

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Leslie Yocum, Interim Town Clerk, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, 109 E. Olive St., at 6:01 p.m. on April 9, 2019 for the Annual Town Meeting. She requested everyone rise and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 920.

Mrs. Yocum introduced: Deborah Skillrud, Supervisor; Steve Scudder, Assessor; Karen Schmidt and Joni Painter, Board Trustees.

Motion by Stephanie Uzueta, seconded by Karen Schmidt, that David Stanczak be nominated as Moderator.

The Chair called for further nominations from the Floor. There were no further nominations.

Motion by Stephanie Uzueta, seconded by Karen Schmidt, that David Stanczak be elected Moderator by acclamation.

Motion carried. (viva voce)

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

Mr. Stanczak opened the Annual Town Meeting. He welcomed citizens in attendance and reminded them that the Annual Town Meeting's decision makers were the electors, (i.e. registered voters). The first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes for the April 10, 2018 Annual Town Meeting and the July 17, 2018 Special Meeting. He questioned if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to these minutes.

Deb Skillrud noted that Mr. Stanczak's name had been misspelled and another name was incorrect in the motion to adjourn, (changed Fitzpatrick to Fitzgerald) on the Annual Town Meeting minutes. These would be considered scrivener's error.

Mr. Stanczak questioned if there were any further corrections to the minutes. No other corrections were noted.

Motion by Karen Schmidt, seconded by Joni Painter, that the Minutes of the April 10, 2018 Annual Town Meeting as corrected and July 17, 2018 Special Meeting as presented be approved.

Motion carried. (viva voce)

Mr. Stanczak introduced Steve Scudder, Assessor, who came forward to provide his report.

Mr. Scudder provided a brief overview of City of Bloomington Township. He introduced his staff members present. A description of the property tax cycle and information used to discover, describe, and assess properties within the City of Bloomington was provided. Presentation of 2018 Equalized Median Ratios with a comparison to State recommendations showed the Township had performed a nearly perfect analysis. Real estate sales throughout the year including lis pendens and foreclosure filings were presented. A review of adjustments to assessed values, appeals filed with the Board of Review, the County's multiplier of 1, and the EAV, (Equalized Assessed Value), total was provided. In closing, property tax dollars levied by each school district, a list of the highest property tax payers in the City, and the website available to citizens for additional information were addressed.

Mr. Stanczak introduced Deborah Skillrud, Supervisor, who came forward to provide her report.

Mrs. Skillrud provided an overview of the Town of the City of Bloomington a/k/a City of Bloomington Township. It was compared to rural Bloomington Township. The City Township Board consisted of the City of Bloomington Mayor and Aldermen. The two Board Trustees present and Interim Township Clerk were introduced. The roles and responsibilities given to Township government by State statute were addressed. Township government does not duplicate functions of federal, state, or other local governments.

Changes had occurred during the year regarding John M. Scott Health Resources Fund. Township staff was introduced. The unaudited financial report was presented. Cemetery expenses had increased. The property tax levy increased by \$100,000, in preparation for future repairs/maintenance to the Township building and parking lot. General Assistance (GA) and Emergency Assistance (EA) is provided to address basic or maintenance needs of the clients. There was a decline in service request experienced in November and December 2019. She believed a better economy might have had an impact. In addition, there were utility shutoff moratoriums in place during the winter. EA service information was also presented. Due to the Affordable Care Act, (ACA), the Township no longer provided coverage for medical care costs.

An overview of GA was given. Individuals who later qualify for Social Security are required to repay the Township for funds distributed on their behalf. If no other source of assistance is available, it becomes the Township's responsibility. The importance of the POTS, (Promoting Others To Succeed), program was stated. The program focused on essential skill sets and employability. The program made an impact on the participants and local landfills by recycling plastic landscaping pots.

A number of grants were offered by the Township. There had been changes at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery including: 1.) staffing; 2.) carving dedications, and 3.) upcoming events. The Bloomington Public Library was acknowledged for their contributions throughout the year, (i.e. hosting GA client classes). A list of classes offered to GA clients was stated. In closing, FY 2020 goals were provided.

Moderator Stanczak commended the meeting, as well as the purpose and importance of the Township government. He opened the meeting to receive public comment. No one came forward to address the group.

Moderator Stanczak requested a motion to set the date and time for the 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion by Stephanie Uzueta, seconded by Karen Schmidt, to set the next Annual Town Meeting on April 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried. (viva voce)

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

Motion by Karen Schmidt, seconded by Joni Painter, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried. (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Leslie Yocum
Leslie Yocum, Interim Township Clerk

by Tracy Carut
Acting Township
Clerk

David Stanczak
David Stanczak, Moderator