

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
MARCH 25, 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 March 25, 2013.

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, Judy Stearns, Karen Schmidt, Jamie Mathy and Steve Stockton.

Trustee absent: David Sage.

Also present were Staff: Tracey Covert, Town Clerk, Steve Scudder, Residential Appraiser, and Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor.

Staff absent: Mike Ireland, Township Assessor.

The Minutes of February 25, 2013 Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee Fazzini, seconded by Trustee Fruin that the reading of the Minutes February 25, 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 February 2013.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented. An Addendum was presented for expenses received after March 20, 2013.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stockton noted that the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 – 2014 Budget had been held. No one came forward to address the Board.

Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, added that no changes had been made to the proposed FY 2013 - 2014 Budget. There had been a slight decrease to the General Assistance and a slight increase to the Town Fund. He accounted this to salaries. He recognized Cathy Hadden, Controller, for her efforts on the budget.

Motion by Trustee Fazzini, seconded by Trustee Fruin that the FY 2013 – 2014 Budget Ordinance be passed.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Mr. Gibson presented the proposed Agenda for the Annual Town Meeting which would be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. This would be the third Tuesday in April as the second Tuesday in April was election day. This would be last Annual Town Meeting for Mike Ireland, Township Assessor, and himself as Township Supervisor. He encouraged the Board to attend same. He reminded the Board that the Agenda must be publish in the Pantagraph.

Motion by Trustee Fazzini, seconded by Trustee Fruin to approved the Agenda for the Annual Town Meeting on April 16, 2013.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Mr. Gibson had also prepared a written report. He presented various General Assistance (GA) statistics. GA cases for February 2013 – 152, 130 reopened and 29 new. There had been a slight decrease in the number of cases. He noted Community Work/Education, (Community Service – 48, Drug Court – 6 and Recovery Court – 2). There were twelve (12) GA clients enrolled in Heartland Community College's (HCC) Skills for Success class and four (4) enrolled in GED, (General Equivalency Diploma) class. GA clients had found employment at a variety of businesses, (Evergreen Cemetery and Paradise Pet). He also addressed prescription drug costs. The cost for 186

prescriptions was \$4,869.42. The average cost per prescription was \$26.18. This was the lowest cost since 2004.

Mr. Gibson also presented statistics for the Scott Health Resources program, (Dental referrals – 352; medical doctor visits – 10, medical equipment & supplies – 52; prescription program – 240; transportation: maternal/child – 460 and cancer – 278; and vision program: patients – 686 and glasses dispensed – 456). He added that 319 individuals attended the Bridges Out of Poverty Conference. Scott Health Commission was one of the sponsors of this event.

He added that the Township staff worked hard to control costs.

Trustee Schmidt questioned the GED classes. Mr. Gibson informed the Board that this class was offered at no cost from HCC. There was a \$150 fee for the test. There were other resources in the community to cover this cost.

Trustee Fruin question the prescription drug cost, (i.e. brand name versus generic). Mr. Gibson stated that the Township encouraged the use of generic drugs. The BroMenn Clinic understood this. He added that a number of brand name drugs had recently gone generic.

Steve Scudder, Residential Appraiser, addressed the Board. He informed them that Mike Ireland, Township Assessor, had prepared a written report. It addressed foreclosures. It began by addressing Lis Pendens filings. Lis Pendens was the initial action in a foreclosure. A bar graph was provided which addressed filings for 2008 – 2012. There had been a decline in 2012.

The report also addressed foreclosures by deed or court order. A bar graph had been prepared which also addressed 2008 – 2012. He noted the increase in the number of foreclosures during 2012. A second graph addressed foreclosures by lender. This information only addressed residential property. It was noted that four (4) institutions were responsible for ninety-four (94) of 151 residential foreclosures. These were large lenders, (Freddie Mac, HUD/Housing & Urban Development, Heartland Bank and Fannie Mae).

A Foreclosures by Deed or Court Order graph had been prepared for non residential properties. He noted the increase in 2012. A second graph had also been prepared which addressed foreclosures by lender. He noted that there were lending institutions that had not filed a single foreclosure prior to 2012.

Mr. Scudder addressed where in the City these foreclosures had been filed. The response was throughout the City. He noted that forty-eight (48) foreclosures had occurred in Ward 6. The ratio in 2012 for inside/outside Veterans Pkwy. was 2:1.

Trustee Fazzini expressed his opinion that middle/upper income individuals did not stretch their budget as much. He added that the four (4) largest lenders who filed

foreclosures were probably the same one who issued most of the loans. Heartland Bank may have been more aggressive than other local banks.

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

Trustee Fazzini addressed the Board regarding the transition team, (Trustees Schmidt, Mwilambwe and himself). The initial meeting to address transition issues was held on February 15, 2013. The team met again on March 1, 2013. The decision was made to meet again after the election. He noted that there was only one (1) candidate for Township Assessor. He believed that it was good to have a team to assist with the transition for the positions of Township Supervisor and Township Assessor.

Motion by Trustee Fazzini, seconded by Trustee Fruin to adjourn. Time: 6:52 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert
Town Clerk