

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Leslie Yocum, Town Clerk, in the Government Center Boardroom, 4th floor, Room #400 of the Government Center Building, 115 E. Washington St., at 6:00 p.m. She requested everyone to rise and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Yocum introduced: Deborah Skillrud, Township Supervisor, and Steve Scudder, Township Assessor.

Mrs. Yocum then asked for nominations for a meeting Moderator.

Stephanie Uzueta nominated David Stanczak as Moderator. No other nominations were made.

Mrs. Yocum closed nominations for Moderator at 6:03 p.m. and asked for a motion.

Motion by Tom Crumpler, seconded by Jennifer Curtiss, that David Stanczak be elected Moderator.

Motion carried (viva voce).

Mrs. Yocum welcomed David Stanczak as Moderator and asked him to come forward to be sworn in. She then administered the Loyalty Oath of Office as Moderator to Mr. Stanczak, to which he accepted.

Mr. Stanczak opened the Town Meeting at 6:04 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. He began the meeting with the first item on the agenda, Availability of Annual Statement of Receipts & Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 (Unaudited).

Deb Skillrud, Township Supervisor, stated that copies of the Annual Statement were available at a table at the entrance of the meeting room.

Mr. Stanczak stated that the next item on the agenda was approval of the minutes for the April 11, 2023, and April 9, 2024, Annual Town Meetings. He asked for a motion.

Motion by Stephanie Uzueta, seconded by Maureen Sterrenberg, that both sets of minutes be approved.

No discussion was had.

Motion carried (viva voce).

Mr. Stanczak moved on to Agenda Item #7, Consideration and Action to Pass Resolution No. 2025-01 to Oppose Township Consolidation into County Government. He walked through legislation pending at the State-level and provided a detailed overview of the legislation. He then asked whether anyone would like to discuss the legislation and/or the proposed Resolution.

No discussion was had.

Motion by Tom Crumpler, seconded by Jennifer Curtiss, that the proposed Resolution be approved.

Motion carried (viva voce).

Mr. Stanczak then called Steve Scudder, Township Assessor, forward to provide his report.

Assessor Scudder provided a brief history of Township government in the United States and in the State of Illinois, as well as statistics on Townships in Illinois. He moved on to discuss how assessments work in the City of Bloomington Township and how tolerances of assessments were addressed and calculated. He stated that nearly 14,000 adjustments were completed by his team in 2024 to which the assessments were later also adjusted by McLean County. He shared that the number of complaints received at the County-level had increased since 2020 and were the highest in 2024. He addressed commercial appeals, property values, and ended by explaining Equalized Assessed Value (EAV). He shared that additional assessment information could be found on the Assessor's website (<https://www.wevaluebloomington.org>). He ended by recognizing his staff members, Maureen Sternberg and Kolton Canales, who were present at the meeting, as well as thanking the rest of his team for their hard work throughout the assessment process.

Tom Crumpler, registered voter, asked Assessor Scudder how his office was doing from a staffing perspective. Assessor Scudder stated that he and his team were handling their work fine currently, but that they were nearing capacity. He anticipated that their office may need additional staff in the future to address workloads.

Assessor Scudder then discussed the dispersion of properties.

Mr. Stanczak then called Supervisor Skillrud forward to provide her report. She started by sharing that the Township had a new logo explaining its design/representation. She then walked through the Township's staffing/support hierarchy including Boards/Commissions, as well as detailing the experience Township staff/members brought to their positions.

Supervisor Skillrud moved on to address the legislation pending at the State-level explaining the importance of Townships and stressing the efficiency of the City of Bloomington Township. She walked through what she believed to be smart decisions the Township had made under her management in efforts to make money off its money, spend wisely, and continue preparing for the future. She shared several graphs addressing finances over the last fiscal year and discussed programming in great detail (Oxford House, Chestnut, Home Sweet Home Ministries, Normal Township ARC, Prairie State Legal, Babyfold, etc.)

She detailed the General Assistance Fund and Emergency Fund emphasizing a lot of need happening in the community and how the Township played a crucial role in supporting residents. Supervisor Skillrud then addressed tax rates through historical statistics, spending, and revenue.

She shared that the Cemetery had completed 82 burials and one pet burial throughout the year and mentioned that the Annual Cemetery Walk would no longer take place. She hoped other events might start in its place. She then mentioned the Promoting Others to Succeed (POTS) Recycling Program and its successes for the year and described the Program including changes that occurred over the year.

She ended by thanking Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk, and her entire team for their dedication to their work. She thanked the Township Board of Trustees, especially Trustee Tom Crumpler who was present at the meeting.

Curt Oyer, registered voter, then asked a question of the Township's spending last year and why the reserves were so high. Supervisor Skillrud stated that the reserves would be lowered to only nine months' reserves after completing some projects throughout the coming year. She stated that the reserves were within the allowable number of reserves and welcomed

him to come into her office if he'd like to have a bigger conversation. She reminded him that a disaster or emergency could occur anytime, which made reserves very important.

Mr. Stanczak then asked for a motion to set the date and time of the next Annual Town Meeting.

Motion by Jennifer Curtiss, seconded by Stephanie Uzueta, to set the next Annual Town Meeting for April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried (viva voce).


Mr. Stanczak then opened the meeting to receive public comment. Mrs. Yocum stated that no public comment was received in advance of the meeting and no one came forward to speak.

Mr. Stanczak asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Jennifer Curtiss, seconded by Stephanie Uzueta, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



Leslie Smith-Yocum, Township Clerk



David Stanczak, Moderator

