



**MINUTES  
TOWNSHIP - REGULAR SESSION  
MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025, 5:30 PM**

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom at 5:30 PM, Monday, July 28, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Brady who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

| <b>Attendee Name</b> | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Status</b> |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Dan Brady            | Trustee, Chair | Present       |
| Jenna Kearns         | Trustee        | Present       |
| Micheal Mosley       | Trustee        | Present       |
| Sheila Montney       | Trustee        | Present       |
| John Danenberger     | Trustee        | Absent        |
| Michael Straza       | Trustee        | Present       |
| Cody Hendricks       | Trustee        | Present       |
| Mollie Ward          | Trustee        | Present       |
| Kent Lee             | Trustee        | Absent        |
| Abby Scott           | Trustee        | Present       |

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

**Public Comment**

No in-person or emailed public comment was received.

**Consent Agenda**

*Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.*

**Trustee Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Straza, to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Item 5.A. Consideration and Action to Certify the June 2025 Statement of Funds for the General Town Administration Fund, General Assistance Fund, and Cemetery Fund, as requested by the Township Supervisor. (Recommended Motion: The June 2025 Statement of Funds be certified.)

Item 5.B. Consideration and Action to Approve the July 28, 2025, General Town Fund Request for Payment, as requested by the Township Supervisor. (Recommended Motion: July 28, 2025 Request for Payment be approved.)

**Trustee Brady directed the clerk to call roll:**

**AYES:** Kearns; Mosley; Montney; Straza; Hendricks; Ward; Scott; Brady

**Motion carried.**

### **Regular Agenda**

*No Items were presented for consideration.*

### **Reports by Elected Officials**

*The following item was presented:*

Item 7.A. Presentation and Discussion of the Township Supervisor's Report, as requested by the City of Bloomington Township.

Supervisor Skillrud reported an increase in emergency assistance requests due to the exhaustion of Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP") funds, which was a typical annual occurrence. She described a new partnership with Normal Township to train their new staff and align practices between the two townships. She also highlighted a memo in the agenda packet regarding a \$110,000 funding request for the Bridge Program.

Trustee Kearns asked Supervisor Skillrud why no rental assistance was provided for June, questioning whether this was normal practice or a processing issue. Supervisor Skillrud explained that it was normal for the numbers to fluctuate, and in this case, there were simply no qualifying requests for rental assistance that month, while utility assistance increased due to LIHEAP funds running out.

Trustee Lee arrived at 5:37 P.M.

Item 7.B. Presentation and Discussion of the Township Assessor's Report, as requested by the City of Bloomington Township.

Assessor Scudder reported that property assessments continued to rise because recent home sale prices were higher than previous assessments. He expressed concern about whether the adjustments made were sufficient, noting that McLean County might add a multiplier to increase assessed values further if needed.

Trustee Lee asked how much of a multiplier would be assessed. Supervisor Scudder stated the assessment increase would vary by location, with some areas experiencing up to a 10% rise, and the county predicting a 10% overall increase.

Trustee Montney asked Assessor Scudder about the effect of investor purchases, such as Airbnb's and rentals, on property values in traditional owner-occupied neighborhoods. Assessor Scudder explained that assessments were based on sale prices regardless of property use, that the Assessor's Office has limited visibility into whether properties are used as Airbnb's, and that investor activity could influence values, but exemptions and market trends determine tax impacts, with no current evidence of value decreases due to such investments.

### **Adjournment**

**Trustee Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mosley, to adjourn the meeting.**

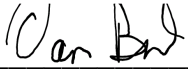
**Trustee Brady directed the clerk to call roll:**

**AYES:** Kearns; Mosley; Montney; Straza; Hendricks; Ward; Lee; Scott; Brady

**Motion carried (viva voce).**

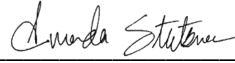
The Meeting Adjourned at 5:42 PM.

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**



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Board Chair Dan Brady



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Amanda Stutsman, Deputy Township Clerk

