



City of Bloomington Township

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF
THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023, 5:20 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington convened for a public hearing in the Government Center Chambers on Monday, February 27, 2023. The public hearing was called to order by Trustee Mwilambwe.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: Donna Boelen, Nick Becker, De Urban, Mollie Ward, Jeff Crabill, Tom Crumpler, and Mboka Mwilambwe

Trustees Absent: Grant Walch, Sheila Montney, Julie Emig

Staff Present: Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk

Elected Officials Present: Deborah L. Skillrud, Township Supervisor

Elected Officials Absent: Steve Scudder, Township Assessor

Public Hearing

Trustee Mwilambwe opened the Public Hearing at 5:25 P.M.

Item 1. Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

Township Supervisor Skillrud reported the budget was made available for 30 days to the public. She explained that staff updated some figures based on estimates for 2023 and noted the additional line item for the Decennial Committee.

Item 2. Public Comments and Discussion for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

Township Clerk Yocum reported that no one had registered to speak live or had submitted emailed public comment.

Trustee Crabill asked for additional information on burials. Supervisor Skillrud stated staff anticipated growth in that area.

Trustee Mwilambwe closed the Public Hearing at 5:27 P.M.



MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION OF THE TOWN OF
THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023, 5:30 P.M.

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington convened in regular session in the Government Center Chambers at 5:30 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Mwilambwe.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: Grant Walch, Donna Boelen, Julie Emig, Nick Becker, De Urban, Mollie Ward, Jeff Crabill, Tom Crumpler, and Mboka Mwilambwe

Staff/Elected Officials Present: Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk, Deborah L. Skillrud, Township Supervisor, and Steve Scudder, Township Assessor

Trustee Boelen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Urban, to allow Trustee Montney to participate remotely due to illness.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Township Clerk to call the roll:

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

Motion carried.

Trustee Montney joined the meeting virtually at 5:32 P.M.

Mrs. Yocum noted that Trustee Montney was having some technical issues and would continue to work with the Information Technology Department to correct so she could participate.

Consent Agenda

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 Elected Official so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

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

Item 4.A. Approve of the Minutes of the January 23, 2023, Public Hearing and Board Meeting, as requested by the Township Clerk. (Recommended Motion: The January 23, 2023, Public Hearing and Board Meeting minutes be approved.)

Item 4.B. Certify the January 2023 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 2023 Statement of Funds be certified.)

Item 4.C. Approve the February 27, 2023, General Town Fund Request for Payments, as requested by the Township Supervisor. (Recommended Motion: The February 27, 2023, Request for Payments be approved.)

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Township Clerk to call the roll:

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

ABSTAIN: Montney

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

Item 5. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, as requested by the Township Supervisor. (Recommended Motion: The Fiscal Year 2024 Budget be adopted, and the Ordinance 2023-01 be passed.)

Trustee Boelen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Crabill, that the Item be approved as presented.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Township Clerk to call the roll:

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

ABSTAIN: Montney

Motion carried.

Item 6. Approve the Appointment of Joe Gibson to the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery Board of Trustees, as requested by the Township Supervisor. (Recommended Motion: The appointment be approved as presented.)

Trustee Mwilambwe confirmed with Supervisor Skillrud that Joe Gibson was once the Township Supervisor.

Trustee Crumpler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Crabill, that the Item be approved as presented.

Trustee Mwilambwe directed the Township Clerk to call the roll:

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

ABSTAIN: Montney

Motion carried.

Item 7. Discussion of Decennial Committees for Local Government Efficiency Act, as requested by the Township Supervisor. (Recommended Motion: None; Discussion Only.)

Township Supervisor Skillrud clarified that the Board will be members of the Committee and the purpose is to study the efficiencies of Township and report recommendations. She noted the first Committee meeting would be on May 22, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. Also noted was that serving on the Committee would be without compensation, though

any expenses incurred would be reimbursed. Most of the legwork, however, will be done by Township Staff.

Trustee Mwilambwe and Supervisor Skillrud discussed the report requirements of the unfunded mandate, and noted the deadline was 18 months, though Supervisor Skillrud preferred to complete the requirements within one year. She also informed the Board that the Committee's final report could be as simple or as detailed as desired.

Trustee Ward asked the requirements of the meeting and if the public would be able to attend. Supervisor Skillrud confirmed the meeting would be compliant with the Open Meetings Act, have an agenda, and be open to the public.

Supervisor Skillrud noted the Decennial Committees were to convene every 10 years.

Trustee Crumpler asked for clarification on the term efficiency. Supervisor Skillrud explained the Committee would discuss the who, what, when, and why of the programs offered by Township, determine if Township is adhering to the governing Statutes, and if partnerships with other organizations are utilized to the fullest. She stated the Committee would review to see if there were any inefficiencies which could be addressed by staff.

Reports by Elected Officials

Item 5.A. Comments by Deborah Skillrud, Township Supervisor

Supervisor Skillrud addressed the Board and shared an update not included in her written report. In 2014 Township adopted an updated Investment Policy, via Resolution 2014-02, for the purpose of establishing cash management and investment guidelines. The objectives of the policy include Safety, Liquidity, & Return on Investment. Specifically, the Township Supervisor "shall seek to attain a market average or better rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account risk, constraints, cash flow, and legal restrictions on investments." While reviewing certain accounts, it was noted that Township has been earning an Average Percentage Yield of .017% whereas the Illinois Fund, which lets government agencies use the Illinois State Treasurer's resources to safely invest while enjoying economies of scale, had been paying an Average Daily Rate of over 4.47%. In order to achieve a better return on investment, Township is relocating a portion of the General Town Administration Fund Reserve and the General Assistance Fund Reserve to the Illinois Fund.

Trustee Crabill asked for an update on the Housing Eviction Relief Efforts (HERE) Program. Supervisor Skillrud reminded the Board the HERE Program was a resource of last resort and explained how staff continued to assist residents. Trustee Crabill confirmed with Supervisor Skillrud the current Fiscal Year had a budget of \$200,000 for the HERE Program and a budget of \$150,000 for the next Fiscal Year.

Supervisor Skillrud reported that Township has an opening for a part-time Work Fair Development Coordinator. She stated that two new bins for recycled pots will be placed at the City of Bloomington's Community Gardens and at Wendell Niepagen Greenhouses and Garden Center.

Trustee Ward clarified that the location of the Community Gardens that will receive a bin is at Hershey & Ireland-Grove Roads. She asked if the West Bloomington Revitalization Project's Community Garden could also receive a bin. Supervisor Skillrud discussed the possibility of providing an older bin.

Item 9.B. Comments by Steve Scudder, Township Assessor

Township Assessor Scudder addressed the Board and reported on the P-Tax State form which compared Equalized Assessed Values (EAV) of commercial and residential properties and their growth. He noted the growth of EAVs for residential properties was a direct correlation to the development of subdivisions and that most of the City's values relied on residential properties.

Public Comment

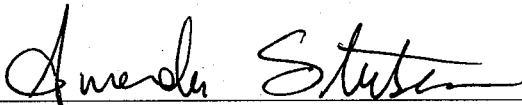
Trustee Mwilambwe opened the meeting to receive public comment. Township Clerk Yocum reported that no one had registered to speak live or had submitted emailed public comment.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried unanimously (Viva Voce).

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 P.M.



Amanda Stutsman, Deputy Township Clerk