

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020; 5:30 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 5:30 p.m. on April 27, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Renner.

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, Scott Black, Jeff Crabill, Kim Bray, and Tari Renner.

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

Staff physically present: Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk.

Trustee Renner requested Deborah Skillrud, Supervisor, provide a COVID - 19 update. Mrs. Skillrud addressed the Board. An explanation the Township's three (3) budgetary funds, their revenue streams and expenditure restrictions was addressed. The Township had been advised by accounting and legal professionals not to zero out fund balances. She explained Township services, noting programs that were statutorily required. There were procedures, qualifications on fund disbursements, and how COVID - 19 affected applicants.

Trustee Renner questioned if dollars were available in the General Town Fund. Mrs. Skillrud responded there were eight, (8), months budgeted expenses available.

Trustee Black questioned what level of government statutes regulated townships. Mrs. Skillrud stated the Township's primary guiding statutes were issued by the state with a limited number at the federal level. Trustee Black requested clarification regarding Board authority and elected officials influence on township structure. Mrs. Skillrud responded neither the Board, nor the elected township officials were able to change township structured. Trustee Black inquired if a separate account was required to provide additional assistance beyond the current statutes governing township practices. Mrs. Skillrud responded affirmatively.

Trustee Boelen requested a comparison of aid between March and April, 2019 and 2020. Mrs. Skillrud responded affirmatively.

Trustee Carrillo questioned if the City were to provide COVID - 19 recovery grant funds for the Township to disperse, would the City determine the parameters and qualifications of recipients. Mrs. Skillrud responded affirmatively.

Trustee Crabill confirmed specific fund amounts within the proposed amended budget and the recipient's qualifications to receive financial assistance. He inquired if the Township would be able to meet residents' needs due to COVID - 19 related circumstances. Ms. Skillrud responded Township would meet the needs as determined by eligibility criteria.

Trustee Emig noted differences between citizens that applied for assistance in 2019 compared to 2020. She believed applicants in 2020 would need more long-term assistance due to COVID - 19. Mrs. Skillrud agreed and added many COVID - 19 related applicants were ineligible as their income before COVID - 19 was higher than allowed. Applicants who did not qualify would be referred to Mid Central Community Action or City of Bloomington.

Approval of Minutes of the February 24 and March 23, 2020 Board Meetings and March 26, 2020 Rescheduled Public Hearing and Board Meeting, as submitted by Leslie Yocum, Town Clerk.

Motion by Trustee Mathy, seconded by Trustee Carrillo, that the Minutes of the February 24 and March 23, 2020 Board Meetings and the Minutes of the March 26, 2020 Rescheduled Public Hearing and Board Meeting 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.

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

Motion by Trustee Mathy, seconded by Trustee Carrillo 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 Carrillo 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.

Courtesy copy of Annual Statement of Receipts & Expenditures (Unaudited) for Fiscal Year 2019 scheduled for the Annual Town Meeting on April 14, 2020. *(The Annual Town Meeting will be rescheduled to a future date due to COVID – 19. On April 7, 2020, Executive Order 2020 – 22, Executive Order in Response to COVID – 19 (COVID – 19 Executive Order No. 20), Section 1. Suspends the Annual Town Meeting for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation.)*

Trustee Renner explained this item was for review only and no action required.

Mrs. Skillrud addressed the Board. She stated the POTS recycle program's collection bins had opened earlier that day. The program eliminated over nine, (9), tons of waste from the landfill between 2019 and 2020.

Steve Scudder, Assessor, addressed the Board. No changes had been made to property value assessments due to COVID - 19. He anticipated an increase in property tax appeals due to COVID – 19. Any questions regarding real estate tax payments were referred to the McLean County Treasurer.

Trustee Carrillo left at 5:53 p.m.

Trustee Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. No one had registered to address the Board.

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

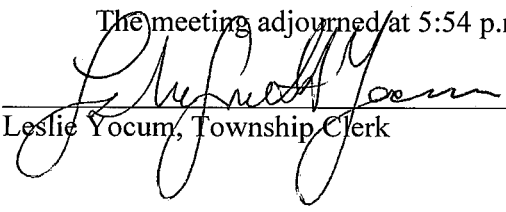
Trustee Renner directed the Township Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

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

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.



Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk