

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

September 15, 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~~ (excused)
Councilman John Graziano
Councilwoman Jenniffer Hagin
Councilwoman Evelyn Schubert
Councilman Ray Yazdi

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

PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT

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 HAGIN 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 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)

- 9/11 Patriot Day Ceremony walk
- Celebration Day – September 26th
- Provided a statistical update on Tri Boro 1268 YTD calls
- Senior monthly activities are posted on the website and facebook
- Line dancing returning to the Senor Center

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:

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: volunteers needed to assist with restoration of Oakwood Lake on 10/3

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

- Library:
- Public events: September 26th Celebration Day to be kicked off with ‘Bob Kochka & Hearts for Harper 5K’
- BOH: health screenings every second Tuesday, flu shot clinics in October, free eye & hearing screenings available to under insured; 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:

- Foundation for Literacy – Dueling Pianos 10/23
- Fire Department receives \$10,000 Grant from State Farm in collaboration with the National Volunteer Fire Council to purchase 3 sets of turn our gear
- Current projects in progress: Chestnut drainage, and Ann & Elm

Mayor John D’Amato:

- 5k will be in honor of Bob Kochka & Hearts for Harper
- Addressed an issue with the lighting at the school during the construction
- Fire Department to purchase 3 sets of turnout gear with grant money

CONSENT AGENDA

(Adoption of Resolutions No. 2026-9.8 – 2026-9.14)

Motion for adoption: Ray Yazdi

Second: Dave Bronkhurst

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.8 **OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF** **THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

*Accepting, Approving and/or Adopting the Consent Agenda of the
September 15, 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:

- September 1, 2026 – Executive Session
- September 1, 2026 – Regular Meeting

B. Resolution No. 2026-9.9: Appointments to the Environmental Commission

C. Tax Office Resolutions:

- **Resolution No. 2026-9.10:** Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale
- **Resolution No. 2026-9.11:** Tax Sale Agreement (Real Auction)
- **Resolution No. 2026-9.12:** Tax Sale Notice Fees

D. Resolution No. 2026-9.13: Ch. 159 Drive Sober Grant (\$7,000)

E. Resolution No. 2026-9.14: Authorize Contract with Jobs4Blue (Management of Police Extra Duty Assignments)

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2026-9.15: Municipal Obligations

Motion: Ray Yazdi

Second: Dave Bronkhurst

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

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Linda Huntley – 86 Van Dam Ave, Bloomingdale

Made the following inquiries:

- Provide comments on the purchase & time of approval of DPW vehicles

Arron Essner – 30 Vreeland Ave, Bloomingdale

Made the following inquiries:

- Enforcement of Borough code as it relates to feeding of wildlife
- Deer survey to be conducted and requested community be informed

Pamela Pearce – 17 Vreeland Ave, Bloomingdale

Made the following inquiries:

- Questions regarding the drone survey for deer population
- Noted deer feces in yard

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.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution 2026-9.16

Two Matters – Contract Negotiations

Motion: Ray Yazdi

Second: Dave Bronkhurst

Voice Vote: all members present voting AYE; none were opposed.

[entered at 7:22 PM]

[resumed in open session at 7:39 PM]

GOVERNING BODY SCHEDULE

- A. October 6, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting
- B. October 20, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting
- C. November 10, 2026 at 7PM – Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be conducted, YAZDI moved to adjourn at 7:40PM; seconded by Hagin and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk

September 15, 2026 RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.9
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE BLOOMINGDALE ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale that they do provide, advice and consent to the appointment of the following members to the Environmental Commission (BEC) effective September 15, 2026:

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| 1. BEC, Member | 3 year unexpired (expiring 12/31/26) | Amelia Basile |
| 2. BEC, Alternate I | 2 year unexpired (expiring 12/31/27) | Jen Altfield |
| 3. BEC, Alternate II | 2 year unexpired (expiring 12/31/26) | Sally Basile |

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.10
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Government Services, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com to conduct electronic tax sales, and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale wishes to participate in an electronic tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in the 2026 electronic tax sale and submit same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services if necessary.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.11
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND REALAUCTION.COM LLC TO CONDUCT
ELECTRONIC TAX SALES**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes the Borough of Bloomingdale to conduct electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter "DCA"), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1(c) adopted regulations N.J.A.C. 5:33-1.1 (the 'New Regulations') governing electronic tax sales of Tax Certificates, effective as of January 2, 2018, and New Regulations have been further clarified by Local Finance Notice 2018-08; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale wishes to enter into a contract with the said approved vendor without public bid; at a total amount not to exceed \$1,000; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose as evident in the annexed certification from the Chief Financial Officer or their designee.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement between the Borough of Bloomingdale and Realauction.com LLC.
2. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Borough Finance Department and Realauction.com, LLC, for their information and guidance.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.12
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale Notice Fees

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations require a municipality to send two (2) notices of tax sale to all properties included in said sale; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee of \$25.00 per notice for the creation, printing and mailing of said notice; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to more fairly assign greater fiscal responsibility to delinquent taxpayers, the Borough of Bloomingdale wishes to charge \$25.00 per notice mailed which will be assessed specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale that a fee of \$25.00 per notice be established and is hereby authorized and directed to be charged for each notice of tax sale that is sent in conjunction with the 2026 electronic tax sale.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.13
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 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide Labor Day Crackdown***

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 State of New Jersey;

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 **\$7,000.00**, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey Grant Funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of **\$7,000.00** be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption:

*Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations
2026 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
Labor Day Crackdown*

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. 2026-9.14
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO VISUAL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS, INC. (JOBS4BLUE) FOR PROPRIETARY SERVICES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13(d) AND N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.1

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomingdale has determined a need to administer and manage its off-duty police employment program in an efficient, accountable, and transparent manner; and

WHEREAS, Visual Computer Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Jobs4Blue provides a proprietary off-duty employment management system specifically designed for law enforcement agencies and governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the Jobs4Blue system provides a comprehensive and integrated solution that includes vendor engagement, job scheduling and administration, escrow and pre-payment account management, invoicing and collections, payroll reporting integration, ACH payment processing, and assumption of financing and credit risk associated with off-duty employment details; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that these services are specialized in nature and necessary for the conduct of municipal affairs because the administration of off-duty police employment requires continuous coordination among vendors, police personnel, payroll functions, payment processing, and financial oversight; and

WHEREAS, the Jobs4Blue platform is a proprietary service offered exclusively by Visual Computer Solutions, Inc., and the Borough requires the specific integrated functionality,

administrative support structure, financial processing capabilities, and risk-management services provided through that proprietary platform; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the services cannot be reasonably substituted with a non-proprietary equivalent without materially altering the operational structure of the Borough's off-duty police employment program and requiring the Borough to independently perform or procure multiple separate administrative and financial management functions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13(d) permits the award of a contract for proprietary goods or services without public advertising for bids when the governing body determines that only one vendor can provide the specialized goods or services required; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.1 authorizes the procurement of proprietary goods or services upon a finding by the governing body that the goods or services are specialized in nature and necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the contracting unit; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator, Qualified Purchasing Agent and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed the proposed agreement and recommend the award of a contract to Visual Computer Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Jobs4Blue.

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 Mayor, Business Administrator and/or Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Jobs4Blue for the administration of the Borough's off-duty police employment program.
2. The Mayor and Council hereby determine that the Jobs4Blue services constitute proprietary services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13(d) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.1 because the services are specialized in nature, are available only through Visual Computer Solutions, Inc., and are necessary for the efficient administration and financial management of the Borough's off-duty police employment program.
3. The Borough Clerk shall publish notice of this award as required by law.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.15
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>
Prepaid is	
<u>LIST</u>	Highlighted
	Payroll & Items Not included in bills list

CURRENT	\$2,294,761.02	CURRENT	\$615,635.03
UTILITY	\$77,587.17	UTILITY	\$29,473.15
CAPITAL	\$15,028.23	OPEN SPACE	\$37,150.00
CAPITAL UTILITY	\$0.00	TRUST ACCOUNT	\$576.37
TRUST	\$19,038.39	RECYCLING	\$204.65
DOG TRUST	\$1,935.88	DOG TRUST	
RECREATION	\$5,808.29	UNEMPLOYMENT	
ROSE FUND	\$5,982.50	CAPITAL	
RECYCLING	\$1,920.25	WATER CAPITAL	\$2,887.50
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$0.00	RECREATION	\$19,880.23
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$0.00	ROSE FUND	
TOTAL	\$2,422,061.73	TOTAL	\$705,806.93

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9.16
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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

- 1) The Borough Council shall hold a closed session from which the public shall be excluded on September 15, 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 (2 matters)