

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021; 5:30 P.M.

This meeting was conducted under Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07 Section 6, which was reissued and extended by Executive Order 2021-04, and implemented in response to COVID-19, which suspended in-person attendance under the Open Meeting Act, 5 ILCS 120.

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington convened in regular session virtually via Zoom conferencing with the Township Clerk, Leslie Yocum, in-person in City Hall's Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m., Monday, February 22, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Renner.

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

Trustees present remotely: Jamie Mathy, Donna Boelen, Mboka Mwilambwe, Julie Emig, Joni Painter, Jennifer Carrillo, Mollie Ward, Jeff Crabill, Kim Bray, and Tari Renner.

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

Staff present in-person: Leslie Yocum, Township Clerk.

Action and Approval of Minutes of the January 25, 2021 Board Meeting, as presented.

Motion by Trustee Mathy, seconded by Trustee Crabill, that the Minutes be approved as presented.

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

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Ward, Crabill, Bray and Renner.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Action and Approval of the Monthly General Town Fund, General Assistance Fund and Evergreen Memorial Cemetery Audits of January 2021 accounts as presented.

Motion by Trustee Mathy, seconded by Trustee Crabill, that the Monthly General Town Fund, General Assistance Fund and Evergreen Memorial Cemetery Audits of January 2021 be approved as presented.

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

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Ward, Crabill, Bray and Renner.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Approval of the General Town Fund, Anticipated Expenditures as presented and certified.

Motion by Trustee Mathy, seconded by Trustee Crabill, that the General Town Fund's Anticipated Expenditures be approved as presented.

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

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Ward, Crabill, Bray and Renner.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of the proposed Agenda for the Annual Town Meeting on April 13, 2021.

Motion by Trustee Mwilambwe, seconded by Trustee Boelen, that the proposed Agenda for the Annual Town Meeting be adopted.

Deborah Skillrud, Supervisor, addressed the Board. The Agenda, if adopted, could still be amended.

Trustee Mathy questioned if the meeting would be held in-person or via Zoom. Mrs. Skillrud noted the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) had directed the meeting be held in-person. She presented options for the meeting location.

Trustee Mathy inquired if the Township had the ability to hold the meeting in-person and stream via Zoom. Mrs. Skillrud responded affirmatively.

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

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Ward, Crabill, Bray and Renner.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between the City of Bloomington Township and Various Rural McLean County Townships for General Assistance (GA) Administrative Services.

Motion by Trustee Mwilambwe, seconded by Trustee Painter, that the proposed Resolution be adopted.

Trustee Crabill supported the IGA. He questioned anticipated impact.

Mrs. Skillrud responded minimal. The Township had taken on the additional GA in an emergency capacity. The IGA would allow the Township to continue administrative services on a more permanent basis.

Trustee Crabill inquired if the additional work would impact current response times. Mrs. Skillrud responded negatively. Current response times would not be impacted.

Trustee Mwilambwe questioned additional staffing considering additional workload. Mrs. Skillrud responded negatively. Additional staffing would not be needed.

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

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Ward, Crabill, Bray and Renner.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

Deborah Skillrud, Supervisor, addressed the Board. A lengthy report had been provided. She hoped the Board reviewed same. She had been preparing various statistics which would be presented at the Annual Town Meeting. An update on the Promoting Others to Succeed ("POTS") recycling program was provided. In conclusion, an update on the draft Property Condition Assessment was provided. Township staff discovered mold and were researching potential remediation solutions.

Trustee Mathy requested a status update on the building's façade and parking lot repair. Township staff continued the review of the Farnsworth Group's draft report plan. In addition, a request was made to include the mold remediation in the report.

Trustee Mathy confirmed the final Property Condition Assessment Report would be presented to the Board soon.

Trustee Crabill requested additional information regarding Emergency Assistance (EA) cases referred to the City of Bloomington due to landlords' refusals to accept the Township's funds.

Amounts provided by the Township may have been too low or the landlord may have accepted Township funds to stay an eviction. Township staff forwards applications on for additional funding.

Trustee Crabill inquired if there were reasons landlords were rejecting Township funds. Mrs. Skillrud responded negatively. Discussion regarding evictions and future potential funding.

Trustee Renner urged Mrs. Skillrud to reach out if the City, Mayor or City Manager could provide additional assistance avenues.

Trustee Bray recognized and thanked the Township staff for their efforts.

Mrs. Skillrud reminded the community that the Board Meeting on Monday, March 22, 2021 would start at 5:20 p.m. There would be a Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 - 2022 Budget.

Steve Scudder, Assessor, addressed the Board. The School District Assessed Value Report was presented. The City's total assessed value was broken down by school districts. The exemption list on the report had not been updated nor the number of exemptions granted. The exemption totals do not affect the total assessed value. It affects the City's total amount of taxable value, (i.e. total assessed value minus all exemptions). This shifts the tax burden to property owners without exemptions.

Trustee Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. Mrs. Yocum stated that no one had registered to speak live or had submitted emailed public comment.

Motion by Trustee Carrillo, seconded by Trustee Mathy, that the meeting be adjourned.

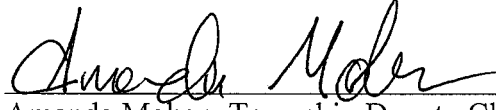
Trustee Renner directed the Township Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Trustees Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Ward, Crabill, Bray and Renner.

Nays: none.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.


Amanda Mohan, Township Deputy Clerk