Blooming Grove Town Board Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2026

Chair Bristol called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and announced that there will be a closed session item at the end of the meeting. Other Town Board members in attendance were Supervisors Teuscher and Schroeder. Supervisors Woznick and Young had planned absences. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator John Wright, Public Works Supervisor Cory Buske (departed at 5:55 PM), and Deborah Sellers (departed at 5:55 PM).

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 as posted.

2a. Continued review of 2027 budgets: one assuming the annexation of the April Hill neighborhood and one that assumes no early annexation prior to October 31, 2027: Wright stated that Public Works Supervisor removed Lake Farm Road and Meadowview Road from the list of roads to granite seal in 2027. Those roads recommended for sealing have been separated between main thoroughfares included in the base bid to let in February of 2027 and those secondary roads in the Gallagher Plat to be let as alternates to the base bid in 2027. It was noted that the anticipated cost of striping was accidentally omitted from the proposed bid sheet that assumed the April Hill neighborhood would be annexed. The brief review of the two budgets focused upon the revised road costs and the amount of unallocated funds required to balance with projected expenses. Chair Bristol asked whether bid estimates should include a cushion for possible change orders or overages. Buske responded that chip sealing typically requires no padding.

2b. Review draft ordinance to consider downsizing the Town Board from five members to three members in the event the April Hill neighborhood is annexed by the Village of McFarland on November 10, 2026 : Attorney Hughes is reviewing the proposed ordinance and the best method to eliminate two positions. It was noted that the Chair and two Supervisor positions are currently scheduled for the 2027 Spring Election. Without objection, the discussion of this topic, with possible action, will be added to the November 4, 2026 Town Board agenda.

2c. Updates from Town Plan Commission, regarding the proposed car wash and rezoning of a property at the Larsen/Meadowview intersection: The Plan Commission has not met since August, but the Town has been notified that the Conditional Use Permit for a carwash on the Stoughton Road access road has been approved by the Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation Committee as has the rezoning petition for 3200 Larsen Road that would allow for a condominium plat. The Town office received a copy of the recorded condominium plat for Woods Edge Preserve. Chair Bristol noted that he has been receiving correspondence from a representative of City of Madison neighbors to the proposed car wash who object to anticipated sounds from vacuums located outside.

2d. Update on April Hill subdivision proposed annexation to the Village of McFarland: Wright reported that he had spoken to Matt Schuenke, Village of McFarland Administrator, by phone to review what changes would take place if the annexation petition is approved by the Village Board. Trash and recycling services through GFL would continue until December 31, 2026 and those costs will be paid by the Town. Snow plowing, emergency services, law enforcement, voter registration, etc. would be handled by the Village of McFarland if the decision is to accept the annexation petition on November 10, 2026. Wright noted that the original contract with LRS, which is being honored by GFL, includes a provision to levy a fuel surcharge when diesel prices exceed $6.00 per gallon. The estimated increase will be approximately $150 a month, so both draft budgets reflect that increase for 2027. The agreement with the City of Madison is that the Town will budget for 12 months of trash/recycling collection in 2027.

3a. Minutes of October 14, 2026: Supervisor Teuscher made a motion to approve the October 14, 2026 minutes, as presented; 2nd by Chair Bristol. Motion carried 3-0-0.

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

4. Public Comments: Public Works Supervisor Buske reported that the new park benches have been installed today by Lee Recreation. The intersection with Meadowview and Larsen has reopened, but the connection with Lacy Road has not been completed. C/T/A Wright reported that he has received 194 absentee ballot requests from 1,034 registered voters to date. Three new election workers have been recruited and trained to work the November 3, 2026 election.

5. Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of deliberating compensation changes for public employees

a. Chair Bristol moved to convene into closed session; 2nd Supervisor Teuscher.
b. Roll call vote: Teuscher: aye; Schroeder: aye; and Bristol: aye at 5:55 PM.
c. Discussion
d. Supervisor Schroeder moved to return to open session at 5:59 PM; 2nd by Chair Bristol. Motion carried 3-0-0.

6. Return to Open Session and summary of action, if any: After reviewing the analysis of the impact on wages, FICA, and unpaid employee benefits, the Board approved a 6% cost of living adjustment for all employees (except for the Board members: changes to those wages must happen at an Annual Town Meeting).

7. Adjournment: Chair Bristol moved to adjourn the meeting; 2nd by Supervisor Schroeder. Motion carried 3-0 at 6:00 PM.

Minutes written and submitted by John Wright
Town Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator
Approved: November 4, 2026