



**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION OF THE TOWN OF
THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022, 5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington convened in regular session virtually via Zoom conferencing with Trustee Mboka Mwilambwe and Deputy Township Clerk, Amanda Stutsman, in the Government Center Chambers at 5:30 p.m., Monday, February 28, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Mwilambwe.

Roll Call

Trustees Present In-Person: Mboka Mwilambwe, Mollie Ward, and Jeff Crabill

Trustees Present Remotely: Jamie Mathy, Donna Boelen, Sheila Montney, Julie Emig, Nick Becker, De Urban, and Tom Crumpler.

Staff Present In-Person: Amanda Stutsman, Deputy Township Clerk.

Elected Officials Present Remotely: Deborah L. Skillrud, Township Supervisor, and Steve Scudder, Township Assessor.

Consent Agenda

It is recommended that all items listed under the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. All items under the Consent Agenda are routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Trustee or Township Supervisor so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately and prior to Reports by Elected Officials.

Trustee Crabill made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boelen, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below, be approved as presented.

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

AYES: Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler, Mwilambwe

ABSENT: Mathy

Motion carried.

Item 4.A. Consideration and action to approve of the Minutes of the January 24, 2022, Board Meeting as requested by the Township Clerk Department (Recommended Motion: The January 24, 2022, Board Meeting minutes be approved.)

Item 4.B. Consideration and action to certify the January 2022 Statement of Funds for the General Town Administration Fund, General Assistance Fund, and Cemetery Fund as requested by the Township Supervisor (Recommended Motion: The January 2022 Statement of Funds be certified.)

Item 4.C. Consideration and action to approve the February 28, 2022, General Town Fund Request for Payments as requested by the Township Supervisor (Recommended Motion: The February 28, 2022, Request for Payments be approved.)

Item 4.D. Consideration and action to adopt the Proposed Agenda for the April 12, 2022, Annual Town Meeting as requested by the Township Supervisor (Recommended Motion: The proposed Agenda for the April 12, 2022, Annual Town Meeting be adopted.)

Trustee Mathy joined the meeting virtually at 5:32 p.m.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Consideration and action to approve the First Amendment to Workfare Agreement between 1900 College Avenue, LLC & the City of Bloomington Township as recommended by the Township Supervisor.

Trustee Boelen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Ward, that the First Amendment to the Workfare Agreement be approved, and the Supervisor and Township Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

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

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Montney, Emig, Becker, Urban, Ward, Crabill, Crumpler, Mwilambwe

Motion carried.

Reports by Elected Officials

Comments: Deb Skillrud, Township Supervisor

Township Supervisor Skillrud addressed the Board and reported that Township received the full amount of \$17,181.37 submitted to the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Local CURE Program (Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency) for expenses related to personal protection equipment (PPE) and additional supplies related to COVID-19.

Trustee Crabill commented on the amount expended on General Assistance in January 2022, noting that Township disbursed less in 2020 and 2021, and asked if Supervisor Skillrud would explain why that was and if that trend would continue.

Supervisor Skillrud responded that 2020 and 2021 expenditures were lower than anticipated during COVID-19 because individuals received assistance from other federal and

state governmental sources. Township Staff referred clients to the other agencies and assisted with the application process when appropriate. She also mentioned an increased number of individuals in recoupment status with Illinois Department of Employment Securities (IDES) due to overpayments. Township statutes dictate that applicants in recoupment with another governmental agencies are ineligible for township assistance. She reiterated that Township is the payer of last resort, and once other funding sources are depleted, she anticipated the number of individuals requesting assistance would increase.

Trustee Crabill asked for clarification on the issue with the new State law that removed ineligibility for cash assistance for individuals with a Class X or Class 1 drug felony.

Supervisor Skillrud responded that Public Act 102-0178 removed the ineligibility for Illinois Department of Human Services Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) assistance, but it overlooked local government general assistance. She, the Township Attorney, and the Township Officials of Illinois Staff advocated the necessary changes to the Public Act to include general assistance at the local level of government. She anticipated the change would happen soon.

Comments: Steve Scudder, Township Assessor

Township Assessor Scudder addressed the Board and reported that the graphs provided in the Assessor's Report addressed the breakdown of residential and commercial parcels. He noted minimal growth of commercial property with a slight growth of Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of \$2.88 billion. He noted that the main sources of EAV were from residential and commercial properties.

Public Comment

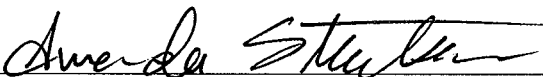
Trustee Mwilambwe opened the meeting to receive public comment. Amanda Stutsman, Deputy Township Clerk, reported that no one had registered to speak live or had submitted emailed public comment.

Adjournment

Trustee Boelen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mathy, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously (Viva Voce).

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.


Amanda Stutsman, Township Deputy Clerk