

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
MONDAY, November 22, 2021; 5:34 P.M.

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington convened in regular session in the Government Center Chambers at 5:34 p.m., Monday, November 22, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Mwilambwe.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Township Clerk to call the roll and the following members of the Board answered present:

Trustees present: Jamie Mathy, Donna Boelen, Sheila Montney, Julie Emig, Nick Becker, De Urban, Mollie Ward, Jeff Crabill, Tom Crumpler, and Mboka Mwilambwe.

Elected officials present: Deborah L. Skillrud, Supervisor, and Steve Scudder, Assessor.

Staff present: Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk.

Action and Approval of Minutes of the October 25, 2021, Board Meeting, as presented.

Motion by Trustee Boelen, seconded by Trustee Becker, that the Minutes be approved as presented.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Township Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler, and Mwilambwe.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Action and Approval of the Monthly General Town Fund, General Assistance Fund and Evergreen Memorial Cemetery Audits of October 2021 accounts as presented.

Motion by Trustee Boelen, seconded by Trustee Becker, that the Monthly General Town Fund, General Assistance Fund and Evergreen Memorial Cemetery Audits of October 2021 be approved as presented.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Township Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler, and Mwilambwe.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Approval of the General Town Fund, Anticipated Expenditures as presented and certified.

Motion by Trustee Boelen, seconded by Trustee Becker, that the General Town Fund's Anticipated Expenditures be approved as presented.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Township Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler, and Mwilambwe.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Public Notice of 2022 Meetings for the City of Bloomington Township and Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

Motion by Trustee Boelen, seconded by Trustee Montney, that the 2022 Annual List of Meetings be accepted.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Township Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler, and Mwilambwe.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

2021 Tax Levy Ordinance for Tax Year 2022 to be used in Fiscal Year 2023.

Motion by Trustee Crumpler, seconded by Trustee Emig, that the 2021 Tax Levy be approved and the Ordinance passed.

Trustee Boelen confirmed with Deb Skillrud, Township Supervisor, that the tax levy was a flat rate.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Township Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler, and Mwilambwe.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Deborah Skillrud, Supervisor, addressed the Board. An update on the parking lot improvements was provided. Weather delays meant the remaining construction would be completed in the spring. The public could access the building through an alternate Americans with Disabilities Act compliant entrance. The Board was informed of an approved change order in the amount of \$9,800. Additional information would be provided at the Board's December 13, 2021 meeting.

Trustee Crabill requested Mrs. Skillrud explain the Community Emergency Response Program (CERP). He specifically questioned how funds were applied to various emergency assistance needs. Mrs. Skillrud provided a brief overview of recent assistance efforts and collaboration with the City for water payment shut off pledges. Additional Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) funds had been received. These dollars would be used before CERP funds as LIHWAP was designed for water bill assistance. The Township's assistance programs were referral based. The Township does not advertise its programs.

Trustee Crumpler questioned if the Township had received any applications for assistance from individuals affected by the flooding. Mrs. Skillrud stated Township provided assistance for utilities and rent only. Township staff had not questioned applicants if they suffered from this summer's flooding. The increase in applications was contributed to the various moratoriums being lifted.

Steve Scudder, Assessor, addressed the Board. All received complaints have been filed with the Board of Review and hearings have begun. The number of complaints were down this year. The Board of Review is anticipating an increase in complaints next year based on the number of homes sold in 2020.

Trustee Boelen questioned if the amount a home sold for above its value would contribute to an increase in the number of complaints. Mr. Scudder explained the assessment process and the impact of how a higher than market value sale price affected the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of a property.

Trustee Mwilambwe opened the meeting to receive public comment. Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk, reported that no one had registered to speak live or had submitted emailed public comment.

Motion by Trustee Boelen, seconded by Trustee Becker, that the meeting be adjourned.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Township Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler, and Mwilambwe.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


Amanda Stutsman, Deputy Township Clerk