

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 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 Township Clerk, Leslie Yocum, in-person in City Hall's Council Chambers at 5:45 p.m., Monday August 24, 2020. 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 remotely: Jamie Mathy, Donna Boelen, Mboka Mwilambwe, Julie Emig, Joni Painter, Jennifer Carrillo, Scott Black, Jeff Crabill, and Kim Bray

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

Staff present in-person: Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk.

Others presented remotely: Richard Phillips, outside auditor.

Action and Approval of Minutes of the July 27, 2020 Board Meetings, as presented.

Motion by Trustee Mathy, seconded by Trustee Black, 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, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

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

Motion by Trustee Mathy, seconded by Trustee Black, that the 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, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, and Bray.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Approval of the Audit Report for Fiscal Year April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020 as presented by Richard W. Phillips, CPA, to be accepted and placed on file.

Trustee Renner arrived at 5:48 p.m., participated remotely.

Richard Phillips, CPA, Phillips & Associates, CPAs, P.C., addressed the Board. He presented the Annual Financial Report. The Independent Auditor's Report was found on pages I – II. The Financial Statements followed, see pages 1- 5. The Township's Fund Balance at year end was \$2,445,000: General Town Fund = \$1,932,227, (unrestricted fund) and General Assistance = \$513,346 (restricted fund).

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery was a discrete component unit of the Township. The Cemetery's Fund Balance at year end was \$453,743. These funds are restricted, (only for cemetery purposes). He noted excess or deficiency of revenues over expenditure: General Town Fund = \$422, 539; General Assistance Fund = (\$125,622) and Evergreen Memorial Cemetery = (\$11,354).

No issues arose during the audit process. The only unusual portion of the audit was the impact COVID-19 on standard processing procedures. There were no in-person meetings. He welcomed questions from the Board. No questions were raised.

Trustee Mwilambwe welcomed Trustee Renner to the meeting. Trustee Renner became chair of the meeting.

Discussion of an Ordinance for Compensation for Township Officials 2021 – 2025.

Deb Skillrud, Supervisor, addressed the Board. The Board was required to adopt the Compensation Ordinance 180 days before the election of Supervisor, Assessor and Trustees. She reminded the Board compensation was for the position and not necessarily for the current elected officials. She requested Board feedback by September 18, 2020 in order for the Ordinance be adopted in compliance with the deadline.

Trustee Renner questioned if the compensation decision was for elected positions. Mrs. Skillrud responded affirmatively. She reminded the Board the Assessor and Supervisor salaries have been frozen for the last four years.

Trustee Black expressed his preference for salaries to mirror those of similar sized townships.

Trustee Mathy agreed with Trustee Black. He suggested reviewing Champaign and Peoria Townships' benefits package in addition to those provided in the Board packet.

Mrs. Skillrud stated that she could provide additional information via email. Trustee Mathy appreciated additional information addressing elected official salary and compensation.

Trustee Mathy inquired about the status of the Township Building's property condition assessment. Information would be needed before the next budget cycle. Mrs. Skillrud informed the Board that the Farnsworth Group, building designer, had been selected for this project. A proposal would be received in the near future with an estimated cost below \$20,000.

Ms. Skillrud noted recent changes within McLean County related to COVID – 19. Township staff were reconsidering in-person workfare program classes. The Township received approval for Local CURE Program and Federal Emergency Management Agency, (FEMA), expense reimbursement.

Steve Scudder, Assessor, was unable to address the Board due to technical difficulties.

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

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

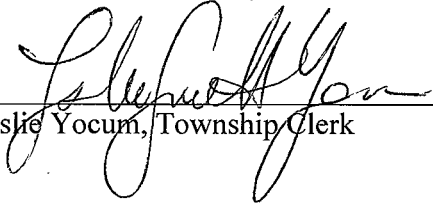
Trustee Renner directed the Township Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

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

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk