

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

September 1, 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
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 BRONKHURST to open the meeting for public comment; seconded by YAZDI and carried on voice vote all voting AYE. Since there was no one 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
 - Grand Opening & Welcome to ‘The Knitty Kitty’

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

- Planning Board:
- Recreation:
- Misc:

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:

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

- Library:
- Public events: September 11th -Candlelight Memorial walk 6PM start in Butler; September 26th Celebration Day to be kicked off with ‘Bob Kochka & Hearts for Harper 5K’
- BOH: health screenings, flu shots, eye exams available to the public more information on website

Council President, Ray Yazdi
(Budget Committee, Government Operations Committee, Shared Service Committee, Bloomingdale/Butler Soccer Club)

Mike Sondermeyer, Business Administrator:
Noted the following:

- Ann & Elm project is still underway
- Water main break on Glenwild Ave
- Chestnut culvert project is in progress
- First day of school 9/2
- Main street will be closed overnight

Mayor John D’Amato:

- 5k will be in honor of Bob Kochka & Hearts for Harper
- Seeking vendors for Celebration Day 9/26
- The Mayor clarified comments made at the previous meeting regarding the Department of Public Works (DPW) fleet. He explained that a payment made in January 2026 was not for a DPW vehicle, but rather for Police Department vehicles, the purchase of which had been authorized in September 2025. The Mayor also presented photographs illustrating the poor condition of the two DPW vehicles that were replaced and subsequently auctioned. The photographs were provided to demonstrate the vehicles' deteriorated and unsafe condition at the time of replacement.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Adoption of Resolutions No. 2026-9.1 – 2026-9.6)

Motion for adoption: Ray Yazdi

Second: Jenniffer Hagin

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.1
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE

*Accepting, Approving and/or Adopting the Consent Agenda of the
September 1, 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:** August 18, 2026 Regular Meeting
- B. Resolution No. 2026-9.2:** Closure of Bank Account & Transfer of Funds
- C. Resolution No. 2026-9.3:** Cancellation of Grant Receivable & Bond Appropriation
- D. Resolution No. 2026-9.4:** Authorize Sale of Personal Property (govdeals.com)
- E. Resolution No. 2026-9.5:** Authorize Hire of Seasonal DPW Laborer
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NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Borough-Owned Property:

The Business Administrator led a discussion regarding the potential sale of Borough-owned property identified as Block 3046, Lot 38, located off a right-of-way from Glenwild Avenue (Carmantown Road).

The Business Administrator and Mayor requested Council's consensus to pursue further research into the feasibility of selling the property. The review process would include consultation with the NJDEP, exploration of potential subdivision opportunities, evaluation of the public bidding process, and guidance from the Borough Attorney regarding the legal requirements associated with a sale.

There was also discussion regarding the establishment of a minimum bid amount, with consideration given to obtaining professional input from the Tax Assessor and potentially a real estate professional. Additional discussion focused on possible conditions and restrictions on the future use of the property. It was also noted that the property may potentially be offered to contiguous property owners as part of the sale process.

Members of the governing body expressed a desire for further information and review concerning the right-of-way before moving forward with any action related to the property. A motion was made (YAZDI) and second by HAGIN to authorize the Business Administrator to investigate and evaluate the feasibility of the sale of the Borough-owned property. All members present voted AYE; none were opposed.

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution 2026-9.7

One Matter – Contract Negotiations
Motion: Dominic Catalano
Second: Jenniffer Hagin
Voice Vote: all members present voting AYE; none were opposed.
[entered at 7:24 PM]
[resumed in open session at 7:44 PM]

GOVERNING BODY SCHEDULE

- A. September 15, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting
- B. October 6, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting
- C. October 20, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be conducted, YAZDI moved to adjourn at 7:44PM; seconded by GRAZIANO and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk

September 1, 2026 RESOLUTIONS

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.2
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THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
FUND BANK ACCOUNT AND TRANSFER OF THE REMAINING FUNDS TO THE
WATER UTILITY FUND**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale maintains a bank account designated as the Special Assessments Fund Account; and

WHEREAS, the Special Assessments Fund Account is no longer required for the purposes for which it was established; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 2026 Water Utility Budget, the remaining fund balance of the Special Assessments Fund Account is designated to be transferred to the Borough's Water Utility Fund and is recognized therein as anticipated revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Borough to close the Special Assessments Fund Account and transfer the remaining balance to the Water Utility Fund in accordance with the adopted 2026 Water Utility Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the Special Assessments Fund Account bank account be and is hereby authorized to be closed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the remaining balance in the Special Assessments Fund Account, in the amount of \$62,648.97, or the balance remaining at the time of closure, be transferred to the Borough of Bloomingdale Water Utility Fund and recorded as revenue in accordance with the adopted 2026 Water Utility Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer and such other appropriate Borough officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the transfer of funds and closure of the Special Assessments Fund Account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Borough's depository institution and any other party as may be necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.3
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF AN UNRECEIVED
GRANT RECEIVABLE AND CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION FROM BOND
ORDINANCE NO. 20-2024**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale adopted Bond Ordinance No. 20-2024, entitled “Bond Ordinance Providing for Improvements to Bogue Park Pond in and by the Borough of Bloomingdale, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, appropriating \$1,219,600.00 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$19,600 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof”; and

WHEREAS, Bond Ordinance No. 20-2024 included funding for improvements to Bogue Bond Park Playground, with anticipated grant funding from the **New Jersey Green Acres Program – Jake’s Law Grant**; and

WHEREAS, the Borough was awarded a Jake’s Law Grant in the amount of **\$750,000.00**; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the project, the final eligible costs were less than originally projected, resulting in total grant reimbursements of \$603,172.92, leaving an unreimbursed balance of \$146,827.08 from the original award; and

WHEREAS, the Borough does not anticipate receiving any additional grant funds related to the project, and the remaining \$146,827.08 grant receivable is therefore no longer realizable; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to cancel both the unrealized grant receivable and the corresponding grant-funded appropriation and financing authorization included in Bond Ordinance No. 20-2024 in order to accurately reflect the final project funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the \$146,827.08 unrealized grant receivable associated with the Green Acres Jake’s Law Grant for the Bogue Pond Park Playground improvement project authorized under Bond Ordinance No. 20-2024 is hereby cancelled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the corresponding \$146,827.08 grant appropriation and financing authorization included in Bond Ordinance No. 20-2024 is hereby cancelled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer and other appropriate Borough officials are authorized and directed to make all necessary accounting entries and adjustments to the Borough’s capital and financial records to effectuate the actions authorized herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all remaining provisions of Bond Ordinance No. 20-2024 shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.4
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale has determined that the personal property described herein are no longer needed for public use:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>VIN #</u>
ACO Vehicle	2008	Ford	E250	1FTNE24W28DB54425

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale intends to utilize the online auction services of GovDeals located at <https://www.govdeals.com/> ; and

WHEREAS, the sales are being conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and the guidance set forth in the Division of Local Government Services’ Local Finance Notice 2019-15,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Bloomingdale in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the Borough is hereby authorized to sell the surplus personal property as indicated herein on an online auction website entitled <https://www.govdeals.com/>; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into between GovDeals and the Borough of Bloomingdale are available at <https://www.govdeals.com/> and in the Borough Clerk’s office.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.5
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
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**AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE SEASONAL LABORER(S) FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for laborers within the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, Frank Neuberger, recommends that authorization be given to hire the following individual(s), to work seasonally, not to exceed 10 weeks for 40 hours per week, at the rate of \$20.00 per hour:

Employee Name	Start Date
Swayer Lukasik	08/31/2026

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the aforementioned person(s) be hired as seasonal laborer(s) for the Department of Public Works.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.6
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER
NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale (Police Department) has determined that the personal property described herein are no longer needed for public use; and

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>BODY STYLE</u>	<u>VIN #</u>
2005	Bajaj	2 Door Pickup	MD2AC08DX5WE00314
1996	Daihatsu	2 Door Pickup	S1109 112745

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.7
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MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.
2. A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
3. Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
4. A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
5. Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.

6. Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure could impair such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.
7. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
8. Personnel matters.
9. Deliberations occurring after a public hearing that may result in penalties.

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

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

- 1) The Borough Council shall hold a closed session from which the public shall be excluded on September 1, 2026.
- 2) The general nature of the subjects to be discussed at said closed session shall be related to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b): (7) Contract Negotiations (1 matter)