

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Leslie Yocum, Town Clerk, in the in the Government Center Chambers, 4th floor, Room #400 of the Government Center Building, 115 E. Washington St., at 6:00 p.m. on April 12, 2022 for the Annual Town Meeting. She requested everyone rise and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Yocum introduced Deborah Skillrud, Township Supervisor, and Steve Scudder, Township Assessor.

Mrs. Yocum asked for nominations for a meeting Moderator.

Stephanie Uzueta nominated David Stanczak as Moderator.

Mrs. Yocum closed nominations for Moderator at 6:02 p.m. and asked for a motion for Moderator.

Motion by Stephanie Uzueta, seconded by Jennifer Curtis, that David Stanczak be elected Moderator.

Motion carried (Viva voce).

David Stanczak came forward and was given the Oath of Office as Moderator by Mrs. Yocum.

Mr. Stanczak opened the Town Meeting. He welcomed those in attendance and reminded them that the Annual Town Meeting's decision makers were the electors (i.e., registered voters) of the City of Bloomington Township. He pointed out that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes for the April 13, 2021 Annual Town Meeting. He asked whether there were any additions, deletions, or suggested corrections to the minutes.

No corrections were noted.

Motion by Stephanie Uzueta, seconded by Jennifer Curtis, that the Minutes of the April 12, 2021 Annual Town Meeting be approved as presented.

Motion carried (Viva voce).

He then called Deborah Skillrud, Township Supervisor, forward to provide her report.

Supervisor Skillrud began by commenting to the impacts of Covid-19 and was proud to share that the Township had stayed open throughout. She complimented her staff for making it possible and stressed how they truly value the work they do for the community. She introduced

her staff and shared their length of service to the Township: Stephanie Uzueta (21 years), Catherine Davis (18.5 years), Tammie Turner (16.5 years), Tom Maruna (12.5 years), Jennifer Curtiss (3 years), and Debbie Stilwell (6 months). She then thanked Town Clerk, Leslie Yocum, and Deputy Town Clerk, Amanda Stutsman, for their assistance. She explained Mrs. Yocum and Mrs. Stutsman's dual roles with City of Bloomington and the City of Bloomington Township, and then proceeded to provide an overview of the two government agencies. She made comparisons with the rural township, the Bloomington Township, and described the makeup of the City of Bloomington Township Board. Mrs. Skillrud broke down the work handled and provided by Township per State statute and introduced the Trustee Board members present at the meeting, as well as those not present.

She spent a good amount of time describing in detail the impacts of Covid-19 on the Township and the residents in which it serves. She stressed the vulnerability of low-income individuals in particular during Covid-19, and commented to the vast amount of recovery time that would be needed for the community to rebound fully. She was proud of all the Township was able to accomplish over the last year and moved on to provide an overview of the General Town Fund, the levy, and walk through projects to improve the building in which the Township is located. She thanked Farnsworth for all their efforts in helping to provide a vision and project scopes for the improvements. She described the long-term plan and gave insight into expectations and process.

Supervisor Skillrud discussed a variety of partnerships in the community, contracts passed by the Board throughout the year, and other funding opportunities pursued. She highlighted programs and funding available to the community and described in detail requirements necessary to receive assistance. She was very thorough discussing ways in which the Township had been clever to find new ways amidst difficult Covid-19 times and shared how she and her team would continue making smart decisions to ensure the Township's success. She moved on to introduce the three voluntary board members on the Evergreen Cemetery Board bragging about the members and their dedication to their work. She expressed gratitude for each of them as she moved on to discuss legislative matters.

Supervisor Skillrud provided legislative updates and shared a variety of programs she is working on in an effort to increase Township funds. She went through eligibility criteria, ideas, and potential next steps for lobbying opportunities. She wrapped up by emphasizing the large impact the Township makes on participants and reminded attendees of her availability and willingness to serve them.

Mr. Stanczak then called Steven Scudder, Township Assessor, forward to provide his report.

Assessor Scudder provided a brief overview of the City of Bloomington Township and introduced his staff present. He then described the Township's tax cycle and the information used to discover, describe, and assess properties within the City of Bloomington. He moved on to discuss 2018 Equalized Median Ratios and made a comparison to state recommendations stating that the Township had nearly a perfect analysis. He discussed sales throughout the year including lis pendens and foreclosures. He continued by reviewing adjustments made to assessed values, complaints made to the Board of Review, the County's multiplier of 1, and the EAV (Equalized

Assessed Value) total. He finished by showing tax dollars given to each school district, listed the highest tax contributors in the City, and pointed out the website available to citizens for additional information.

Supervisor Skillrud retook the floor and presented Mr. Stanczak with a Certificate of Appreciation for his repeated service in performing the duties and responsibilities of moderator for the City of Bloomington Township Annual Town Meeting for the years 2008 through 2022.

Moderator Stanczak spoke fondly about participating as Moderator and stressed the importance of the Township and the process of the annual meeting. He then opened the meeting to receive public comment. Curt Oyer provided public comment.

Moderator Stanczak moved on to ask for a motion to set the date and time of the next Annual Town Meeting.

Motion by Stephanie Uzueta, seconded by Jennifer Curtis, to set the next Annual Town Meeting for April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

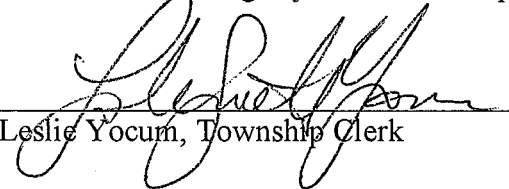
Motion carried (Viva voce).

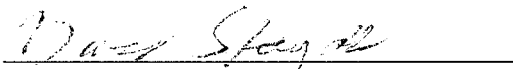
Moderator Stanczak stated that there was no additional business to be addressed and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Stephanie Uzueta, seconded by Denise Williams, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.


Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk


David Stanczak, Moderator