



# TOWN OF BLADENSBURG COUNCIL MEETING | JANUARY 12, 2026

January 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

## MINUTES

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### 1. Call to Order

CM Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

### 2. Opening Prayer

CM McBryde led the opening prayer.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

CM Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 4. Approval of Agenda

CM Dixon called for a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the agenda, which Council Member McBryde seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3–0.

CM Dixon called for a motion to excuse Mayor James and CM Blount from being present at the meeting. Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the agenda, which Council Member McBryde seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3–0.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

#### A. Town Council Meeting Minutes | December 8, 2025

CM Dixon called for a motion to approve the minutes from December 8, 2025, Town Council Meeting. Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the minutes, which Council Member McBryde seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3–0.

### 6. Presentations

#### A. Police Promotions | PFC Jerry McCauley

Acting Chief Friskhorn promoted Officer McCully from private to private first class. CM Dixon read the oath office.

**B. Patriotic Committee | Renee Green**

Ms. Greene shared that the Memorial Day ceremony is going to be Monday, May 26, 2026, at 11am. She also shared that she has been working on a documentary on the Bostwick House and will share clips with us soon and would love to partner with Town and others on the project.

**7. Public Comments**

Susan McCutcheon | Ms. McCutcheon shared that Renee Greene does selfless service for the community and she deserves a big round of applause with everything from Peace Cross to other issues that are important. She also spoke regarding the Beltsville Agricultural Research center and possible development of the site.

**8. Financial Business**

**A. Information Memo | Update on FY 2025 Audit**

Treasurer Tinelli gave a brief overview of what to expect for the audit for 2025. He noted that the Town has requested an extension until January 31, 2026. The Town will complete the Audit shortly and will make a presentation to the Town Council.

**B. Information Memo | FY 2026 Budget Update and FY 2027 Budget Preview | January 2026**

Treasurer Tinelli provided a snapshot of what the first 5 months of the fiscal year are looking like and what is to be expected further down the road. This report indicated a positive outlook but, more data will be needed and it will be collected. The Town Treasurer and Town Administrator gave a preview of the overall budget process.

**9. New Business**

**A. Budget Adjustment | ORDINANCE NO. 12-2026: FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE TWO (2) VEHICLES AND UPFITTING EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED \$135,000.**

Chief Friskhorn explained the need for two new vehicles in order to accommodate more officers and replace three (3) older vehicles that require a lot of maintenance at this point.

The vehicles will be funded using automated enforcement proceeds. This amount includes the vehicle purchase and upfitting, all work will be completed by a single vendor.

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth read the Ordinance into the record.

CM Dixon called for a motion to approve. CM McBryde moved the motion, CM Brown seconded the motion for the approval of ORD 12-2026. The motion passed anonymously 3-0.

**B. Information Memo | Town Events 2026: An overview of Town Events for Calendar Year 2026**

Town Administrator Bailey Hedgepeth shared with council the presentation created by Mr. Jefferies showcasing very event that is planned to this year for community events. This was a month-by-month overview for calendar year 2025.

**C. Information Memo | Data Center Update | January 2026**

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared a report regarding the data centers and it will continue to be reviewed by Mayor and Council before deciding to sign a letter of support.

**D. Information Memo | 250th Anniversary Update | January 2026**

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared that there is a facilitators guide, and the town will also be holding events that are in junction with the 250th anniversary.

**E. Information Memo | GovPilot Module Update | January 2026**

Code Supervisor Mr. Rinehart shared the details of this project that will be launching soon to Bladensburg to streamline code enforcement and other aspects of the police department to help support the residents. This product will provide online rental and business licenses. As part of this project, the Town will automate the parking ticket processing.

**F. Information Memo | Bostwick House Update – January 2026**

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth shared the power point with updates on the Bostwick House and a written report was included on the recent updates and tasks that were accomplished by the Town.

**G. Information Memo | Mosquito Control Program – Prince George’s County | 2026 Program (2 minutes)**

Code Supervisor Mr. Rinehart shared a update and brief overview of the mosquito program which main purpose is to prevent mosquito illnesses. He also mentioned that if you do not want to have your property sprayed, you can reach out to Maryland Department of Agriculture on their website.

#### **10. Staff Reports (3 minutes each)**

Treasurer; Public Safety and Code Enforcement; Town Clerk; Public Works; Town Administrator

##### **A. Town Treasurer Report | December 2025**

Town Treasurer Tinelli shared he will have a draft of the 2025 audit for the February meeting, he also shared his report is online as well as the financial notes he spoke about during the council meeting.

##### **B. Public Works Department Report | December 2025**

Town Administrator Bailey Hedgepeth shared the public works report highlighting the work was accomplished. She noted the leaf collection process and their assistance with Holiday decorations.

##### **C. Police Department Report | December 2025**

Acting Chief Friskhorn submitted a public safety update which includes information for December and year to date crime and activity statistics.

##### **D. Code Enforcement Report | December 2025**

Code Supervisor Mr. Rinehart gave a year to end updates and statistics.

##### **E. Town Administrator Report | January 2026**

Town Administrator provided her report online and summarized some administrative priorities that she has been working on.

#### **11. Mayor and Council Reports (3 minutes each)**

Council Member Trina Brown – Ward 1 | CM Brown wished everyone a happy new year. She also mentioned the upcoming community meeting that would be held the following Saturday morning.

Council Member Kalisha Dixon – Ward 1 | CM Dixon attended the Senior Gala and gave kudos to CM Blount. She also attended the district 47 toy drive, and she attended the Newton Green

holiday activities along with Shop with a Cop at Port Towns Elementary. She also attended the local official's webinar and attended the PGCMA celebration.

Council Member Carrol McBryde – Ward 2 | CM McBryde met with Port Towns Elementary School principal to check in on needs. She is also connected with Bladensburg High School.

Mayor Takisha James | Report can be found online.

## **12. Adjournment**

CM Dixon asked for a motion to adjourn, CM McBryde moved the motion, CM Brown seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:03 PM