



Minutes
Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington
Monday, April 27, 2026 - 5:30 PM

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

Roll Call

Present: Trustee Jenna Kearns
Trustee Micheal Mosley
Trustee Sheila Montney
Trustee Michael Straza
Trustee Mollie Ward Trustee
Kent Lee Trustee Abby Scott

Absent: Trustee Dan Brady
Trustee John Danenberger
Trustee Cody Hendricks

Elected Officials/Staff Present: Deborah L. Skillrud, Township Supervisor; Steve Scudder, Township Assessor; and 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 Straza made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mosley, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Item 5.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the March 23, 2026, Regular Session Township Meeting. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Item 5.B. Consideration and Action to Certify the March 2026 Statement of Funds for the General Town Administration Fund, General Assistance Fund, and Cemetery Fund. (Recommended Motion: The March 2026 Statement of Funds be certified.)

Item 5.C. Consideration and Action to Approve the April 27, 2026 General Town Fund Request for Payment. (Recommended Motion: The April 27, 2026 Request for Payment be approved.)

Trustee Ward directed the Clerk to call roll:

Ayes: Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Straza, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion Carried.

Regular Agenda

Item 6.A. Pass the Ordinance Authorizing the Reimplementation of a Housing Eviction Relief Efforts (HERE) Program for Eligible Residents of City of Bloomington Township for the new Fiscal Year 2027 as approved in the Budget. (Recommended Motion: The Ordinance authorizing the reimplementation of the HERE Program be passed for Fiscal year 2027.)

Township Supervisor Deb Skillrud explained that the reimplementation of the Housing Eviction Relief Efforts ("HERE") Program was considered annually and stressed the importance and benefit of the HERE Program.

Trustee Kearns noted that evictions have remained high since the COVID-19 Pandemic and supported the continuation of the Program.

Trustee Kearns made a motion, seconded by Trustee Montney, to approve the Item as presented.

Trustee Scott asked the number of individuals that the HERE Program assisted in the past year. Supervisor Skillrud to provide the Board with statistics at the next meeting.

Trustee Ward directed the Clerk to call roll:

Ayes: Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Straza, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion Carried.

Item 6.B. Copy of the 2026 Annual Town Meeting Presentation. (Recommended Motion: None; for communication purposes only.)

Township Supervisor Skillrud summarizes the 2026 Annual Town Meeting presentation, explaining that Township assistance levels fluctuated throughout the year, with spikes when other agencies ran out of funds and dips when the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP") covered utilities. She noted that shelter was the largest expense, followed by monetary assistance and electric bills, and reported that the Township provided about \$85,000 more in assistance than last year. She also highlighted a significant increase in emergency assistance in July through September, largely for shelter and potentially driven by more interest in the emergency food benefit card and then applying for other services.

Township Assessor Steve Scudder explained that his presentation would focus on recent community growth, increases in equalized assessed property values ("EAV"), and related property assessment complaints, providing general historical trends over the past few years.

Council Member Montney asked whether the Township coordinated with McLean County when providing funds to organizations that also received support through shared sales tax and the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council ("BHCC"), and suggested it warranted further review. Township Supervisor Skillrud explained that the Township had largely continued serving the same individuals as in the past, had added support for Oxford House for people transitioning from rehab, and acknowledged that she did not review the County's assistance distributions.

Item 6C. Copy of the Annual Statement of Receipts & Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026 (Unaudited). (Recommended Motion: None; for communication purposes only.)

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Township Supervisor Skillrud reported that the report was informational for the Board and that it would be presented at the Annual Township Meeting.

Reports by Elected Officials

Presentation and Discussion of the Township Supervisor's Report.

Supervisor Skillrud had no additional comments.

Trustee Kearns and Township Supervisor Skillrud discussed the recent storm and potential damage to Evergreen Cemetery, but Township had not received a damage report.

Presentation and Discussion of the Township Assessor's Report.

Township Assessor Scudder stated that the annual report had included information on the history of Township government, noted that his assessment training repeatedly emphasized historical background before current updates, and emphasized that revisiting this history was important to ensure their work continued to improve without losing sight of its foundations.

Adjournment

Trustee Kearns made a motion, seconded by Trustee Scott, to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Ward directed the Clerk to call roll:

Ayes: Kearns, Mosley, Montney, Straza, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST



Dan Brady, Board Chair



Amadna Stutsman, Deputy Township Clerk

