

Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2026

Chair Bristol called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisors Young, and Teuscher. Supervisors Woznick and Schroeder had announced their absence in advance. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator John Wright, Town Public Works supervisor Cory Buske, Barb Hockett, Holly Berkowitz, Lieutenant Ira Simpson, crime analyst Mike Walnoha, and Sergeant Jason Russell.

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

2a. 2026-27 Operator's Licenses for Jigi Patel: C/T/A reported that he did not receive the application or fee. The item will be deferred to the June 24, 2026 agenda, without objection.

2b. Consider recommendations from the Plan Commission, if any: Town Plan Commission Chair Dave Young stated that the members requested for the Town portion of committed funds in the Trachte Building Outlay account be moved to the Parks Outlay Account to cover proposed improvements to the parks that include seal coating basketball courts, adding and/or replacing park benches, and plantings. C/T/A Wright stated that approximately \$7,850 in the Trachte Building outlay account is the balance of Dane County grant funds managed by Karin Wolf of the Madison Arts Commission. Wright stated there is approximately \$9,200 of Town committed funds in the Trachte Building Outlay Account.

Supervisor Young moved to transfer the Town portion of the Trachte Building Outlay Account into the Park Outlay Account; 2nd by Chair Bristol. Motion carried 3-0-0.

2c. Update on April Hill subdivision proposed annexation to the Village of McFarland: The packet includes information from the Wisconsin Department of Administration (WI DOA). Wright completed the questionnaire and submitted that to the WI DOA. The next steps will likely be for the WI DOA to render an opinion to share with the Village of McFarland and for the Village Board for McFarland to schedule a date to consider the petition for annexation from a majority of the property owners in the April Hill subdivision.

2d. Presentation by Dane County Sheriff's Deputy for proposed enforcement efforts with possible action: Mike Walnoha, Crime Analyst for Dane County Sheriff's Office, provided a brief overview of the DDACTS (Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety) program. The effort is a proactive approach for addressing ongoing issues rather than a reactive one. The County Sheriff's office is working in cooperation with the City of Madison Police Department for a program located along the North Fair Oaks/Milwaukee Street corridor. This is a high-visibility effort to target areas with high concentrations of vehicular crashes and crime with an eye towards long term solutions. Sergeant Jason Russell shared maps, statistical information, and pictorial/video imagery to explain how the target area was determined and the observations and actions taken to date. There followed a discussion of strategies to meet goals to reduce speeding, reduce crime, and increase pedestrian and non-motorized vehicle safety. This effort will span the period from May 13, 2026 until November 13, 2026. Resident Barb Hockett asked of those who are stopped to receive a warning or a citation along the corridor, how many reside within the area. Approximately 25% live in the area of the stops. It was noted that these traffic stops are being coded to reflect that they are part of the DDACTS program. Each person stopped receives an informational brochure about the program and the goals of the effort.

3a. Minutes of May 27, 2026: Supervisor Young moved to approve the May 27, 2026 minutes, as presented; 2nd by Supervisor Teuscher. Motion carried 3-0-0.

3b. Minutes of the June 1, 2026 Board of Review: Supervisor Young moved to approved the June 1, 2026 Board of Review minutes; as presented; 2nd by Supervisor Teuscher. Motion carried 3-0-0.

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

4. Public Comments: Supervisor Young stated that Dane County Planning and Development approved the Conditional Use Permit to operate an Air BnB at 3364 Swinburne Drive. The Plan Commission had previously recommended its approval on March 11, 2026 and the Town Board agreed at their March 25, 2026 meeting.

5. Adjournment: Chair Bristol moved to adjourn the meeting; 2nd by Supervisor Teuscher. Motion carried 3-0 at 6:43 PM.

Minutes written and submitted by John Wright

Town Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

Approved: June 24, 2026