relocated and replaced with assistance from Glenwild Garden Center

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

- Library:
- Public events: September 11th -Candlelight Memorial walk; September 26th Celebration Day
- BOH

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

Mayor John D’Amato:

- 911 candlelight walk to begin 6PM starting in Butler – ending in Sloan Park
- Bob Kochka 5K & Celebration Day 9/26
- Provided update on Ann & Elm Project

CONSENT AGENDA
(Adoption of Resolutions No. 2026-8.1 – 2026-8.9)

Motion to Table: Councilman Catalano moved to table Resolutions 2026-8.5 & 2026-8.6 and refer the matters to the Government Operations committee for further review prior to final consideration

Second: there was no second motion; therefore, the motion failed

Motion for adoption: Dave Bronkhurst

Second: Ray Yazdi

Roll Call Vote: BRONKHURST (YES), CATALANO (NO), GRAZIANO (YES), HAGIN (YES), SCHUBERT (ABSENT), YAZDI (YES)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8.1
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Accepting, Approving and/or Adopting the Consent Agenda of the
August 18, 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:**
 - July 21, 2026 – Regular Meeting
- B. Proclamation – Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month (September)**
- C. Resolution No. 2026-8.2:** Accepting Forfeited Road Opening Bond
- D. Resolution No. 2026-8.3:** Appointing HIF Commissioners
- E. Resolution No. 2026-8.4:** Change Order #2 (Ann & Elm/ Water)
- F. Resolution No. 2026-8.5:** NJCPA Co-op Contract for DPW Trucks
- G. Resolution No. 2026-8.6:** ESCNJ Co-op Contract for Truck Equipment
- H. Resolution No. 2026-8.7:** Ch 159 State Farm® Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program (\$10,000)
- I. Resolution No. 2026-8.8:** NJDEP Groundwater Testing & Certification
- J. Resolution No. 2026-8.9:** Senior Center Alterations (Release Bond & Final Payment)

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-8.10: Municipal Obligations**
 - Motion:** Ray Yazdi
 - Second:** Dave Bronkhurst
 - Roll Call Vote:** CATALANO (YES), GRAZIANO (YES), HAGIN (YES), SCHUBERT (ABSENT), YAZDI (YES), BRONKHURST (YES)

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

GOVERNING BODY SCHEDULE

- A. September 1, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting**
- B. September 15, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting**
- C. October 6, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting**

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be conducted, YAZDI moved to adjourn at 7:20PM; seconded by GRAZIANO and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk

August 18, 2026 RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8.2
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FORFEITED CASH BOND FOR ROAD OPENING
PERMIT #4-2022 FOR 47 HIGHLAND AVENUE**

WHEREAS the Municipal Clerk received an application for a road opening permit from Henry Place LLC for 47 Highland Avenue indexed as permit #4-2022; and

WHEREAS, per the Borough Code Ch. 20-11.5, the application for an excavation permit to perform excavation work under this section shall be accompanied by a cash bond in the amount of \$200.00; and

WHEREAS, ownership of the subject property has changed, and the proposed development is proceeding under a new owner with a revised scope of work; and

WHEREAS, the original road opening permit has not been completed, and the permit is no longer applicable; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended that the associated road opening permit be closed and therefore the bond be considered forfeited in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit.

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 cash bond in the amount of \$200.00 for road opening permit #4-2022 for 47 Highland Avenue be considered forfeited.
2. The Municipal Clerk can deem the road opening permit application for 47 Highland Avenue closed.
3. The Chief Financial Officer hereby authorized to issue a purchase order to the Borough to receive the funds as miscellaneous revenue.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8.3
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING NORTH JERSEY MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND COMMISSIONER & ALTERNATE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that Mike Sondermeyer be and is hereby appointed as Fund Commissioner to the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefit Fund to represent Bloomingdale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Heather Barkenbush be and is hereby appointed as Alternate Fund Commissioner effective immediately.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8.4
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF
PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2**

**FOR THE CONTRACT AWARDED TO MIKE FITZPATRICK CONTRACTORS,
INC. FOR ANN STREET & ELM STREET WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale and Mike Fitzpatrick Contractors, Inc., have entered into a contract in the amount of **\$629,693.00** for the water main improvement project via Resolution No. 2025-10.21; and,

WHEREAS, change order #1 in the amount of \$39,885.23 was approved via Resolution No. 2026-6.8 and the new contract total is **\$669,578.23**; and

WHEREAS, it has been further recommended by the Borough Engineer, Thomas A. Boorady of Darmofalski Engineering Associates, Inc., that additional changes to this contract are necessary & were unknown or unforeseen at the time of plan preparations.

WHEREAS, change order #2 is outlined in memorandum dated August 7, 2026 submitted to Mayor & Council by the Borough Engineer. In summary of the memorandum, *this change order provides for the installation of a modified valve assembly on Charles Street, including necessary excavation support and dewatering, to connect the new water main while improving long-term accessibility and maintenance of the Borough's water distribution system.*

Non-Contract Work Items

	Additional Cost
Change Order #1	\$ 39,885.23
Proposed Change Order #2	+ \$ 29,000.00

Total Net Change Order(s): \$ 68,885.23

Percentage Increase: 10.94%

; and

WHEREAS, the original contract amount was \$629,693.00; the amended contract amount based upon Change Order #1 and #2 is \$698,578.23 which is a 10.94% increase from the original contract amount; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.3, the change orders have not caused the originally awarded contract price to be exceeded by more than 20 percent; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, Thomas A. Boorady of Darmofalski Engineering Associates, Inc., has reviewed the change order and recommended to the Governing Body that it modify its agreement with and Mike Fitzpatrick Contractors, Inc., subject to the certification of funds, as a result of the above-referenced changes of condition which have occurred on the project and as detailed in the Borough Engineer’s email Memorandum, dated August 7, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, Borough Chief Financial Officer has certified the funds as evidenced in the annexed certification; and,

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 Change Order #2 is hereby approved in the contract between the Borough of Bloomingdale and Mike Fitzpatrick Contractors, Inc. as follows:

Original Contract	\$ 629,693.00
Change Order #1	\$ 39,885.23
Change Order #2	\$ 29,000.00
New Contract Total:	\$ 698,578.23

Increase 10.94%

This Resolution will take effect immediately upon approval and certification of funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8.5
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR TWO F-350 TRUCKS USING (BERGEN COUNTY) NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE (NJCPA) CONTRACT BC-BID-24-43 (CO-OP #CK04)

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 New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NJCPA), which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale desires to purchase two (2) 2026 F-350 4x4 vehicles through the NJCPA contract BC-BID-24-43 (co-op #ck04); and

WHEREAS, Route 23 Auto Mall, of Butler, NJ has been awarded the contract BC-BID-24-43 [for cars, crossovers, Class 1-3 Pickup Trucks/Chassis, Sporty Utility Vehicles and vans]; and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent and Business Administrator recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds of the best means available to obtain the vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the contract shall not exceed the amount of \$111,790.40; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, as certified the ability of funds in the annexed certification; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and 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 award of a contract to Route 23 Auto Mall, LLC, of Butler, NJ through the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance BC-Bid-24-43.
2. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$111,790.40 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.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8.6
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 AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CLIFFSIDE BODY UNDER ESCNJ CO-OP #65MCESCCPS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have authorized the purchase of two (2) Ford F-350 Trucks via Resolution 2026-8.5; and

WHEREAS, the trucks require the installation of specialized equipment and modifications necessary for Department of Public Works operations, including but not limited to snow removal and related public works activities; and

WHEREAS, said equipment may be purchased from Cliffside Body Corp. of 130 Broad Avenue, in Fairview, NJ 07022, through ESCNJ Bid No. 23/24-04 [Class 4-8 Trucks]; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of this contract shall not exceed \$41,475.00 and the Chief Financial Officer or their designee has certified the availability funds as annexed in the attached certification; and

WHEREAS, public bids are not required when the purchase is made through a cooperative pricing system in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(6) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, in the County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey, that a contract to Cliffside Body is hereby awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in ESCNJ CO-OP #65MCESCCPS Bid No. 23/24-04.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8.7
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriations
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)
*2026 State Farm® Good Neighbor
Firefighter Safety Program***

WHEREAS, the Governing Body (“Governing Body”) of the Borough of Bloomingdale (“Borough”) finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Director”), within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Borough to request approval of the insertion into the Borough’s 2026 Municipal Budget an item of revenue based upon a grant secured by the Borough from the National Volunteer Fire Council & State Farm; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, hereby requests that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, approve the insertion of an item of revenue into the Borough’s 2026 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$10,000.00, which item is now available from the National Volunteer Fire Council & State Farm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$10,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption:

*Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations
2026 State Farm® Good Neighbor
Firefighter Safety Program*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer will electronically file with the State of NJ in accordance with LFN 2014-11.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8.8
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 AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE NJDEP BIENNIAL GROUNDWATER TESTING & CERTIFICATION AT 188 UNION AVENUE (DPW)

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale has a need to appoint a Professional Services Contract as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for Professional Services without competitive bids and the contract itself must be awarded for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer recommends J.S. HELD LLC to provide services as they relate to the Borough’s NJDEP Biennial Groundwater Testing & Certification for 188 Union Avenue (Department of Public Works) as outlined in their August 4, 2026 proposal; and

WHEREAS, J.S. HELD LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Bloomingdale with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm of J.S. HELD LLC. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Treasurer has certified the availability of funds as evidenced in the annexed certification in an amount not to exceed \$3,630.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a contract with J.S. HELD LLC of 79 Hudson Street, Suite 701, Hoboken, NJ 07030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract, resolution and other pertinent documents shall remain on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the Borough’s legal newspaper.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8.9
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 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND, ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND AND AUTHORIZE FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE WORK PERFORMED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BLOOMINGDALE SENIOR CENTER ALTERATIONS & REPAIR PROJECT

WHEREAS, the contractor, Drillco, Inc., has requested a release of the performance bond and final payment for the work performed in connection with the Senior Center Alterations and Repair project, in the Borough of Bloomingdale; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer, Thomas Boorady, has reviewed the request, confirmed the project has been completed to satisfaction and therefore recommends that the final payment, in the total amount of \$78,204.90 be made, and the maintenance bond be accepted once approved by the Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS the Borough Attorney, Dawn Sullivan, has been deemed the Maintenance Bond to be satisfactory; and

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

- 1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize that the performance bond and final payment, in the amount of \$78,204.90, be released to the contractor.
- 2. The funds for the final payment is certified in Resolution No. 2025-12.17.
- 3. The Borough Council does hereby accept the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$20,543.69 which will remain on file in the Municipal Clerk’s office.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8.10
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	\$3,934,283.04	CURRENT	\$639,168.64
UTILITY	\$146,392.49	UTILITY	\$26,800.64
CAPITAL	\$90,582.95	OPEN SPACE	
CAPITAL UTILITY	\$0.00	TRUST ACCOUNT	\$24,600.00
TRUST	\$49,166.46	RECYCLING	\$658.49
DOG TRUST	\$4,357.72	DOG TRUST	
RECREATION	\$7,024.73	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$249.90
ROSE FUND	\$3,391.88	CAPITAL	
RECYCLING	\$11,881.11	WATER CAPITAL	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$0.00	RECREATION	\$49,142.04
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$0.00	ROSE FUND	
TOTAL	\$4,247,080.38	TOTAL	\$740,619.71