

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Leslie Yocum, Town Clerk, in the Government Center Boardroom, 4th floor, Room #400 of the Government Center Building, 115 E. Washington St., at 6:00 p.m. on April 11, 2023 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.

Debbie Stilwell 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 Debbie Stilwell, seconded by Jennifer Curtiss, that David Stanczak be elected Moderator.

Motion carried (Viva voce).

Mrs. Yocum welcomed David Stanczak as Moderator and asked him to come forward. She then administered him the Oath of Office as Moderator to which he accepted.

Mr. Stanczak opened the Town Meeting. He shared how much he enjoyed attending and participating in the Township meeting. He complimented all those who work for and attend Township meetings. He stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes for the April 12, 2022 Annual Town Meeting. He mentioned that copies of the minutes had been made available and asked whether there were any additions, deletions, or suggested corrections to the minutes.

No corrections were noted.

Motion by Stephanie Uzueta, seconded by Tom Crumpler, that the Minutes of the April 12, 2022 Annual Town Meeting be approved as presented.

Motion carried (Viva voce).

Mr. Stanczak stated that the Annual Statement of Receipts & Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 (unaudited) had also been made available for review. He asked if anyone present looked to discuss the Statement.

No one spoke up.

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

Assessor Scudder introduced his staff despite them being present. He recognized a staff member that had retired since the last Annual Town Meeting, Terry Joyce, and complimented her long-standing commitment to the Township for 20+ years. He then provided a brief overview of the City of Bloomington Township and discussed assessments, as well as median ratios. He then described the process used to establish assessment providing specific market sales in particular areas of the City. He continued by reviewing adjustments made to assessed values, discussed the County's multiplier of 1.257, as well as the number of complaints made to the Board of Review being down. He talked about commercial properties and their valuing in detail, and discussed the EAV (Equalized Assessed Value) total. He reminded those present about the Assessor's website and then thanked his staff for the work throughout the year.

Curt Oyer (Joe Gibson) asked the question of how the State and County knew if the Assessments recommended by the Assessor were appropriate or not. Mr. Oyer and Assessor Scudder then discussed the State of Illinois being a full disclosure sales price State and the State making comparisons to sales prices for additional evaluation.

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

Supervisor Skillrud began by introducing Township Board member present, Tom Crumpler. She then introduced her staff: Catherine Davis, Comptroller; Debbie Stillwell; Stephanie Uzueta; Jennifer Curtiss; and Tammy Turner. She commented to the longevity and experience they each bring to her team. She then recognized the Cemetery Board present: Joe Gibson, as well as the Cemetery staff: Misty Porter.

She moved on to walkthrough Township financials and the Annual Statement including improvements made during the year, as well coming up. She discussed the annual audit completed, which resulted in no issues or discrepancies. She talked about services offered by the Township, processes taken internally, and then comparisons that resulted over last year's assistance provided.

Supervisor Skillrud shared details about various Township programs and explained how her team assists applicants in problem solving and getting them the assistance they need. She mentioned issues that might be experienced, as well as innovative ways her team vets issues and directs the applicant to additional assistance opportunities locally and, in some instances, at the State level. She mentioned pending legislation that could be helpful in the future if approved.

She talked about local organizations the Township assists and shared ideas in how she could better partner/serve them in the future. She moved on to discuss additional workfare programs. She discussed partnerships with the City of Bloomington and AB Hatchery to further programming and benefit the community.

Supervisor Skillrud then walked through many elements of the Evergreen Cemetery its functions, events, large purchases, etc. She moved on to discuss future goals of the Township (1) Hire a part-time Workfare Coordinator; (2) Complete renovations and remodeling of the Township building; (3) Redevelopment of Wellness Day; (4) Provide an Identity Theft Class; (5) Provide clothing options for General Assistance clients; (6) Partner with City of Bloomington on development of a shelter at the East Street Basin; (7) Provide lockers for homeless clients; (8) Development of Senior Health Program; (9) Create a SOAR Council Program; and (10) Decennial Meeting Rollout

Tom Crumpler complimented the importance of the Township and thanked Supervisor Skillrud and her team for the work they provide the community.

Moderator Stanczak then opened the meeting to receive public comment. Curt Oyer provided public comment.

Supervisor Skillrud commented to the Township saving for upcoming remodeling projects.

Moderator Stanczak then asked for a motion to set the date and time of the next Annual Town Meeting.

Motion by Debbie Stilwell, seconded by Denise Williams, to set the next Annual Town Meeting for April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

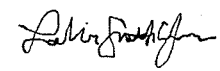
Motion carried (Viva voce).

Moderator Stanczak stated that the meeting had been set. He then asked for a motion to adjourn.

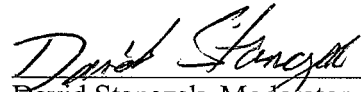
Motion by Jennifer Curtiss, seconded by Tom Crumpler, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk



David Stanczak, Moderator