

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
JUNE 24, 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 June 24, 2013.

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

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

Trustee absent: Mboka Mwilambwe.

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

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

Motion by Trustee Schmidt, seconded by Trustee Lower that the reading of the Minutes May 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 May 2013.

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

Trustee Fruin arrived at 6:31 p.m.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented. Deborah Skillrud, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. An Addendum was presented for expenses received after June 19, 2013.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Steve Scudder, Township Assessor elect, addressed the Board. He had prepared a written report with Mike Ireland, Township Assessor. He cited the transition process. Mr. Scudder had attended International Association of Assessing Officers training, (leadership seminar and Assessment Administration Course). An interview process had been completed for a Commercial Appraiser and a Residential Appraiser. The goal was to fill these vacancies by the end of the summer. He also addressed the 2013 assessment cycle. Assessment data was a valuable resource for government and commerce. This information must be readily available.

Trustee Fazzini questioned the two (2) appraiser vacancies and if the search process had commenced. Mr. Scudder restated that interviews had been conducted.

Deborah Skillrud, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. A written report had prepared. This report contained the monthly statistics. There were various General Assistance (GA) statistics. GA cases for May 2013 – 163, 123 reopened and 40 new. She noted Community Work/Education, (Community Service – 52, and Drug Court – 1). Skills for Success would graduate ten (10) clients this Friday, June 12, 2013.

There was a listing of employment sites: JJ Fish & Chicken, McDonald's Restaurant, McEntire Roofing, Popeyes and Pilot Flying J. She informed the Board of a new job opportunity, Evergreen Cemetery.

Ms. Skillrud noted that there was no Scott Health report. The Scott Commission did not meet this month. At the Board's July 22, 2013 meeting two (2) months of data would be presented.

An all day Township officials training would be held in Bloomington on Friday, July 26, 2013. Ms. Skillrud stated her intention to attend same. She encouraged the Board to attend same. Trustee Fruin encouraged Ms. Skillrud to email the training information to the Board.

Trustee Fazzini addressed Heartland Community College's (HCC) Skills for Success program. Ms. Skillrud informed the Board that this program was part of the GA office's work force program. Skills for Success was a job enhancement program. Attendees develop job skills such as interviewing and resume writing. She noted the potential to reinstate the Manufacturing Essentials class at HCC.

Trustee Sage questioned transportation. Ms. Skillrud noted that GA clients are provided with a free bus pass to attend classes via Connect Transit, (f/k/a Bloomington Normal Public Transit System).

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

Motion by Trustee Lower, seconded by Trustee Sage to adjourned. Time: 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert
Town Clerk