



**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023, 5:30 PM**

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington convened in regular session in the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., Monday, October 23, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Mboka Mwilambwe, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Mboka Mwilambwe	Trustee, Chair	Present
Jenna Kearns	Trustee	Present
Donna Boelen	Trustee	Absent
Sheila Montney	Trustee	Present
Nick Becker	Trustee	Present
John Danenberger	Trustee	Present
Cody Hendricks	Trustee	Present
Mollie Ward	Trustee	Present
Kent Lee	Trustee	Present
Tom Crumpler	Trustee	Present

Elected Officials / Staff Present: Deborah L. Skillrud, Township Supervisor; Steve Scudder, Township Assessor; and Leslie Smith-Yocum, Township Clerk

Public Comment

Jackie Beyer provided public comment.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

Board Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Board Member Montney, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Item 5.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the September 25, 2023 Regular Session of the City of Bloomington Township Board Meeting, as requested by the Township Clerk. *(Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)*

Item 5.B. Consideration and Action to Certify the September 2023 Statement of Funds for the General Town Administration Fund, General Assistance Fund, and Cemetery Fund, as requested by the Township Supervisor. *(Recommended Motion: The September 2023 Statement of Funds be certified.)*

Item 5.C. Consideration and Action to Approve the October 23, 2023 General Town Fund Request for Payment, as requested by the Township Supervisor. (*Recommended Motion: The October 23, 2023 Request for Payment be approved.*)

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns; Montney; Becker; Danenberger; Hendricks; Ward; Lee; Crumpler; Mwilambwe

Motion carried.

Board Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Board Member Montney, to allow Trustee Member Boelen to attend the meeting remotely due to medical reasons.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns; Montney; Becker; Danenberger; Hendricks; Ward; Lee; Crumpler; Mwilambwe

Motion carried.

Trustee Boelen joined the meeting remotely (5:33 P.M.).

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 6.A. Report on Change Order #6 for the COBT Office Renovation Project, as requested by the Township Supervisor.

Deb Skillrud, Township Supervisor, stated that she had no presentation to present.

The following item was presented:

Item 6.B. Report on Township as the Victim of Check Washing Fraud, as requested by the Township Supervisor.

Trustee Crumpler shared concern for the incident occurring and asked if additional security practices had been updated to prevent future occurrences. Supervisor Skillrud shared all the improved practices that had implemented.

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, and Trustee Mwilambwe discussed procedure.

The following item was presented:

Item 6.C. Consideration and Action to Approve the Estimated Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Levy for Tax Year 2023, as requested by the Township Supervisor. (*Recommended Motion: The Estimated Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Levy for Tax Year 2023 of \$2,351,600 be approved.*)

Board Member Ward made a motion, seconded by Board Member Hendricks, to approved Item 6.C. as presented.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns; Boelen; Montney; Becker; Danenberger; Hendricks; Ward; Lee; Crumpler; Mwilambwe

Motion carried.

Reports by Elected Officials

The following item was presented:

Item 7.A. Presentation and Discussion of the Township Supervisor's Report, as requested by the City of Bloomington Township.

Supervisor Skillrud reported that the Township is seeing an uptick in the number of people who are coming in needing assistance. She stated 126 applicants applied in September, up 20% from September of 2022. She reported that not all applicants are following through with providing the required documents to receive assistance. She continued by discussing things the Township is doing to try and assist them in gaining assistance.

Trustee Ward asked about issues that applicants were experiencing. Supervisor Skillrud shared that Cash App or other electronic forms of banking were not being reported correctly. They then discussed ways in which monies on hand or held electronically are required.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.B. Presentation and Discussion of the Township Assessor's Report, as requested by the City of Bloomington Township.

Steve Scudder, Township Assessor, stated that assessments were all complete. He shared that 27,000 properties were adjusted and shared that the County would also be adding a 2% to further adjust the assessments. He shared how a taxpayer can appeal their assessment should they feel necessary.

Trustee Montney asked whether it was typical for the County to overlay an increase. Assessor Scudder shared historical data, as well as other factors that impact the multiplier. She further asked Assessor Scudder to share how a multiplier works. He responded accordingly. They continued to discuss procedure regarding multipliers at the Township, County, and State level.

Adjournment

Board Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Board Member Crumpler, to adjourn the meeting.

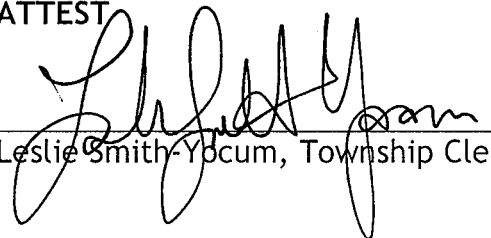
Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns; Boelen; Montney; Becker; Danenberger; Hendricks; Ward; Lee; Crumpler; Mwilambwe

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

ATTEST



Leslie Smith-Yocum, Township Clerk