

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020; 5:45 P.M.

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building at 5:46 p.m. on March 23, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Renner.

This meeting was conducted under Executive Order 2002 – 07, Executive Order in Response to COVID – 19, Section 6 which suspended in-person attendance under the Open Meeting Act, 5 ILCS 120.

Trustee Renner directed the Township Clerk to call the roll and the following members of the Board answered present:

Trustees present physically: Donna Boelen and Tari Renner

Trustees present remotely via telephone: Jamie Mathy, Mboka Mwilambwe, Julie Emig, Joni Painter, Jennifer Carrillo, Scott Black, Jeff Crabill, and Kim Bray.

Elected officials present remotely via telephone: Deborah L. Skillrud, Supervisor and Steve Scudder, Assessor.

Staff present physically: Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk.

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

Motion by Trustee Carrillo, seconded by Trustee Boelen, that the Audits be approved as presented.

Trustee Renner directed the 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 Carrillo, seconded by Trustee Boelen, that the Anticipated Expenditures be approved as presented.

Trustee Renner directed the 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.

Deborah Skillrud, Supervisor, addressed the Board. She stressed the Public Hearing on the budget and a vote on Budget Ordinance needed to be held by March 31, 2020. In addition, the essential items for the April 27th meeting included the monthly financial report, (monthly audit and anticipated expenditures), and an ordinance for line item appropriation transfers for fiscal year 2020.

Board discussion regarding audio issues with the remote streaming of the meeting.

Trustee Black inquired what steps the Township had taken in response to COVID - 19. Mrs. Skillrud presented the various measures being taken.

Trustee Carrillo questioned what procedures were in place to offer additional funds or assistance during COVID - 19. She specifically inquired whether the City Council could grant funds to the Township to be distributed on behalf of the City. Mrs. Skillrud believed if a grant was issued, the Township would be able to administer disbursement. The Township was required to disburse emergency assistance in compliance with state statutes and regulations. She was interested in collaborating with the City to provide additional assistance.

Trustee Bray queried whether the Township had received request for assistance due to COVID - 19. Mrs. Skillrud responded affirmatively. Several requests had been received during the orientation process. There had not been any formal applications to date. Trustee Bray requested more specific information. As a formal application had not been received, she was unable to provide additional information regarding the nature of requests. She offered to send COVID - 19 related request reports to the Board.

Trustee Mathy requested daily reports. Mrs. Skillrud stated daily reports would be a challenge and presented other options.

Trustee Bray recommended the report be based on applications received. Mrs. Skillrud provided additional insight pointing out information the Board was interested in capturing. The report of all COVID - 19 related interests would provide a fuller picture of community needs. Trustee Bray confirmed interest in understanding actual needs being requested. Mrs. Skillrud would amend procedures to distinguish COVID-19.

Trustee Carrillo wanted more information than a report on the number applications. She believed individuals with salaries the Township would not generally serve would not be reported. Mrs. Skillrud assured the Board that her procedure would report the information accurately. The Township was available to help.

Trustee Renner confirmed the request and clarified procedures.

Trustee Bray thanked Mrs. Skillrud for clarifying. COVID-19 information would be helpful in evaluating what assistance was necessary.

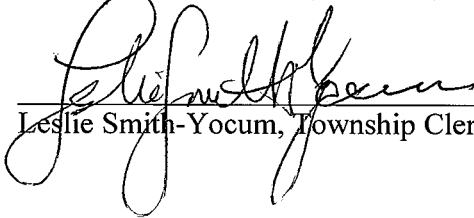
Trustee Emig wondered if Mrs. Skillrud was aware of any statewide efforts to address needs during COVID-19. Mrs. Skillrud responded negatively. She presented areas of anticipated greater need.

Steve Scudder, Assessor, addressed the Board. Property tax bills would be mailed on May 1, 2020. At this time, there were no plans to extend the June and September payment due dates. There had been little growth in residential construction over last year.

Trustee Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. No one came forward to address the Board.

Motion by Trustee Boelen, seconded by Trustee Black to adjourn. Time: 6:16 p.m.

Motion carried (viva voce).



Leslie Smith-Yocum, Township Clerk