

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2025

Chair Bristol called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisor Woznick, Supervisor Teuscher, Supervisor Young, and Supervisor Schroeder. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Wright and Deborah Sellers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Chair Bristol confirmed proper proof of posting with the Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator.

2a. Request from the Wisconsin Towns Association to prepay first six months of membership to the Town Advocacy Council to align with the annual membership dues for the Wisconsin Towns Association: Chair Bristol introduced the request. In the past, the TAC dues ran for a calendar year whereas the WTA dues run from mid-year of one year to mid-year the next year. To align both sets of dues, the WTA is requesting that both dues be paid at the same time. As the Town winds down prior to annexation into the City of Madison, Bristol wondered whether renewal with TAC is still a wise investment. There followed a brief discussion of the merits to retain each.

Chair Bristol moved to approve the continuation of membership in the Towns Advocacy Council and Wisconsin Towns Association; 2nd by Supervisor Teuscher. Motion carried 5-0. Without objection, renewal of both memberships will be reviewed next year.

2b. Grant availability from American Rescue Plan Act Well Compensation and Well Abandonment Grants: It was noted that some neighborhoods are on public water and sanitation and thereby will not qualify for this opportunity. However, residents and businesses elsewhere in the Town of Blooming Grove may benefit if they have a failing well, a well in need of abandonment, or assistance connecting to public services. Income cannot exceed \$100,000 annually to qualify for the program. Without objection, the municipal clerk was instructed to post the promotional flyer to the Town website and post physically at the Town Hall.

2c. Run report from Madison Fire Department for 2024: Supervisor Teuscher stated he has not received any complaints regarding the quality of services provided by fire and rescue provided by the MFD. There followed a brief discussion regarding the location of the most frequent calls, particularly to businesses that operate later into the evening.

3a. Minutes of March 12, 2025 Town Board Meeting: Supervisor Young moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2025 Town Board meeting, as presented; 2nd by Supervisor Woznick. Motion carried 5-0.

3b. Approval of Vouchers: Supervisor Schroeder made a motion to approve vouchers, as presented; 2nd by Supervisor Young. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Public Comment: Deborah Sellers inquired whether the Wisconsin Towns Association or Town Advocacy Council could provide guidance or support regarding the closure of a railroad crossing on Powers Avenue. Chair Bristol noted that the agenda does not allow for discussion or action of this item. Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Wright reported upon the joint creation of a Request for Proposal by Cory Buske and Wright. The ad will be published this Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. It has been posted to the website as well. The renewal of the Trachte Building lease may be amended to run from October to October instead of March to March as had been the case in prior years. Wright provided updates to the number of absentee ballots issued and returned to date. Three local web services have been contacted. The current service for the Town website has been paid until the end of this year. COM2 from Menomonee Falls will be coordinating the electronic recycling event on May 3, 2025. There is no cost for their service.

5. Adjournment: Chair Bristol moved to adjourn the meeting; 2nd by Supervisor Teuscher. Motion carried 5-0 at 5:57 PM.

Minutes written and submitted by John Wright
Town Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator
Approved: April 9, 2025