

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY  
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP  
JANUARY 28, 2013

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 January 28, 2013.

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, Judy Stearns, Karen Schmidt, and Steve Stockton.

Trustee absent: David Sage.

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

The Minutes of December 17, 2012 Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee Schmidt, seconded by Trustee Purcell that the reading of the Minutes December 17, 2012 Regular Session meeting be dispensed with and approved as presented.

Motion carried.

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

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented. An Addendum was presented for expenses received after January 23, 2013.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stockton introduced the Property Tax Abatement Agreement and Resolution regarding the Wirtz Beverage warehouse and distribution center. He added that this item had already been approved by the Council. Other units of local government had also approved same.

Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, noted that the Township had not yet received any property tax revenue from this property. Revenue was estimated at \$7 per year. He expressed his hope that this business would be successful.

Motion by Alderman Fazzini, seconded by Alderman Purcell that the property tax abatement be approved, the Agreement approved, the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents, and the Resolution adopted.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stockton introduced the Resolution changing the fiscal year for the Evergreen Cemetery to April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. This would align the Cemetery's fiscal year with the Township.

Mr. Gibson believed this change would be easier for everyone involved with the Township. He added that there would be an additional audit for the Cemetery which would consist of one (1) month.

Motion by Trustee Fazzini, seconded by Trustee Purcell that the Resolution be adopted.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried

Trustee Fazzini questioned the outside auditing firm. Mr. Gibson stated that Phillips & Associates, CPAs, PC, which was the same firm as last year. He added that there would be a new Township Supervisor in May 2013.

Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. He had prepared a written report. He presented various General Assistance (GA) statistics. GA cases for December 2012 –

153, 121 reopened and 32 new. He noted the decline from a year ago, (December 2011 – 191 cases). He noted Community Work/Education, (Community Service –48, Drug Court – 4 and Recovery Court – 2). GA clients had found employment at a variety of businesses, (Eurest, Midwest Fiber, Travel Center of America, Vonachen Services and Wendy's). A new Skills for Success class started on January 4, 2013 with 11 GA clients enrolled. He also addressed prescription drug costs. The cost for 186 prescriptions was \$6,028.66. The average cost per prescription was \$32.41.

Mr. Gibson also presented statistics for the Scott Health Resources program, (Dental referrals – 316; medical doctor visits – 9, medical equipment & supplies – 44; prescription program – 230; transportation: maternal/child – 336 and cancer – 234; and vision program: patients – 415 and glasses dispensed – 408).

Finally, he addressed the Pot Recycling Initiative. On Tuesdays and Thursday, seven to ten (7 – 10) GA clients volunteer. This was a positive program in the community.

Trustee Schmidt questioned volunteer service. Mr. Gibson noted that GA clients who are able to work must work and/or attend classes.

Mr. Gibson addressed the bond debt for the Township building and Evergreen Cemetery. He planned to issue an RFP (Request for Proposal) to refinance these debts to obtain a lower interest.

Trustee Fazzini questioned if these bonds were taxable. Mr. Gibson responded negatively. They were municipal bonds and tax exempt.

He reminded the Board that there would be Public Hearing on the Budget Ordinance at the March 25, 2013 meeting. This hearing was scheduled for 6:15 p.m. The preliminary budget would be presented at the Board's February 25, 2013 meeting.

Mike Ireland, Township Assessor, addressed the Board. He had prepared a written report. It was the final summary for 2012 of the Board of Review. He had prepared a table which included the number of cases. He noted the decline from 2011, 606 cases compared to 2012, 474 cases. He also cited that the reduction was lower: 2011 (\$10,322,081) compared to 2012 (\$7,309,253). These figures were for the City Township only. The largest reduction was in Commercial Business (\$4,720,253). He noted the addition of two (2) residential vacant land parcels with no value. He added that the majority of the reduction came from the former Mennonite Hospital. Currently, it was an empty building. This building was scheduled for demolition.

Trustee Fruin believed that commercial space was plentiful. He questioned the impact upon valuation. Mr. Ireland informed the Board that his office was aware of vacancies. This would be looked at during annual rechecks. Trustee Fruin cited a Pantagraph article which addressed the large and substantial reduction in value to commercial properties.

Mr. Ireland stated that he planned to present information regarding the residential market with statistics at the Board's February 25, 2013 meeting. This information should provide direction for 2013.

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

Trustee Fazzini informed the Board that the ad hoc transition committee would meet after the Township election. The committee members would know who had been elected.

Motion by Trustee Purcell, seconded by Trustee Schmidt to adjourn. Time: 6:52 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert  
Town Clerk