

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020; 5:30 P.M.

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Trustee Renner 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, Jeff Crabill, Kim Bray, and Tari Renner.

Trustee present remotely via telephone: Scott Black.

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

Staff present: Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk.

Public Hearing of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 Budget Amendment.

Trustee Renner opened the Public Hearing. No one came forward to address the Board.

Trustee Renner welcomed questions and comments from the Board. No questions or comments were brought forward.

Trustee Renner closed the Public Hearing at 5:32 p.m.

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Staff present: Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk.

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

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

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.

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

Motion by Trustee Mathy, seconded by Trustee Emig that the Anticipated Expenditures be approved as presented.

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.

Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 - 2021 Amended Budget Ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Crabill, seconded by Trustee Black, that the FY 2020 - 2021 Amended Budget Ordinance be passed and approved.

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.

Approval of the Ordinance authorizing the creation and implementation of the Community Emergency Response Program, (CERP), for eligible residents of the City of Bloomington Township.

Motion by Trustee Boelen, seconded by Trustee Bray, that the Ordinance Authorizing the Creation and Implementation of a CERP for Eligible Residents of the City of Bloomington Township be passed and approved.

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.

Mrs. Skillrud informed the Board there was a decline in COVID related calls for assistance and an increase in non-COVID related General Assistance applications. Mrs. Skillrud informed the Board she would provide assistance data statistics.

Trustee Mathy questioned if the partnership with United Way resulted in more people becoming aware of Township and its programs then in the past. Mrs. Skillrud responded affirmatively. Trustee Mathy questioned if the Coalition's approach to aid has been successful. Mrs. Skillrud responded affirmatively. She forecasted an increase in need in fourth quarter of the year.

Trustee Carrillo requested Mrs. Skillrud explain the qualifications of CERP and how citizens could apply. Mrs. Skillrud listed the qualifications as follows: 1.) citizen of Bloomington for at least three months from application submission date; 2.) under 200% of income; 3.) hold a government identification or valid driver's license; 4.) be financially unable to alleviate the financial burden due to COVID - 19; 5.) work related expense is applicable, but not required; and 6.) must be 18 years of age.

Trustee Carrillo requested clarification of income qualifications. Mrs. Skillrud responded Township GA/EA income guideline is set at 100% federal poverty level. CERP income guideline is set at 200% federal poverty level. She provided an example of a family of four at a 200% federal poverty level was considered at or less than an annual income of \$52,400

Trustee Carrillo noted CERP would catch individuals who were not near the poverty level but were affected by COVID - 19 and required assistance. She questioned if the immigrant population would qualify for CERP. Mrs. Skillrud responded negatively. She stated the Board would need to provide direction to aid individuals who do not have a social security number. The Immigration Project has been in the local news and it has programs to assist these individuals.

Trustee Bray thanked Mrs. Skillrud for her work with the Community Coalition. She informed the community Mrs. Skillrud was acknowledged by the Community Coalition and was appreciated for her work on the Unified Application for Assistance.

Trustee Crabill expressed concern regarding submission of supportive documentation for assistance. Township staff worked with applicants to ensure their application was complete. Mrs. Skillrud responded affirmatively and added that, historically, applicants struggle with providing supportive documentation. Township staff strive to assist applicants with calls, emails and faxes to other agencies and landlords to directly acquire proper documentation for the applicant.

Steve Scudder, Assessor, addressed the Board. The Assessor Report was included in the packet. There was not a significant change in the past few years for total tax rate comparisons. He noted a slight increase in the City of Bloomington/s tax rate from last year to this year.

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

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

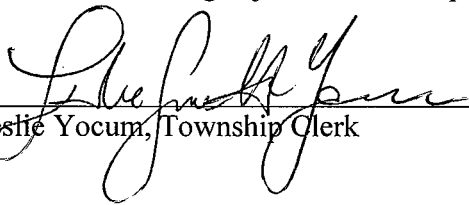
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Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray, and Renner.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk