

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
JUNE 25, 2012

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington Township met in the Conference Room of City Hall Building at 6:32 P.M. on June 25, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Stockton and the following were present:

Trustees: Steven Purcell, Karen Schmidt, Jim Fruin, Rob Fazzini, Jennifer McDade, Mboka Mwilambwe, Judy Stearns, Bernard Anderson, and Steve Stockton.

Trustee Absent: David Sage.

Also present were Staff: Tracey Covert, Town Clerk, Mike Ireland, Township Assessor and Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor.

Trustee Purcell arrived at 6:33 p.m.

The Minutes of May 29, 2012 Public Hearing and Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee McDade, seconded by Trustee Anderson that the reading of the Public Hearing and Minutes May 29, 2012 Regular Session meeting be dispensed with and approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stearns arrived at 6:34 p.m.

The audit for the General Town Fund and the General Assistance Fund and Exhibit A. Request for Payment were presented for May 2012.

Motion by Trustee McDade, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to approve the audits as presented and place on file.

Ayes: Trustees Purcell, McDade, Stearns, Fazzini, Schmidt, Mwilambwe, Fruin, Anderson, and Stockton.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented.

Motion by Trustee Schmidt, seconded by Trustee McDade, to approve the anticipated expenditures.

Ayes: Trustees Purcell, Schmidt, Fruin, Fazzini, McDade, Mwilambwe, Stearns, Anderson, and Stockton.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Mike Ireland, Township Assessor, addressed the Board. He had prepared a written report. He presented basic residential real estate market statistics. He had reviewed sale information provided to the Assessor's Office through June 20, 2012. He had prepared a table which presented data for 2011 and 2012. He noted the median sale price, (2011 - \$190,117 and 2012 - \$173,750). He did not believe that the market had leveled out. Another table was prepared with the data source being the Bloomington- Normal Board of Realtors. He also addressed the median, (2011 - \$181,000 and 2012 - \$174,500). The medians between the two (2) tables were different. He also noted the difference between the number of sales. Assessor's table listed: 2011 - 342 and 2012 - 302. Board of Realtor's table listed: 2011 - 364 and 2012 - 406. The difference in these numbers may be short sales. He also addressed the Board of Realtor's Days on Market. The number of days had decreased from 2011 to 2012. The housing market was moving quicker.

Mr. Ireland addressed EAV (Equalized Assessed Value) for existing properties. Assessments were based upon a three (3) year average with the goal of level assessments. He believed that there would be reductions in 2012. The current three (3) year average for 2009 - 2011 is 33.14%. In 2012, sales were running high. This will be addressed in 2013.

Finally, he addressed the Housing Price Index, (HPI). It has dropped by 1.4% from the first quarter of 2011 to the first quarter of 2012. He also cited Proximity One as another interesting web site. It also showed a slight decline, one percent (1%).

His office continued to make adjustments. The goal was to move the tax cycle forward by thirty (30) days.

Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. A written report had been prepared. He addressed the number of General Assistance (GA) cases for May 2012 which totaled 190. A year ago, (May 2011), there were 186 GA cases. There were forty-three (43) new cases. The number of GA cases had continued to increase. He anticipated a decrease in same during June 2012.

He reviewed the Community Work/Education, (fifty-eight clients performed community service at non-profit agencies in the community; drug court - four clients; recovery court - two clients; GED classes - nine clients, thirteen clients graduated from Heartland Community College's Skills for Success class on June 29, 2012. He noted that five (5) companies were listed as job sites.

He informed the Board that Ashley Long had joined the Scott Commission as the United Way's representative.

He also addressed the Scott Health Resource Program. He noted the various service programs with totals served since May 1, 2012 (Dental Referrals - 28, Medical Doctor Visits - 1, Lab/Diagnostic - 0, Medical Equipment & Supplies - 0, Prescription Program - 341, Transportation – Maternal/child - 39 and Cancer - 21, and Vision Program). He noted the numbers for the Vision Program: 57 patients referred and 71 pairs of glasses dispensed. The eye glasses were provided through the collaboration of entities, (public aid, Township, McLean County Health Department and local optometrists).

Trustee Purcell questioned drug court. Mr. Gibson noted that to be eligible for GA the individual must comply with court's orders. Recovery court was new. These court programs were considered workfare.

Trustee McDade informed the Board that she had served on the Drug Court Board.

Mr. Gibson informed the Board that he had scheduled a meeting with the Drug Court Board regarding the role of the Township.

Mr. Gibson addressed the letter from Angie McLaughlin, Community Health Care Clinic's Executive Director dated May 29, 2012. It addressed the Township's funding for the pharmacy technician position.

The Annual Audit would be presented at the Board's July 23, 2012 meeting.

Trustee Fruin questioned if Rick Phillips, Phillips & Associates, CPAs, PC, was still the Township's outside auditor. He questioned if there was a contractual agreement. Mr. Gibson noted that this was the last year of the agreement. He had planned to work with the City of Bloomington's Finance Department regarding a Request for Proposal for Auditing Services. He believed that the City had chosen to extend their agreement.

Trustee Fruin expressed his preference that the Township change auditing firms. He added that he was not suspicious. He was addressing the Board's fiduciary responsibilities.

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

Motion by Trustee Fazzini, seconded by Trustee Purcell to adjourn. Time: 6:49 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert, Town Clerk