

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
APRIL 23, 2012

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington Township met in the Conference Room of City Hall Building at 6:33 P.M. on April 23, 2012.

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

Trustees: Steven Purcell, Karen Schmidt, Jim Fruin, Rob Fazzini, Jennifer McDade, Mboka Mwilambwe, Judy Stearns, Bernard Anderson, David Sage and Steve Stockton.

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

The Minutes of March 26, 2012 Public Hearing and Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee Schmidt, seconded by Trustee McDade that the reading of the Public Hearing and Minutes March 26, 2012 Regular Session meeting be dispensed with and approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Trustee Purcell arrived at 6:35 p.m.

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

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented. An Addendum had been provided for items received after Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, informed the Board that the Township's Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 – 2013 Budget needed to be amended to address the cemetery. He placed the Cemetery budget's on file and the Public Hearing would be held prior to the Board's May 29, 2012 meeting.

Mike Ireland, Township Assessor, addressed the Board. He had prepared a written report. He informed the Board that property tax bills would be mailed in the next week to ten (10) days. His report addressed properties within the Unit 5 School District. He noted that the rates between the two (2) school districts were different. His report contained a lot of information. He prepared Tax Rate History tables for District 87 and Unit 5. Data was provided for 2005 to 2011. A composite rate was provided for each year. He noted the composite rate for 2010 versus 2011, \$7.79 versus \$7.82. The percentage of change was listed: .35%. He reminded the Board that tax rate equaled EAV (Equalized Assessed Value) plus the tax levy.

Mr. Ireland informed the Board that in 2011 rural Bloomington Township returned the parcels which were part of the lawsuit to the City Township. This fact impacted the rate.

Mr. Ireland addressed the Tax Rate History table for Unit 5. Data was provided for 2004 to 2011. The composite rate for 2011 was \$7.89.

In addition, Mr. Ireland had prepared pie charts entitled Tax Portion Comparison Using District 87 Schools and Unit 5 for 2010 and 2011. He compared these charts to the percentage of a dollar. There were slight changes. He also had prepared Tax Bill Comparison Across Value Range for District 87 and Unit 5 Schools. This information was not included in his annual report.

Mr. Ireland addressed a chart entitled Major Users of the Property Tax. This graph lists the levy amounts. He noted that overall tax levies have been flat. He noted Unit 5's referendums to build new schools. He stated that the assessed value has been increasing in Unit 5. District 87's Assessed Value was flat. District 87 has been described as the hole in the donut. He also presented a line graph entitled the Tax Rate Comparison Bloomington – Normal. In 2009, Normal's tax rate exceeded the City. He believed this was a reflection of the impact of the Unit 5 schools. Actual composite rates were provided.

Finally, he presented a detailed comparison of the rate by entity, (Town and City) which listed each taxing entity. He noted that the multiplier for 2011 was one. He believed that minor increases might be seen.

Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. A written report had been prepared. He addressed the number of General Assistance (GA) cases for March 2012 which totaled 187. A year ago, (March 2011), there were 185 GA cases. There were forty-one (41)

new cases. He added that there had been 292 more cases this year over 2011. He cited the GA staff's efforts to control costs.

He reviewed the Community Work/Education, (fifty-seven clients performed community service at non-profit agencies in the community; drug court – four clients; GED classes – ten clients, twelve clients graduated from Heartland Community College's Skills for Success –class on March 30, 2012. Eighteen clients will start class on April 10, 2012). He noted that seven (7) companies were listed as job sites.

He also addressed the Scott Health Resource Program. He noted the various service programs with totals served since May 1, 2011 (Dental Referrals - 546, Medical Doctor Visits - 51, Lab/Diagnostic - 81, Medical Equipment & Supplies - 104, Prescription Program - 300, Transportation – Maternal/child - 571 and Cancer - 493, and Vision Program). He noted the numbers for the Vision Program: 1,099 patients referred and 759 pairs of glasses dispensed. The eye glasses were provided through the collaboration of entities, (public aid, Township, McLean County Health Department and local optometrists).

Mr. Gibson noted Gary S. Johnson Dental Clinic which had been held on Saturday, April 14, 2012. 119 individuals had been served.

Mr. Gibson reminded the Board that the May 29, 2012 meeting would start at 6:15 p.m. to hold a Public Hearing on the Cemetery's Budget.

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

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee McDade to adjourn. Time: 6:50 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert
Town Clerk