MINUTES
Bloomfield Borough Council
June 2, 2026

Bloomfield Borough Council met this evening in a regular session in the Bloomfield Borough Council Chambers with the following council members present: President Malinda C. Anderson, Vice President J. Kevin Fitzpatrick, Jessica L. Grindle and Dean E. Dum. J. Kevin McCarty had an excused absence.

Also present: Secretary Danielle L. Shope, Assistant Secretaries Suse Woolever and Kathleen Miller, Solicitor Jason Sabol, Borough Employee Damon Hartman, ZEO/BEO Becky Smiley, Mayor Gary Eby, HRG Representative Ryan Hostetter, Water Authority Representative C. Larry Weller, Tax Collector Brenda Albright, Planning Commission Melanie Rowlands and Paul Wyatt from the Perry County Times.

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Anderson led the gathered assembly in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

MEETING OPENING

Recording of the Meeting – President Anderson advised the attendees that the meeting was being recorded by the Council for the accuracy of the minutes and stated that side conversations should be conducted in the hallway so as to not disrupt the meeting or its recording and reminded everyone that talking when someone else is speaking also disrupts the meeting and affects the recording. President Anderson further requested that those individuals in the audience desiring to speak during Public Comment identify themselves prior to speaking and they have 3 minutes to present their concern. Individuals have 10 minutes to present their concern if they are on the agenda. President Anderson asked if any individuals in the audience were also recording the meeting and if so to identify themselves for the record. President Anderson stated that the Council will not deviate from the agenda and any questions should be addressed during the appropriate portion of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Councilwoman Grindle made the motion to approve the May 5, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Vice President Fitzpatrick. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report – Councilman Dum made the motion to approve the May 2026 financial reports, seconded by Vice President Fitzpatrick. Motion carried.

No Executive session for May.

REQUESTED PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

No Requested Comments.

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No Public Comments.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Sabol stated that he did not have any further comments beyond what was in the written report presented to Council.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Eby stated the Veterans Day parade was cancelled by the VFW due to inclement weather. He mentioned the upcoming Fireman's Carnival. The dates for the carnival are June 30th - July 4th.

Parking Officer Report – Mayor Eby reported 13 parking tickets were issued in May with 3 unpaid and 1 voided. There will be recycling this Saturday, but no July recycling (due to the July 4 weekend).

Enforcement Report – BEO Smiley had nothing further to report other than what she submitted to Council in her written report.

BEO Report: Becky L. Smiley - For the complete detailed BEO report, please see Borough Enforcement Officer Monthly Report on file in the Borough Office.

Planning Commission Report – BBPC President Rowlands submitted the following report:

1) DGS/PennDOT Final Land Development Plan requires an extension due to agent response delays. The newly extended date for Council to act will be September 19, 2026.

Motion to approve (Vice President Fitzpatrick). Seconded (Councilwoman Grindle) Motion passed unanimously.

Further extensions will depend on progress made by the applicants and agents both with Bloomfield Borough and with Centre Township. Coordination of cross municipal approvals are best handled within a 90 day window to avoid rejection by the Perry County Recorder of Deeds. We await a revised submission from the agents (anticipated by June 10, 2026) and another review is tentatively scheduled for the June 22, 2026 Planning Commission meeting. This concession of short submission time will allow the agents to make additional progress over the summer.

2) The Planning Commission heard a presentation related to a Sketch Plan for possible relocation of West Perry Elementary Schools onto the Bloomfield Borough Campus.

There has been no formal submission, so no discussion or questions related to land development could be asked. Public attendance and interest was strong. We may see a submission later this summer around August. No Borough action is required at this time.

3) Rebel's Group, new owners of the former Belmont/Freysinger auto garage on East Main Street, will pursue a phased approach for improvements and development. The Borough will allow pursuit of permits (zoning and building) for upgrades to the existing building (such as windows and doors) prior to submission of a full Land Development Plan to include a new storage building and stormwater mitigation. The building upgrades will be incorporated into the LDP, but the phased approach enables establishment of a suitable work environment to move employees from York Springs to the New Bloomfield location. The Borough will respond to submissions when they are made.

4) Lakeside Development remains between stages of Preliminary Plan and Final Plan submission. The developer is working with an attorney to produce a HOA agreement structure for inclusion in a Final Plan submission. No Borough action is required at this time.

5) No activity related to Aishel community development.

Water Authority Report - President Anderson had no report from the Water Authority. Mr. Larry Weller stated there were no meetings. They meet quarterly now.

PCBA/COG – President Anderson stated that she is deferring this report until after speaking with Councilwoman Grindle.

FEMA/PEMA - Councilman McCarty was absent but had reported nothing.

Cap Tax - Meetings are Quarterly - Discussion of new representative - Councilman Dum gave interest but needs more information before committing.

Zoning/Permit Officer's Report – Zoning Officer Smiley has not submitted her report yet, but she stated that she issued permits for a sidewalk, cement slab, pool, and solar panels.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Statement of Financial Interest - Due now (Planning Commission Member Roger Watson has the only outstanding statement) and Ms. Rowlands spoke to them about this issue.

President Anderson stated the Bloomfield Public Library sent a thank you note for the Borough's donation of $1,006.74 for the purchase of a security camera.

A letter from the Fire Company was received asking for donations and volunteers.

RIGHTS OF WAYS, UTILITIES, & SAFETY

Vice President Fitzpatrick had nothing new to report.

The Literacy Council walking trail signs have been received and will be installed in the next week.

The paving bids will open June 10. The lowest bid will be accepted. This is for the paving of Veterans Way and the Cemetery Aprons.

ADMINISTRATIVE & INSURANCE (PROPERTY/LIABILITY)

Councilman Dum had nothing to report.

President Anderson stated that Mr. John Hair asked about extra liability insurance for the library bike race. Since the borough is not a sponsor, no additional liability insurance is needed from the borough. PennDOT is requiring a 90 day notice for street closings. Mr. Hair needs to reach out to Mayor Eby.

AESTHETICS

Councilman McCarty was absent but President Anderson mentioned the aesthetic committee decorated the planters on the Square. New Bloomfield will be hosting the Veterans Day Parade this year.

FINANCE

Councilman Dum had nothing to report.

GRANTS

Vice President Fitzpatrick had nothing to report.

PERSONNEL & INSURANCE (HEALTH/DENTAL)

Councilwoman Grindle had nothing to report on personnel.

CLOSING COMMENTS

There being no further business President Anderson asked for adjournment. Councilwoman Grindle made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Vice President Fitzpatrick. Motion carried. The next meeting of Bloomfield Borough Council will be held Tuesday July 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Miller, Assistant Secretary