



**Minutes
Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington - Regular Session
Monday, October 27, 2025 - 5:30 PM**

The City of Bloomington Township Board convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom at 5:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Brady who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Trustee and Chair Dan Brady
Trustee Jenna Kearns
Trustee Micheal Mosley
Trustee John Danenberger
Trustee Michael Straza
Trustee Cody Hendricks
Trustee Mollie Ward
Trustee Kent Lee
Trustee Abby Scott

Absent: Trustee Sheila Montney

Elected Officials/Staff Present: Deborah L. Skillrud, Township Supervisor; Steve Scudder, Township Assessor; and Amanda Stutsman, Deputy Township Clerk.

Elected Officials/Staff Absent: Leslie Smith-Yocum, Township Clerk

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda are listed and voted on separately.

Trustee Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Ward, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

- A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2025, Board of Trustees Regular Session Meeting. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)
- B. Consideration and Action to Certify the September 2025 Statement of Funds for the General Town Administration Fund, General Assistance Fund, and Cemetery Fund. (Recommended Motion: The September 2025 Statement of Funds be certified.)

- C. Consideration and Action to Approve the October 27, 2025 General Town Fund Request for Payment. (Recommended Motion: The October 27, 2025 Request for Payment be approved.)

Board Chair Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

Ayes: Brady, Kearns, Mosley, Danenberger, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion Carried.

Regular Agenda

- A. Item 6.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Estimated Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Levy for Tax Year 2025., as requested by the Township Department. (Recommended Motion: The Estimated Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Levy for Tax Year 2025 of \$2,351,600 be approved.)

Supervisor Deb Skillrud explained that the Township's tax levy remains unchanged at \$2,351,600 for the eighth consecutive year. She noted they did not increase the amount based on Equalized Assessed Value ("EAV") changes, but instead worked within their existing budget. She also mentioned that funds were transferred from the General Town Fund to the General Assistance Program to address expected increases in healthcare costs. Supervisor Skillrud indicated she would provide more details about that related program later in the agenda.

Trustee Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Straza, to approve the Item as presented.

Board Chair Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

Ayes: Brady, Kearns, Mosley, Danenberger, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion Carried.

- B. Consideration and Action to Pass Resolution No. 2025-02 to Adopt a TOIRMA Aligned Loss Control Policy, as requested by the Township. (Recommended Motion: The Resolution to Adopt a TOIRMA Aligned Loss Control Policy be Passed.)

Supervisor Skillrud explained that the Item would allow the Township to implement a new loss control policy. She stated that, although they had occasional insurance claims in the past, there was no formal policy in place. She noted that the most recent claim involved a medical issue (not neglect) with a workfare program participant. Supervisor Skillrud explained that after receiving training materials from Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association ("TOIRMA"), she decided to establish an official policy to ensure regular safety reviews and help prevent future injuries.

Council Member Mosley confirmed with Supervisor Skillrud that Township would not conduct their own risk assessment and instead would coordinate with TORMA, the township's risk management company, and that partnering with TORMA has been a positive experience.

Reports by Elected Officials

- A. Item 7.A. Presentation and Discussion of the Township Supervisor's Report.

Supervisor Skillrud reported a major issue affecting residents: Illinois SNAP benefits will not be distributed in November, leaving around 2 million people statewide without this food assistance. She reported that she had reached out to Midwest Food Bank to explore hosting food distribution, but was informed that existing sites will remain unchanged. She stated Township would rely on the current distribution locations, such as Mount Pisgah Church, and plans to support them as much as possible to help affected families.

Trustee Ward suggested adding very prominent listings of resources available on both the City and Township websites. Supervisor Skillrud agreed and informed the Board she had already begun compiling said list.

Supervisor Skillrud reported that SNAP recipients were now required to work 20 hours per week, due to a recently reinstated rule. In response, she created an intergovernmental agreement and coordinated with the McLean County Department of Human Services to share worksite responsibilities, preventing duplication of efforts. She noted the collaborative approach was working well so far.

Trustee Ward asked if staff knew how many local residents would be affected. Supervisor Skillrud reported she did not have definitive figures at that time.

Supervisor Skillrud announced the reinstatement of the Senior Community Service Employment Program ("SCSEP"), which had previously been shut down due to a lack of funding. She noted one participant had returned, and others were expected to join soon. The SCSEP helped older adults gain employment, with the federal government paying their wages while they work at nonprofits and government agencies. She then highlighted the Program's importance in providing steady help for their POTS Warehouse Program and supporting older adults in the community.

Trustee Hendricks confirmed with Supervisor Skillrud that there was no timeframe on the program funding. He asked Supervisor Skillrud to update the Board if there was something they could assist with for long-term funding. Supervisor Skillrud reported on her outreach to legislators in support of continued funding.

C. Presentation and Discussion of the Township Assessor's Report.

Assessor Steve Sudder reported that the Property Tax Appeal deadline was Wednesday, October 29th for the assessment to be reviewed in 2025.

Trustee Scott thanked the Assessor for dedicating time to educate her on the Property Tax Assessment process, mentioning it was complex. She then asked if there were resources or ways, both for the mathematically inclined and non-inclined residents, to learn about or ask questions regarding property assessments and the appeals process. Assessor Scudder explained that property assessments in Illinois were set at 1/3 of market value. Residents received a notice with the market value estimate, and if they believe this estimate is inaccurate, they could file a complaint to appeal their assessment. He noted that most complaints arise when people think the assessed market value exceeds what their property would actually sell for. He encouraged anyone with concerns to submit their paperwork for review.

Trustee Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Ward, to adjourn the meeting.

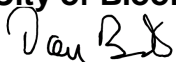
Board Chair Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

Ayes: Brady, Kearns, Mosley, Danenberger, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion Carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.

City of Bloomington Township



Dan Brady, Board Chair

Attest



Amadna Stutsman, Deputy Township Clerk

