



**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION OF THE TOWN OF
THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022, 5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington convened in regular session with Trustee Mboka Mwilambwe and Township Clerk, Leslie Yocum, in the Government Center Chambers at 5:30 p.m., Monday, May 23, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Mwilambwe.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: Donna Boelen, Sheila Montney, Julie Emig (Arrived 5:37 p.m.), Nick Becker, De Urban, Mollie Ward, Tom Crumpler, and Mboka Mwilambwe

Trustees Absent: Grant Walch, Jeff Crabill

Elected Officials Present: Deborah L. Skillrud, Township Supervisor, and Steve Scudder, Township Assessor

Staff Present: Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk

Consent Agenda

It is recommended that all items listed under the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. All items under the Consent Agenda are routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Trustee or Township Supervisor so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately and prior to Reports by Elected Officials.

Trustee Boelen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Becker, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below, be approved as presented.

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

AYES: Boelen, Montney, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crumpler, Mwilambwe

Motion carried.

Item 4.A. Consideration and action to approve of the Minutes of the April 25, 2022, Board Meeting as requested by the Township Clerk Department (Recommended Motion: The April 25, 2022, Board Meeting minutes be approved.)

Item 4.B. Consideration and action to certify the April 2022 Statement of Funds for the General Town Administration Fund, General Assistance Fund, and Cemetery Fund as requested by the Township Supervisor (Recommended Motion: The April 2022 Statement of Funds be certified.)

Item 4.C. Consideration and action to approve the May 23, 2022, General Town Fund Request for Payments as requested by the Township Supervisor (Recommended Motion: The May 23, 2022, Request for Payments be approved.)

Regular Agenda

The following items were presented:

Item 5.A. Adopt the Revised Purchasing Policy as necessitated by HB 4251 signed by Governor JB Pritzker on May 6, 2022, effective immediately as requested by the Township Supervisor (Recommended Motion: The Revised Purchasing Policy be adopted.)

Supervisor Deb Skillrud noted that Trustee Crabill identified inconsistencies in the proposed purchasing policy language. She stated that the Board received a revised copy of the document prior to the meeting.

Trustee Boelen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Becker, that the Revised Purchasing Policy be adopted as amended.

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

AYES: Boelen, Montney, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crumpler, Mwilambwe

Motion carried.

Item 5.B. Consider the Change Order and Resolution for the South side Parking Lot Improvements (Recommended Motion: The Change Order with Stark Excavating, Inc. for Parking Lot Improvements in the amount of \$30,000.00 be approved, the Resolution adopted, and the Supervisor be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)

Trustee Boelen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Montney, that the Change Order with Stark Excavating, Inc. for Parking Lot Improvements in the amount of \$30,000.00 be approved, the Resolution adopted, and the Supervisor be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

Trustee Boelen and Supervisor Deb Skillrud discussed the probability that the previous parking lot deterioration was from the underlayment.

Township Clerk, Leslie Yocum, clarified the motion.

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

AYES: Boelen, Montney, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crumpler, Mwilambwe

Motion carried.

Reports by Elected Officials

Comments: Deb Skillrud, Township Supervisor

Township Supervisor Skillrud addressed the Board and reported that May was a slow month for Township General Assistance and Township Emergency Assistance. She noted that Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) would pause their funding source until September which could cause an increase in applications for assistance. She reported the continued success of the

Promoting Others to Succeed (POTS) program and encouraged the community to continue to recycle items for horticulture.

Trustee Emig arrived at 5:37 p.m.

Comments: Steve Scudder, Township Assessor

Township Assessor Scudder addressed the Board and discussed the trend of properties selling over value which required adjustments to the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) rates.

Trustee Boelen asked if Township Assessor Scudder anticipated additional challenges as a result of the trend. He responded that it would cause large adjustments to be made. They then discussed the process of how staff kept EAV in line with property values.

Trustee Urban and Township Assessor Scudder discussed the frequency of adjustments and the timeline residents had to appeal. Trustee Urban then asked how much the adjustments could be. Township Assessor Scudder stated that it varied by individual neighborhoods, and he briefly discussed how commercial properties affected figures. He reported that McLean County reported an overall increase and how Township staff worked to ensure that assessments were kept fair and level across neighborhoods.

Trustee Urban noted that in light of other increases residents would face, she preferred to discuss hard numbers on taxes in the future to allow the Board to be proactive verses reactive. Township Assessor Scudder clarified that taxing bodies set the tax rates and that he only reported on EAV. He provided a brief overview of the steady increase of EAV over the past three years.

Public Comment

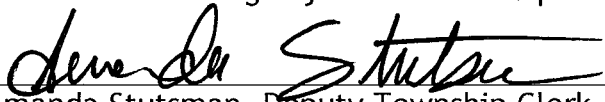
Trustee Mwilambwe opened the meeting to receive public comment. Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk, reported that no one had registered to speak live or had submitted emailed public comment.

Adjournment

Trustee Boelen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Becker, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously (Viva Voce).

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.


Amanda Stutsman, Deputy Township Clerk