

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY  
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP  
NOVEMBER 25, 2013

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington Township met in the Council Chambers of City Hall Building at 6:30 P.M. on November 25, 2013.

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

Trustees: Jim Fruin, Jennifer McDade, Rob Fazzini, David Sage, Judy Stearns, Karen Schmidt, Kevin Lower, Mboka Mwilambwe and Tari Renner.

Trustee absent: Scott Black.

Also present were Staff: Tracey Covert, Town Clerk, Mike Ireland, Township Assessor and Cathy Hadden, Comptroller.

Staff absent: Deborah Skillrud, Township Supervisor.

The Minutes of October 28, 2013 Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee McDade, seconded by Trustee Schmidt that the reading of the Minutes October 28, 2013 Regular Session meeting be dispensed with and approved as presented.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

The audit for the General Town Fund and the General Assistance Fund and Exhibit A. Request for Payment were presented for October 2013.

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

Ayes: Trustees McDade, Sage, Fazzini, Fruin, Stearns, Schmidt, Lower, and Mwilambwe and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented.

Motion by Trustee Fazzini, seconded by Trustee Lower, to approve the anticipated expenditures.

Ayes: Trustees Sage, Fruin, McDade, Fazzini, Stearns, Schmidt, Lower, and Mwilambwe and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Renner introduced the Tax Levy for Tax Year 2013 for Fiscal Year 2015.

Motion by Trustee McDade, seconded by Trustee Schmidt that the 2013 Tax Levy be adopted at \$2,156,550 and the Ordinance passed.

Ayes: Trustees Sage, Fruin, McDade, Fazzini, Stearns, Schmidt, Lower, and Mwilambwe and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Cathy Hadden, Comptroller, addressed the Board. She noted that a written report had been prepared. She focused her comments on the Workfare/Education program. She provided the following statistics: drug court - two (2) clients enrolled; recovery court - one (1) client enrolled; GED classes - four (4) clients enrolled in class and two (2) ready for the examination; life skills - five (5) clients enrolled, three (3) graduated on Friday, November 22, 2013; Skills for Success - five (5) clients enrolled, two (2) found employment, three (3) graduated on Friday November 22, 2013, next class would commence on January 7, 2014; and workfare placements – seven (7) clients.

She also noted that a Flu Shot Clinic was held. The Township partnered with Walgreens and the McLean County Health Department. The Clinic was combined with a vision clinic. Individuals who participated in the clinic were encouraged to apply for medical cards/Affordable Care Act.

She also addressed the Scott Health Resources numbers, (year to date: dental procedures – 219; medical doctor referrals – 136; medical equipment & supplies – 16; prescriptions paid – 216; maternal/child rides – 243; and cancer passengers – 116).

Finally, Ms. Hadden noted that Evergreen Cemetery had new windows installed which should result in lower energy costs.

Mike Ireland, Township Assessor, addressed the Board. He had not prepared a written report. He planned to make a few comments. The Board of Review had not presented the final numbers as of this date. Initially, there had been 257 cases. The final number ended up being 308. Fifty-one (51) hearings had been scheduled. He believed that the final numbers would be completed by the week's end. The Board of Review started with a \$13 million increase to EAV (Equalized Assessed Value). He added that there had been an increase to the senior citizen exemption. He believed the reduction would be at least \$5 million. He encouraged the Board to wait for the final numbers. No decisions were provided the day of the hearing.

The Assessment's Office needed to replace its 1995 Ford Escort. He was currently looking for a replacement vehicle. He planned to request a replacement vehicle at the Board's December 16, 2013 meeting. The office needed two (2) field vehicles.

Mr. Ireland informed the Board that this would be his last meeting. His term would be completed on December 31, 2013. He believed that he was leaving the office better than he had found it. Office procedures had been automated and expenses had been controlled. He recalled the major issues during his tenure as Assessor, (thirty-three years). In 1988, the Unity Building was destroyed by fire. The Assessor's Office had been housed there. The office had just completed computerizing the property record system. He also noted the township lawsuit which broke the coterminous boundary with the City. The lawsuit lasted for ten (10) years. An agreement was reached and managed. This agreement ended in 2012. He recognized Terry Joyce, GIS, (Geographical Information System), Specialist. One (1) assessor performs the assessment work for the entire City.

He thanked the community for the opportunity. He also thanked the Board for providing the tools and funding to do the job. He believed that the database was the office's most valuable resource. It contained all of the properties within the City. He noted the working relationships developed and recognized the Assessment Office staff he had work with over the years. Finally, he thanked the taxpayers/voters for their confidence in his abilities. He had enjoyed his career. When he started he was twenty (20) years old and it had worked out. He closed with a quote, "life is what happens, instead of what you planned."

Trustee Renner thanked Mr. Ireland for his service.

Trustee Fruin complimented Mr. Ireland on his years of service. He noted his tremendous job done and Mr. Ireland's professionalism. He had shown integrity and leadership. He complimented the Assessor's Office's staff. Mr. Ireland was an asset to the Township. His efforts had impacted citizens' lives. He wanted to recognize Mr. Ireland's service before his term ended.

Trustee Fazzini believed that Mr. Ireland would be missed. Mr. Ireland should be proud of his service. It had been a pleasure to work with him. He believed that Mr. Ireland would provide some consulting services to the Assessor's Office.

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

Motion by Trustee Lower, seconded by Trustee Stearns to adjourn. Time: 6:49 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert, Town Clerk