



# TOWN OF BLADENSBURG COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING | JANUARY 12, 2026

January 12, 2026 at 5:30 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

## MINUTES

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### 1. Call to Order

CM Dixon called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the agenda.

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

### 3. Approval of Minutes

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

CM Dixon called for a motion to approve the minutes from December 8, 2025, Work Session.

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.

### 4. 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 asked for extension until January 31, 2026.

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

Treasurer Tinelli Gave a snapshot of what the first five (5) months of the fiscal year are looking like and what is to be expected further down the road. The Town Treasurer and the Town Administrator provided a roadmap for the budget process that will be completed this spring.

## 5. 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

Acting Chief Friskhorn shared details regarding Ordinance 12-2026 which allows for the Police department to purchase two (2) new vehicles with a budget amendment not exceeding \$135,000, funded primarily by speed automated enforcement revenues currently tracking ahead of budget.

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

Town Administrator shared the presentation created by Ray Jefferies highlighting January-December town and police department events. New initiatives include an America 250 Bike ride, health fair and mental health awareness events, and potential open house activities at the Bostwick House to increase community connection and usage of Town assets

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

Town Administrator shared that the country is reviewing the location for the data centers and nothing has been finalized, and that the process has slowed down. She provided this item so that the Council can evaluate on whether or not to submit a letter of support.

- D. Information Memo | GovPilot Module Update | January 2026**

Code supervisor Mr. Reinhart provided an overview and a presentation to give an introduction to the GovPilot solution which is in regard to code enforcement, rental licenses and business licenses and the inspection process, and also parking tickets. This program would automate all of the processes and allows people to see the process online and to be able to apply online and submit applications electronically.

- E. Information Memo | 250 Anniversary Update | January 2026 (10 minutes)**

Town Administrator gave a brief overview to the 250th anniversary. It is anticipated that the programing will start the educational program in late January to early February, a memo was

provided that goes over those details. Council was also provided with the draft again for the civic program.

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

Town Administrator provided a update for the Bostwick house. A memo was provided to the council that was provided by Aman Memorial Trust and the economic development manager which included a long term strategy of the usage of the outside areas of the property. A couple of images were also provided.

**G. Information Memo | SFY26 BEACON Grant Update | January 2026**

Town Administrator and Acting Chief Friskhorn gave a brief update on the state grant for a Police Athletic League (PAL)-style boxing program in partnership with the Salvation Army, aiming to engage at-risk youth through mentorship and positive activities

**H. Information Memo | Mosquito Control Program – Prince George’s County | 2026 Program**

Code enforcement supervisor Mr. Rinehart shared that the town will participate in the annual mosquito control program managed by the Maryland Department of Agriculture, with an estimated cost of \$2,266 for the 2026 season. The program includes truck spraying and trap deployment from mid to late spring through the first freeze of fall, with an opt-out option available to residents through the town or state contacts. Regular participation supports public health and resident comfort during mosquito season.

**I. Information Memo | Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) Update | Jan 2026**

Town Administrator shared the monthly update for COG (Council of Governments) and provided the report to the council.

**6. Adjournment**

CM Dixon called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member McBryde moved to adjourn, and Council Member Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (3-0), and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.