

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
JULY 23, 2012

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington Township met in the Conference Room of City Hall Building at 6:33 P.M. on July 23, 2012.

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

Trustees: Steven Purcell, Jim Fruin, Rob Fazzini, Jennifer McDade, Mboka Mwilambwe, Bernard Anderson, David Sage and Steve Stockton.

Trustee Absent: Judy Stearns and Karen Schmidt.

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

Trustee Fruin arrived at 6:34 p.m.

The Minutes of June 25, 2012 Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Fazzini that the reading of the Minutes June 25, 2012 Regular Session meeting be dispensed with and approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Trustee McDade arrived at 6:35 p.m.

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

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented. An Addendum had been provided for items received after Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Mike Ireland, Township Assessor, addressed the Board. He had prepared a written report. He informed them that he made a presentation to the Illinois Coalition of Appraisal Professionals. These are individuals who have been licensed by the Illinois Department of Professional Regulations.

He also addressed the residential real estate market. He presented figures for 2008 through 2012. The figures for 2012 were only through May. It appeared that the market was up slightly. There was a table which listed the Total Permit Sums through May. He noted that the figures for 2010, \$12,546,801 and 2012, \$12,637,840 were close. He cited expensive homes and the cost of construction. He had also prepared an Average Sale Price through May table. He restated that construction costs were higher. He noted the figures for New Single Family for 2010, \$279,720 and 2012, \$290,276. The final table addressed Aggregate Sale Price through May. This table provided the number of sale transactions. He noted that number and value for 2011, 37 - \$10,249,050 and 2012 - 37, \$10,740,210. Finally, he presented data regarding Lispendis, (intent to foreclosure), for 2012 and 2011. In 2012, there were 166 through July. In 2011, there were 169. He described the foreclosure market as stable.

Trustee Fazzini questioned if there was a lag effect. Mr. Ireland responded that this was unknown. He noted the unemployment issue. He hoped for improvement. Trustee Stockton added that banks had been reviewing their procedures.

Trustee Fazzini questioned the prospects for a new Assessor. Mr. Ireland stated that no one had shown an interest in the position. If no one ran for election, then an individual would be appointed. The Township would enter into a contract with the individual selected. If the Board failed to act then the County Supervisor of Assessments would take action. The individual would come from the appraisal community. Qualifications would be an issue. He had announced his retirement early. The filing period would be this fall. An individual must be prequalified to appear on the ballot. Specific education was required.

Trustee Fruin noted the Board's responsibility to establish the salary. He added that the individual must meet the residency requirement. Mr. Ireland noted that the residency requirement was one (1) year prior to filing. Trustee Fruin stated that the Board had salary information provided by David Hales, City Manager. Mr. Ireland expressed his willingness to work with the interested person.

Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. A written report had been prepared. He addressed the number of General Assistance (GA) cases for June 2012 which totaled 179. A year ago, (June 2011), there were 195 GA cases. There were forty-nine (49) new cases. The number of GA cases had decreased.

He reviewed the Community Work/Education, (fifty-two clients performed community service at non-profit agencies in the community; drug court – five clients; and recovery court – two clients). He noted that five (5) companies were listed as job sites.

He also addressed the Scott Health Resource Program. He noted the various service programs with totals served since May 1, 2012 (Dental Referrals - 62, Medical Doctor Visits - 3, Medical Equipment & Supplies - 8, Prescription Program - 141, Transportation – Maternal/child - 87 and Cancer - 32, and Vision Program). He noted the numbers for the Vision Program: 117 patients referred and 130 pairs of glasses dispensed. The eye glasses were provided through the collaboration of entities, (public aid, Township, McLean County Health Department and local optometrists).

Mr. Gibson informed the Board that the McLean County Health Department (MCHD) had closed its adult dental clinic. A meeting had been scheduled with the MCHD, the dentist and the Township. The goal was to try and reopen the clinic.

He informed the Board that the Annual Audit would be presented at the Board's August 27, 2012 meeting.

He questioned when the Board planned to adopt the Salary Ordinance for the Assessor and Supervisor. Trustee Stockton noted that the Board has requested the assistance of City staff.

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

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Purcell to adjourn. Time: 6:50 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert
Town Clerk