



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

The City of Bloomington Township Board convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Trustee Dan Brady
Trustee Jenna Kearns
Trustee Sheila Montney
Trustee Michael Straza
Trustee Cody Hendricks
Trustee Mollie Ward
Trustee Kent Lee
Trustee Abby Scott

Absent: Trustee John Danenberger
Trustee Micheal Mosley

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 Ward, to approve the Item as presented.

Item 5.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the June 22, 2026, Regular Session Township Meeting. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

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

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

Trustee Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

Ayes: Brady, Kearns, Montney, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion Carried.

Regular Agenda

Item 6.A. Consideration and Action to Adopt Resolution No. 2026 - 01, Authorizing Submission of an Advisory Question to the Voters of the Town of the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois.

Trustee Brady explained that the Voters of the Town of the City of Bloomington held a special meeting on Monday, June 1, 2026 where there was majority approval for the submission of the following advisory question to be placed on the November ballot:

“Should the United States federal government ban the transfer of weapons to any country that is a dictatorship, apartheid state, or major violator of human rights?” [] Yes [] No

Per statute, the advisory question will be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election on November 3, 2026.

Trustee Scott made a motion, seconded by Trustee Ward, to approve the Item as presented.

Trustee Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

Ayes: Brady, Kearns, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Scott

Nayes: Montney, Lee

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN ADVISORY QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Item 6.B. Consideration and Action to Adopt Resolution No. 2026 - 02, Authorizing Submission of an Advisory Question to the Voters of the Town of the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois.

Trustee Brady explained that the Voters of the Town of the City of Bloomington held a special meeting on Monday, June 1, 2026 where there was majority approval for the submission of the following advisory question to be placed on the November ballot:

“Should the City of Bloomington repeal the added 1% grocery tax implemented by the Bloomington City Council to provide relief for families?” [] Yes [] No

Per statute, the advisory question will be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election on November 3, 2026.

Council Member Scott asked Township Clerk Leslie Yocum to describe the action taken by the electors in regard to the questions presented at the Special Meeting, as well as what is being asked of the Board. Clerk Yocum discussed the Statutory requirement for the Board to certify that the questions received appropriate approval at the Special Meeting for moving them forward. She stressed that the Board was not offering agreement or disapproval of the questions in any sense, just that the electors had taken the action they did, and that doing so would allow the questions to be formally filed with the Bloomington Election Commission and placed on the November ballot.

Trustee Brady then asked Clerk Yocum to describe what an advisory question meant

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on the ballot. She shared that an advisory question merely polled all electors voting on where they stand with the particular question, which was done in an effort to better advise leaders making decisions and acting on the elector's behalf.

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

Mayor Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

Ayes: Brady, Kearns, Montney, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN ADVISORY QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Item 6.C. Consideration and Action to Adopt Resolution No. 2026 - 03, Authorizing Submission of an Advisory Question to the Voters of the Town of the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois.

Trustee Brady explained that the Voters of the Town of the City of Bloomington held a special meeting on Monday, June 1, 2026 where there was majority approval for the submission of the following advisory question to be placed on the November ballot:

“Should the City of Bloomington implement a moratorium on the creation of any largescale data centers?” [] Yes [] No

Per statute, the advisory question will be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election on November 3, 2026.

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

Trustee Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

Ayes: Brady, Kearns, Montney, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN ADVISORY QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Reports by Elected Officials

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

Deborah Skillrud, Township Supervisor, provided updates on the Housing Eviction Relief Efforts ("HERE") Program, noting that the Township had received \$1.5 million in reimbursements since 1996, with ~\$244,000 in reimbursements this year alone.

Trustee Kearns appreciated the update on the HERE program, noting how impactful it was. Trustee Montney and Supervisor Skillrud discussed how the federal reimbursement funds were deposited into the General Town Fund.

7.B. Presentation and Discussion of the Township Assessor's Report.

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Steve Scudder, Township Assessor, reported that the 2026 assessments would tentatively be published on September 21, 2026. He discussed an upcoming request for proposal for a new Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal ("CAMA") Program, which would allow for a more efficient process. He then discussed collaboration with the City staff to ensure the Township's assessment records were the most up-to-date.

Trustee Scott and Assessor Scudder discussed the CAMA Program.

Trustee Lee asked Supervisor Skillrud if there were increased requests for electricity due to the heat and increased electricity rates. Supervisor Skillrud stated that since all other government assistance was to be utilized before Township's assistance and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP") funds were still available, all requests were directed to them.

Adjournment

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

Trustee Brady directed the Clerk to call roll:

Ayes: Brady, Kearns, Montney, Straza, Hendricks, Ward, Lee, Scott

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

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Dan Brady, Board Chair

ATTEST



Amanda Stutsman, Deputy Township Clerk

