

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY  
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP  
NOVEMBER 29, 2012

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington Township met in the Conference Room of City Hall Building at 6:31 P.M. on November 29, 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, David Sage, Judy Stearns, Karen Schmidt, Bernard Anderson and Steve Stockton.

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

The Minutes of October 22, 2012 Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee Schmidt, seconded by Trustee Purcell that the reading of the Minutes October 22, 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 October 2012.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stockton introduced the Tax Levy Ordinance for 2012. An estimated levy had been approved by the Board at their October 22, 2012 meeting.

Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. He informed them that the General Assistance, (GA), Fund had been reduced by \$66,496 from the previous year's tax levy. The estimated levy listed \$543,000 and the proposed levy listed \$487,500 or a reduction of \$55,500. He had included a table entitled History of Tax Levy by the Town of the City of Bloomington (aka City of Bloomington Township). This table provided a nine, (9), year history. The reduction could be attributed to the federal Affordable Care Act, (ACA), a/k/a Obamacare. The total tax levy, (Town Fund, General Assistance Fund and Cemetery Fund), totaled \$2,156,801.

Motion by Trustee Schmidt, seconded by Trustee Purcell that the 2012 Tax Levy be approved and the Ordinance passed.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Purcell questioned the ACA. Mr. Gibson noted the final implementation date would be January 1, 2014. At that point, GA clients would be covered by Medicaid. Eligibility will be determined based upon income and not disability. Trustee Purcell thanked the Township staff for their efforts to reduce the tax levy.

Mr. Gibson presented a monthly report. A written report had been prepared. He noted the number of open GA cases for October 2012 - 186 which was compared to October 2011 - 200. He noted the following statistics: Community Service - fifty-one, (51), participants; Drug Court - five, (5), participants; Recovery Court - two, (2), participants; and Skills for Success - ten, (10), participants. This class was completed on November 23, 2012. The next class would commence on January 4, 2013.

A jobs listing for GA clients had also been provided, (eight companies were listed). Information was provided regarding Scott Health Resources, (Dental referrals: 278; Doctor visits: 8; Medical equipment/supplies: 41; Prescription program: 204; Transportation: maternal/child 267 and cancer 177; Vision program 336 patients and 294 pairs of glasses dispensed).

He added that the Gary S. Johnson Dental Clinic had been held on November 10, 2012. Services were provided to 175 people. This was the largest dental clinic to date.

Finally, he addressed Prescription drugs. For October 2012, the average cost per prescription was \$27.32, the total spent that month was \$5,955.43, and 218 prescriptions were filled. This area was well managed. There appeared to be downward trend.

Trustee Schmidt noted the cost per client from September to October 2012: \$343.18 versus \$662.70. Mr. Gibson informed the Board that the biannual grant payments were paid in October.

Mike Ireland, Township Assessor, addressed the Board. He had prepared a written report. It addressed the assessment process. He noted the Board of Review process. Hearings will be conducted and no decisions will be released until the process is completed. Work has begun on 2013 assessments. The City started 2012 with a three, (3), year average of 34.22. This resulted in a negative multiplier. The 2013 assessment year will encompass 2010, 2011 and 2012. He compared assessments to sales prices. The three, (3), year average was 33.80. He believed that there would be a decline in the existing tax base of one to two percent (1 – 2%). This assumption was based upon ten, (10), months of sales data. His report included a line graph entitled Percent Change by Month. One line showed the actual median change and the other was a trend line.

Mr. Ireland addressed the tax levy process versus the tax rate. His report included an example based upon a home valued at \$150,000. A taxing body could lower the tax rate and still increase taxes. If there is an increase to the tax levy then property taxes would also increase.

Trustee Stockton opened the meeting to Public Comment.

Alton Franklin, 508 Patterson Dr., addressed the Board. He noted changes to the ACA. He questioned the administrative costs to coordinate same.

Mr. Gibson addressed the Board. He reminded the Board that the December meeting would be held on Monday, December 10, 2012.

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert  
Town Clerk