

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2025

Chair Bristol called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisor Schroeder and Supervisor Young. Supervisor Teuscher and Supervisor Woznick provided prior notification regarding their absence this evening. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Wright and Deborah Sellers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Wright confirmed proper proof of posting. There were no changes to the agenda.

2a. Consider City of Madison request for written approval for possible acquisition of Terra Construction lands for possible Glacial Drumlin Trail extension: The Town had received a request by email from Aaron Canton of the City of Madison Engineering Division on August 15, 2025. The City of Madison is planning to extend the Capital City – Glacial Drumlin Trail. One alternative would involve a new path on the south side of the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad (WSOR) track. This scenario requires acquisition of rights from WisDOT along the railroad right-of-way and written approval from the Town of Blooming Grove and Dane County. Chair Bristol asked Supervisor Young, who is Chair of the Town Plan Commission, whether this should be referred to the Plan Commission first. Young declined review by the Commission. The email to the Town from Canton did not indicate whether Terra Construction had been notified of the proposal.

Chair Bristol moved to approve, in writing, the proposed alternative trail extension location to the east of Vondron Road along the south side of the railroad right-of-way; 2nd by Supervisor Young. Motion carried 3-0. Without objection, C/T/A Wright will compose and submit the written response to the City of Madison.

2b. Updates, if any, for Webb Avenue stormwater infrastructure: Wright reported that Cory Buske, the Town Public Works Supervisor met with a representative from Capitol Underground to conduct a site review. Buske had requested a scope of work and estimate if the main had to be replaced along Webb Avenue to the point where the corrugated metal pipes transition to concrete tubes. There is no other update or estimate at this time.

2c. Planned absences for Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator on September 4th and 5th and October 7th and 8th for vacation and training: Wright will take a short vacation in September and will attend training in the Wisconsin Dells to retain his Assessor 2 license through the Wisconsin Department of Revenue in October. Deputy Clerk Kellene Leicht is available to run the office during these absences.

3a. Minutes of August 13, 2025 Town Board Meeting: Supervisor Young moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2025 Town Board meeting, as presented; 2nd by Chair Bristol. Motion carried 3-0.

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

4. Public Comment: Deborah Sellers reported that the stop sign at Thurber and N Fair Oaks had been defaced and is requesting replacement. Sellers is interested in serving as an election inspector. She can access her email and conduct online training at the public library. Supervisor Young and Chair Bristol will be absent at the September 10, 2025 Board meeting. Wright noted that the Board typically reviews the balances and proposed uses of outlay accounts at this first meeting in September as well as cost of living adjustments for public works staff in closed session. Wright recommended deferring these topics until the September 24, 2025 meeting in hopes that all members are in attendance; without objection. Wright is working on a draft of the 2026 budget and confirming the numbers from prior budgets before presenting to the Board.

5. Adjournment: Chair Bristol moved to adjourn the meeting; 2nd by Supervisor Schroeder. Motion carried 3-0 at 5:46 PM.

Minutes written and submitted by John Wright
Town Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator
Approved: September 10, 2025