

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
MAY 28, 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 May 28, 2013.

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

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

Trustee absent: Rob Fazzini.

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

Staff absent: Deborah Skillrud, Township Supervisor.

The Minutes of April 22, 2013 Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee Schmidt, seconded by Trustee Sage that the reading of the Minutes April 22, 2013 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 April 2013.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented.

Motion by Trustee Sage, seconded by Trustee Mwilambwe, to approve the anticipated expenditures.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Renner introduced the Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Sage, seconded by Trustee Schmidt that the Ordinance for June 2013 Prevailing Rate of Wages for the City of Bloomington Township be passed.

Ayes: Trustees Black, Sage, Fruin, McDade, Mwilambwe, 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. It addressed school district tax rates, (District 87 and Unit 5). Tax Rate Charts for each school district had been provided. He noted the percentage of change for each, (District 87 – 1.41% and Unit 5 – 3.15%). Pie charts have also been provided entitled Tax Portion Comparison Using District 87 Schools and Tax Portion Comparison Using Unit 5 Schools. These charts addressed 2011 and 2012 and showed the percentage of the property tax bill paid to the public schools, (District 87: 2011 – 59.6% and 2012 – 60% and Unit 5: 2011 – 59.9% and 60.8%).

He directed the Board to the Major Users of the Property Tax chart. The only local governmental units that increased their Tax Levy were Unit 5 and Heartland Community College. All other local governmental units had decreased their Tax Levy, (City of Bloomington, County of McLean, District 87, City of Bloomington Township). In addition, line graphs had been provided which addressed Major Users Levy Amount and Rate Setting Assessed Value. These charts compared the tax levy to the tax rate.

Mr. Scudder returned to School District Assessed Value Reports. This report was broken down by District 87, Unit 5 and District 3. He also addressed Tax Rate Changes for Bloomington versus Normal. A chart had been prepared which compared Taxing Entities in Normal versus the City. He noted that Total Composite Tax Rates, (Normal - \$8.02984 and City - \$7.86644). Finally, a Tax Bill Comparison Across Value Range for District 87 and Unit had also been provided.

Trustee Fruin noted that good information had been provided to the Board. He questioned how to advertise same. He questioned if there was a mailing list or other ways to push this information out to the public.

Mr. Scudder informed the Board that this information would be posted on the Township Assessor's web site.

Trustee Schmidt questioned the composite table for the City and the Town of Normal.

Mr. Scudder noted that this table provided historical data from 2003 to 2012. In 2010, the composite rate for Normal exceeded the City and has remained higher.

Mike Ireland, Township Assessor, addressed the Board on behalf of Deborah Skillrud. Ms. Skillrud had prepared a written report. This report contained the monthly statistics. There were various General Assistance (GA) statistics. GA cases for April 2013 – 186, 147 reopened and 38 new. He noted Community Work/Education, (Community Service – 50, Drug Court – 1, GED (General Equivalency Diploma) classes - 5). Life Skills had ended on May 7, 2013. Six (6) GA clients had completed this class.

There was a listing of employment sites: Heartland Parking, Fresh Market, Goose Creek, Bed Bath & Beyond, Pilot, City's Park, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department, Sears, MacIntyre Roofing, VUTEK, Hilltop Mobile Home, and Krispy Kreme.

Mr. Assessor also presented statistics for the Scott Health Resources program, (Dental referrals – 421; medical doctor visits – 17, medical equipment & supplies – 57; prescription program – 301; and transportation: maternal/child – 536 and cancer – 357). He added that the Peace Meal program had closed. East Central Area Agency on Aging had selected CRIS Healthy Aging Center to provide congregate and home delivered meals to older adults in a fourteen (14) county area effective October 1, 2013. These two (2) agencies would work with Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program over the summer months to implement a transition plan.

Finally, he noted that the General Assistance office would continue to operate under the Township Supervisors of Illinois General Assistance & Emergency Assistance Program handbook.

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

Trustee Renner adjourned the meeting. Time: 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert
Town Clerk