



MINUTES
TOWNSHIP - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 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, August 28, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Mwilambwe and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

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

Public Hearing

The following item was presented:

Item 4.A. Public Hearing for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Amended budget, as requested by the City of Bloomington Township.

Trustee Mwilambwe opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M.

Township Supervisor Deb Skillrud confirmed there was no presentation.

Township Clerk Leslie Smith-Yocum opened the floor for public comment. No individuals came forward.

Trustee Kearns arrived at 5:33 P.M.

Trustee Mwilambwe closed the Public Hearing at 5:36 P.M.

Public Comment

Trustee Mwilambwe opened the meeting to receive public comment. Leslie Smith-Yocum, Township Clerk, reported that no one had registered to speak in person or had

submitted emailed public comment. Mrs. Yocum asked if anyone from the public wanted to provide public comment. No individuals came forward.

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.

Trustee Crumpler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boelen, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Item 6.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the July 24, 2023, Regular Session of the City of Bloomington Township Board Meeting, as requested by the Township Clerk.

Item 6.B. Consideration and Action to Certify the July 2023 Statement of Funds for the General Town Administration Fund, General Assistance Fund, and Cemetery Fund, as requested by the Township Supervisor.

Item 6.C. Consideration and Action to Approve the August 28, 2023 General Town Fund Request for Payments, as requested by the Township Supervisor.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 7.A. Presentation and Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Financial Report (aka Annual Audit), as requested by the Township Supervisor.

Township Supervisor Deb Skillrud introduced Rick Phillips and Andrew Beasley of Phillips and Associates, an Accounting Firm.

Trustee Lee arrived at 5:43 P.M.

Mr. Phillips provided a brief summary of the Annual Audit results, provided an overview of the audit process, and the positive working relationship with Township Management. He reported that revenues exceeded expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023.

Trustee Montney made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boelen, to accept the Item as presented.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.B. Presentation and Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Treasurer's Report, as requested by the Township Supervisor.

Supervisor Skillrud stated the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Treasurer's Report was provided to the Board and there was no additional presentation.

Trustee Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boelen, to accept the Item as presented.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.C. Consideration and Action on the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 Amended Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, as requested by the Township Supervisor.

Supervisor Skillrud stated the amended budget reflected additional interest income from the Illinois Funds' investments as well as increased expenses for furniture as part of the building renovation. She noted that the General Assistance fund also benefited from additional interest income.

Trustee Boelen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hendricks, to adopt the Item as presented.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.D. Facility Remodel Quote from Widmer Interiors for the Purchase of New Office Furniture, as requested by the Township Supervisor.

Supervisor Skillrud reported that the new furniture would last Township another 25 years.

Trustee Crumpler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boelen, to approve the Item as presented.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.E. Preauthorization to Execute Change Orders for the Facility Remodel Quote from Widmer Interiors, as requested by the Township Supervisor.

Trustee Boelen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hendricks, to approve the Item 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 8.A. Presentation and Discussion of the Township Supervisor's Report, as requested by the City of Bloomington Township.

Supervisor Skillrud reported an increase in Township assistance requests noting an increase in applications for the Housing Eviction Relief Effort ("HERE") Program from residents throughout McLean County. She noted that many rural townships did not offer a HERE program and she intended to reach out to them to offer assistance in establishing one.

The following item was presented:

Item 8.B. Presentation and Discussion of the Township Assessor's Report, as requested by the City of Bloomington Township.

Assessor Scudder reported that the Fiscal Year 2023 Equalized Assessed Value ("EAV") report had not been finalized and staff were working to level out the increases to EAVs to avoid McLean County Assessor's Office from applying a multiplier to the entire Township. He explained how EAVs were calculated and how it affected the homeowner.

Adjournment

Trustee Boelen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hendricks, 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


Amanda Stutsman, Deputy Township Clerk