

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020; 5:45 P.M.

This meeting was conducted under Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020 – 07, Section 6 implemented in response to COVID – 19, which suspended in-person attendance under the Open Meeting Act, 5 ILCS 120.

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington convened in regular session virtually via Zoom conferencing with the Deputy Township Clerk, Amanda Mohan, in-person in City Hall's Council Chambers at 5:45 p.m., Monday October 26, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Renner.

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

Trustees present remotely: Jamie Mathy, Mboka Mwilambwe, Julie Emig, Jennifer Carrillo, Scott Black, Jeff Crabill, Kim Bray and Tari Renner

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

Staff present in-person: Amanda Mohan, Deputy Township Clerk.

Staff absent: Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk.

Action and Approval of Minutes of the September 28, 2020 Board Meeting, as presented.

Motion by Trustee Mathy, seconded by Trustee Emig, that the Minutes be approved as presented.

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

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Mwilambwe, Emig, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray, and Renner.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Action and Approval of the Monthly General Town Fund, General Assistance Fund and Evergreen Memorial Cemetery Audits of September 2020 accounts as presented.

Motion by Trustee Mathy, seconded by Trustee Emig, that the Audits be approved as presented.

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

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Mwilambwe, Emig, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray, and Renner.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

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

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

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

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Mwilambwe, Emig, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray, and Renner.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance for Compensation for Township Officials for the 2021 - 2025 term.

Trustee Crabill made a motion to approve the Ordinance for Compensation for Township Officials for the 2021 – 2025 term as presented. There was no second to the motion.

Trustee Mathy believed Trustee Boelen was interested in a specific motion regarding the Ordinance. Trustee Renner noted that Trustee Boelen was not present at the moment.

Trustee Painter arrived at 5:48 p.m.

Trustee Renner questioned if Trustee Mathy had additional comments and opened the floor for another motion on this item.

Trustee Mathy read portions of Trustee Boelen's email. It indicated her interest in a motion to freeze the salaries due to COVID - 19 and decreased revenues. Trustee Renner restated a Trustee must be present to make a motion.

Trustee Painter agreed with Trustee Mathy's comments. She added the current Supervisor's salary was too high. The John M. Scott Commission liaison, a key role of the Supervisor's position, had been removed. She recommended a salary reduction to the previous Supervisor's salary.

Trustee Boelen arrived at 5:51 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Painter to amend the proposed Ordinance by freezing the Compensation for Supervisor for the 2021 – 2025 term and approving the proposed increase to Compensation for Assessor for the 2021 – 2025 term. There was no second to the motion.

Trustee Black requested Trustee Painter clarify if her motion intended to freeze both the Assessor and Supervisor's compensation. Trustee Painter responded negatively. Her proposed motion would only freeze the Supervisor's compensation.

Trustee Boelen would not support any compensation increase at this time due to the economic climate.

Motion by Trustee Boelen, seconded by Trustee Mathy, to amend the proposed Ordinance by freezing the Compensation for Township Officials for the 2021 – 2025 term at their current amounts.

Trustee Painter noted Township salaries were close to General Assistance (GA) expenditures.

Trustee Crabill provided his reasons for supporting compensation increases: the City of Bloomington's City Manager and Directors had received compensation increases during COVID - 19 and the Supervisor and Assessor positions would not receive a compensation increase for eight (8) years. He compared Normal Township's salaries to the City Township's salaries.

Trustee Boelen noted the positions under consideration were elected officials versus staff positions. Her decision to freeze compensation was not reflected on the individuals who currently held them but on the positions themselves. She reiterated her position on any increase due to the current economy.

Trustee Renner reminded the Trustees to be considerate of the City Council meeting start time. Lengthy discussions with Township officials held during Board meetings impacted upon them.

Trustee Bray believed the four (4) year period was beyond the election term. She questioned if the motion could be adjusted to a shorter term. Trustee Emig expressed her support.

Deb Skillrud, Supervisor, informed the Board the compensation must be set for four (4) year term.

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

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Painter, Carrillo, Black, and Bray.

Nays: Mwilambwe, Emig, Crabill, and Renner.

Motion carried.

Approval of the Proposed Tax Levy for tax year 2020 to be used in Fiscal Year 2022 (April 1, 2021 – March 30, 2022) as presented.

Motion by Trustee Mathy, seconded by Trustee Boelen, to accept the Proposed Tax Levy for tax year 2020 to be used in Fiscal Year 2022 (April 1, 2021 – March 30, 2022) as presented.

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

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray, and Renner.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Skillrud addressed the Board. She informed them of a change to the GA and Emergency Assistance (EA) payment levels provided by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS). The payout minimums have been increased from \$312 to \$319 per individual for GA. The EA minimum is \$319 per individual with an increase of \$112 per individual within the household.

Steve Scudder, Assessor, addressed the Board. Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) graphs were provided in his monthly report. He welcomed questions from the Board. There were none.

Trustee Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. No one came forward to address the Board.

Trustee Mathy recommended adjusting the start time of the meeting to 5:30 p.m. to reduce the chance of Township Meetings delaying the start time of City Council Meetings.

Motion by Trustee Mathy, seconded by Trustee Carrillo, that the meeting be adjourned.

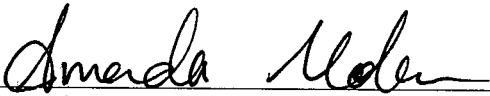
Trustee Renner directed the Deputy Township Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray, and Renner.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.


Amanda Mohan, Deputy Township Clerk