



MINUTES
TOWNSHIP - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 24, 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 the Performing Arts Auditorium at 5:30 p.m., Monday, July 24, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Mwilambwe.

Roll Call

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

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

Public Comment

No emailed or in-person public comment was received.

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

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

Item 5.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the June 26, 2023, Regular Session of the City of Bloomington Township Board Meeting, as requested by the Township Clerk.

Township Clerk Leslie Yocum explained a scrivener's error in the minutes and asked the Board to approve as amended.

Item 5.B. Consideration and Action to Certify the June 2023 Statement of Funds for the General Town Administration Fund, General Assistance Fund, and Cemetery Fund, as requested by the Township Supervisor.

Item 5.C. Consideration and Action to Approve the July 24, 2023 General Town Fund Request for Payments, as requested by the Township Supervisor.

Regular Session

The following item was presented:

Item 6.A. Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment, as requested by the Township Supervisor.

Township Supervisor Deb Skillrud discussed the budget amendment, noting the better-than-expected investment returns, which provides funding for the purchase of office furniture.

The following item was presented:

Item 6.B. Report on Change Order #1 and Change Order #2 for the COBT Office Renovation project, as requested by the Township Supervisor.

Township Supervisor Skillrud discussed the Change Orders, one of which resulted in a decrease in costs due to some renovations that were not pursued, and the other, which showed a cost increase, resulting in a net overall decrease.

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.

Township Supervisor Skillrud noted a significant increase in applicants due to funds no longer available through Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). She commented to an ongoing issue with individuals not completing their applications and submitting the required documentation, and that staff is doing everything they can to assist. She then provided an update on the building renovation. Trustee Hendricks and Township Supervisor Skillrud discussed the \$3,000 cap for individuals and \$150,000 in total Housing Eviction Relief Effort (HERE) Program funds Township could disperse for the year.

Trustee Crumpler and Supervisor Skillrud discussed assistance provided to residents in other municipalities through Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA). Supervisor Skillrud explained rural municipalities do not see the same number of applicants for General Assistance, so via the IGA, Township Staff processes their applications for which Township receives an administrative fee. She noted Township only works with other townships within McLean County.

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.

Township Assessor Scudder discussed the various homestead and non-homestead tax exemptions available to property owners, keeping in mind that as more exemptions are claimed, the tax burden is shifted to other property owners who might not otherwise qualify for an exemption.

Adjournment

Board Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Board Member Becker, to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 P.M.


Amanda Stutsman, Deputy Township Clerk