

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
APRIL 28, 2014

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington Township met in the Council Chambers of City Hall Building at 6:31 P.M. on April 28, 2014.

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

Trustees: Rob Fazzini, Scott Black, Karen Schmidt, Kevin Lower, Mboka Mwilambwe, Jim Fruin, Judy Stearns, Joni Painter and Tari Renner.

Trustees absent: David Sage.

Also present were Staff: Tracey Covert, Town Clerk, Steve Scudder, Township Assessor and Deborah Skillrud, Township Supervisor.

The Minutes of March 24, 2014 Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee Lower, seconded by Trustee Mwilambwe that the reading of the Minutes March 24, 2014 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 March 2014.

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

Ayes: Trustees Fazzini, Black, Schmidt, Lower, Mwilambwe, Fruin, Stearns, Painter and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented.

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

Ayes: Trustees Fazzini, Black, Schmidt, Lower, Mwilambwe, Fruin, Stearns, Painter and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Deb Skillrud, Township Supervisor, presented the end of year FY 2014 Line Item Transfers.

Motion by Trustee Schmidt, seconded by Trustee Fazzini to approve the end of year FY 2014 Line Item Transfers.

Ayes: Trustees Fazzini, Black, Schmidt, Lower, Mwilambwe, Fruin, Stearns, Painter and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Ms. Skillrud addressed the Board. She had prepared a monthly report. The audit process had started and was running smoothly. She wanted to recognize Tracey Covert, Township Clerk. She had failed to recognize her during the Annual Town Meeting.

She informed the Board of a collaborative effort with the McLean County Health Dept. to provide Mental Health First Aid for Youth. This was an eight (8) hour class which was targeted at parents, mental health counselors, etc. The class would be offered on May 22, 2014. The Township would be supporting this class. On June 28, 2014, Advocate BroMenn would be offering the similar class which was addressed at adults. The Township would also be supporting this class. Youth, teachers, counselors would be engaged with the case workers. The classes were limited to forty (40) participants.

Trustee Mwilambwe questioned the cost. Ms. Skillrud noted that the class was offered in Champaign at no cost and only fifty percent (50%) of the registrants attended. The cost was \$40 which would cover the cost of the book.

Steve Scudder, Township Assessor, addressed the Board. He presented information from the Annual Town Meeting. He noted the Organizational Chart for the Assessor's Office. He cited the importance of team work and the good skill set among the Assessor's Office staff.

Key figures were presented. There were over 26,000 parcels in the City. There were 24,114 residential properties and 2,376 commercial properties. Total assessed value was \$1,904,478,411. Growth in assessed value had been flat since 2011. The assessed value for 2014 was unknown. He presented a list of the Top Ten Principal Taxpayers. They represented thirteen percent (13%) of the assessed value. He also noted use of the Township Assessor's web site which addressed transparency. 2015 would be a quadrennial year.

Trustee Fruin questioned City properties which were zoned A – Agriculture. He believed that the value of farm land had doubled. Mr. Scudder believed that the County Supervisor of Assessor would address same.

Trustee Stearns was curious about the flat/declining EAV. She questioned projections regarding same. Mr. Scudder cited increased permit activity. He noted new commercial properties. There had been limited growth. His office was working on 2014.

Trustee Stearns questioned 2014 assessments. Mr. Scudder did not expect any major changes.

Trustee Fazzini cited the Township transition committee. He noted the retention of a consultant. Mr. Scudder acknowledged that Diane Crutcher had been retained as a job coach. He was learning how to focus on managing staff. His focus had been on assessing properties.

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

Motion by Trustee Schmidt, seconded by Trustee Fazzini to adjourn. Time: 6:46 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert
Town Clerk