

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
MONDAY, JULY 27, 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 met both in-person in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building and virtually via Zoom conferencing at 5:45 p.m. on July 27, 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: Donna Boelen, Mboka Mwilambwe, Julie Emig, Joni Painter, Jennifer Carrillo, Jeff Crabill, Scott Black and Kim Bray.

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

Staff present: Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk.

Action and Approval of Minutes of the April 27, May 26, and June 29, 2020 Board Meetings, as presented.

Motion by Trustee Black, seconded by Trustee Boelen that the Minutes of the April 27, May 26 and June 29, 2020 Meetings be approved as presented.

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

Ayes: Trustees 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 June 2020 accounts as presented.

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

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

Ayes: Trustees 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 Black, seconded by Trustee Boelen, that the Audits be approved as presented.

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

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

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Second Amendment to the Settlement Agreement Between State Farm Mutual Automobile Company, the City of Bloomington Township, and Other Taxing Bodies in McLean County Regarding Assessed Value of Parcels Owned by State Farm for Tax Years 2020 - 2024. *Recommend approval, and the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.*

Deb Skillrud, Supervisor, addressed the Board. The item was similar to one approved five (5) years ago. It has limited impact on the Township therefore, the Board typically supports the action taken by District 87 and the City of Bloomington.

Trustees Bray and Crabill recused themselves at 5:49 p.m. as the item involved their employer. They left the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Boelen, seconded by Trustee Painter that the Agreement be approved, and the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

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

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

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Trustees Bray and Crabill returned to the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Mrs. Skillrud noted that the Board would begin discussion regarding setting the Supervisor and Assessor compensation for the new election cycle. She mentioned emergency services were needed as two (2) air conditioner units required immediate repairs. Also stated was the building's age, (i.e. seventeen year olds), and repairs were anticipated in the near future.

Trustee Crabill questioned the transfers of dollars from the General Town Fund to the CERP/COVID line item and to the General Assistance Fund. He also questioned the transfer timing. Mrs. Skillrud stated the money was approved to be transferred but would remain in an interest bearing account until the money is needed.

Trustee Mathy arrived at 5:54 p.m., (remotely).

Trustee Crabill noted that Township spent less in 2020 than in 2019 on General Assistance. Mrs. Skillrud explained the reduction in requests for assistance March and April 2020. She believed low income individuals, who would have received assistance in the past, were receiving Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) unemployment insurance. Due to COVID, the higher rate would disqualify them from Township assistance. Mrs. Skillrud stated in June 2020 the lower assistance amount requested may be attributed to reduced evictions due to the City of Bloomington's eviction moratorium through August 22, 2020.

Mrs. Skillrud noted that Steve Scudder, Assessor, was experiencing technical difficulties and was unable to address the Board. Through text communication, she spoke on Mr. Scudder's behalf to provide the Assessor's report. Mrs. Skillrud reported there was little assessed value increase for 2020. There were some minor adjustments to a few properties. The hope was to have the assessments published in early September.

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

Trustee Renner arrived at 5:56 p.m. (remotely).

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

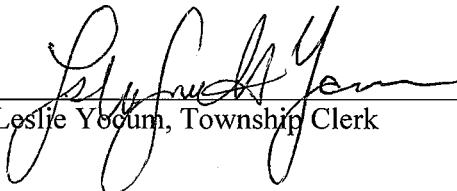
Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Township Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

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

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.



Leslie Yecum, Township Clerk