

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2026

Vice-Chair Teuscher called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisors Schroeder, Young, and Woznick. Chair Bristol's planned absence had been announced at the January 14, 2026, Board meeting. Also in attendance was Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator John Wright.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Wright confirmed proper proof of posting. There were no changes to the agenda.

2a. Property tax collection to date: C/T/A Wright provided a brief overview of his spreadsheet that lists taxes collected, local special charges (trash and recycling), delinquent charges for other entities (Madison Water Department and Madison Streets Department), overpayments, Lottery Credits, etc. The Town now collects property taxes through an online application; tax payments are reflected on Access Dane the following day.

2b. 2025 Budget amendment by resolution: Wright noted that there is no need to amend the income side of the 2025 budget, other than to approve the transfer of funds from the Employee Liability Outlay Account to cover health insurance costs for Glenn Linzmeier in the amount of \$2,487.74 per the dissolution agreement with the Town of Blooming Grove Fire Department. \$10,000 is earmarked annually for this health care related expense.

Wright reviewed the proposed changes to expenses in the 2025 budget that have a net change of \$2,487.74 for the expense noted in the preceding paragraph. These changes ensure that no account exceeds the amount budgeted. Wright presented the 2026 budget summary which includes income and expenses for 2025. Currently, that budget has a surplus of \$49,637.00. That surplus amount will increase when the Q4 2025 cable franchise fee is received in mid-February from Charter Communications.

Vice-Chair Teuscher moved to approve Resolution 2026-01 to amend the 2025 budget, and to approve the transfer from the Employee Liability Account, as presented; 2nd by Supervisor Woznick. Motion carried 4-0-0.

2c. Review cemetery fees, which have not changed since January 1, 2021, to reflect costs for Meitner services: The packet contained a letter from Wayne Meitner with whom the Town contracts for traditional burials and inurnment when the ground is frozen. Wright stated that he met with Public Works Supervisor Buske to propose increases to what the Town charges to cover Meitner's costs and administrative costs for office and public works staff.

There followed a brief discussion regarding whether to lower the local costs for burial spaces to encourage more sales. Doing so might encourage a resident or residents to purchase multiple spaces in the hopes of reselling for a profit in the future. Supervisor Schroeder suggested including the availability of burial spaces in future Town of Blooming Grove newsletters.

Supervisor Young moved to defer this topic to the March 11, 2026, Town Board agenda; 2nd by Supervisor Woznick. Motion carried 4-0-0.

3a. Minutes of January 14, 2026:

Supervisor Young moved to approve the January 14, 2026 minutes, as presented; 2nd by Supervisor Schroeder. Motion carried 4-0-0.

3b. Approval of vouchers:

Supervisor Schroeder made a motion to approve the vouchers, as presented for the single 2025 bill and 2026 bills; 2nd by Supervisor Young. Motion carried 4-0-0.

3c. Property tax refunds: There was one property tax refund in the amount of \$273.83 approved above, which represents a Lottery Credit applied for after the property tax bill had been paid in full.

4. Public Comments: Supervisor Young announced he will be unable to attend the Town Board meeting on February 25, 2026. C/T/A Wright reported that he has completed approximately 75% of the 2025 MS4 Stormwater Report. There will be a Spring Primary for residents of Dane County

on February 17, 2026. Town staff have been organizing building permits by address for pick up by the City of Madison. This has emptied 10 filing cabinets. Andrew Baraniak from the Wisconsin Historical Society is scheduled to collect scanned Town records next week.

5. Adjournment:

Supervisor Woznick moved to adjourn the meeting; 2nd by Supervisor Young. Motion carried 4-0 at 6:07 PM.

Minutes written and submitted by John Wright
Town Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator
Approved: February 11, 2026