

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
JANUARY 27, 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 January 27, 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 and Tari Renner.

Trustee absent: Jim Fruin, Judy Stearns and Jennifer McDade.

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

The Minutes of December 16, 2013 Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee Mwilambwe, seconded by Trustee Fazzini that the reading of the Minutes December 16, 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 December 2013.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Renner introduced the Resolution to Permit Remote Participation in Meetings.

Trustee Fazzini questioned if this Resolution mirrored the City of Bloomington's ordinance. Tracey Covert, Town Clerk, responded affirmatively.

Motion by Trustee Schmidt, seconded by Trustee Black that the Resolution be adopted.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Deborah Skillrud, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. She noted that a written report had been prepared. She stated that as of January 1, 2014 due to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the General Assistance (GA) office would no longer offer medical coverage. Co-pays remained an issue. She cited co-pays for prescription drugs as an example. The GA staff was working with the Community Health Care Clinic and the McLean County Health Department, (MCHD). She specifically cited the MCHD's dental program. The GA Office was attempting to cover needs. She closed by addressing community funding grant applications for the next year.

Trustee Sage questioned the cemetery account. Ms. Skillrud stated that the work would be completed by the fiscal year end, (March 31, 2014). Everyone was on board and the work was going well.

Trustee Sage questioned if GA dollars would be freed up due to the ACA. Ms. Skillrud stated that this was GA staff's initial belief. She was unsure of the Township's responsibility at this time.

Trustee Mwilambwe noted the ACA and medical expenses. He questioned if GA staff anticipated an end to same. Ms. Skillrud noted two (2) areas: prescription drugs and adult dental services. GA staff was working with pharmacies and the MCHD. Dental services had addressed pain management and emergency care such as tooth extractions. There were a number of things that needed to be worked out. She readdressed grant funding and setting dollar amounts.

Trustee Schmidt addressed the John Scott Health Resources fund. Ms. Skillrud stated that this fund had seen an increased workload. This fund addressed individuals who were described as the donut hole. These individuals were unable to afford medical care/services. Adult dental services was another area where she foresaw an increase.

Steve Scudder, Township Assessor, addressed the Board. He had prepared a written report. It addressed the Board of Review's numbers. The assessed value had been reduced by \$5 million. The total assessed value for the City was \$1.9 billion.

Trustee Fazzini noted that Mike Ireland, former Township Assessor, had been retained as a consultant. Mr. Scudder responded affirmatively. Mr. Ireland's work for the Township Assessor's Office would be project based. During the first week of February 2014, Mr. Ireland would provide staff training. This training was qualified for continuing education credit as Mr. Ireland was a certified trainer.

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

Motion by Trustee Schmidt, seconded by Trustee Mwilambwe to adjourn. Time: 6:43 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert
Town Clerk