

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY  
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP  
FEBRUARY 24, 2014

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 February 24, 2014.

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

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

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

The Minutes of January 27, 2014 Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee Sage, seconded by Trustee Lower that the reading of the Minutes January 27, 2014 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 January 2014.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Renner introduced an increase to Cemetery Trustee Compensation. Currently the Cemetery Trustees were paid \$500 annually. Their compensation would be increased to \$1,000, (see 2013 Laws & Duties Handbook p. 268).

Motion by Trustee Sage, seconded by Trustee Lower to increase the annual Cemetery Trustee Compensation from \$500 to \$1,000.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Budget was presented to the Board. Deborah Skillrud, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. The proposed FY 2015 Budget had been included in the Board packet. It must be presented and placed on file thirty (30) days prior to adoption. A Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2015 Budget would be held prior to the Board's March 24, 2014 meeting. A budget summary had also been prepared. It included a Budget Comparison for FY 2007 – FY 2013; EAV Levy Comparisons for 2005 – 2013 and Tax Rate information for 2005 – 2012. She noted the slight decrease to the Levy (2012 versus 2013), and a slight increase to the budget (FY 2014 versus FY 2015). Township staff worked within the budget.

Trustee Schmidt addressed the General Assistance (GA) Fund. She addressed need and noted that the amount for FY 2015 was lower than FY 2013.

Trustee Sage questioned the impact of the ACA (Affordable Care Act). He specifically cited a reduction in medical expenses. Ms. Skillrud informed the Board that co pays would continue. Township staff was looking into other medical needs in the community with the Community Health Care Clinic and McLean County Health Department.

Trustee Sage cited the Annual Town Meeting (Tuesday, April 8, 2014).

Ms. Skillrud restated that the Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2015 Budget would be prior to the Board's March 24, 2014 meeting.

She informed them that progress continued on the merger of the Cemetery's financials. The first payroll would be run on Friday, February 28, 2014.

She also informed the Board that the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Audit Services had been received and opened. Four (4) RFPs had been received. Township staff had reviewed the RFP and a decision has been made.

Trustee Fruin noted his suggestions that Township staff solicit proposals was to encourage Township staff to perform due diligence.

Ms. Skillrud noted that Township staff had met the challenge and the goal was accomplished.

The Township had been informed that Trustee McDade had resigned.

Finally, she informed the Board that the Annual Town Meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 6 p.m. She encouraged them to attend same.

Steve Scudder, Township Assessor, addressed the Board. He had prepared a written report. It addressed the assessment cycle. He had met with the County's Supervisor of Assessments. The City of Bloomington represented half of the County's total EAV (Equalized Assessed Value). The City of Bloomington was coterminous with six (6) rural townships, (Normal, Towanda, Old Town, Bloomington, Dale, and Dry Grove).

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

Motion by Trustee Sage, seconded by Trustee Lower to adjourn. Time: 6:43 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert  
Town Clerk