

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
MARCH 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 March 24, 2014.

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

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

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

Staff absent: Steve Scudder, Township Assessor.

The Minutes of February 24, 2014 Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee Sage, seconded by Trustee Schmidt that the reading of the Minutes February 24, 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 February 2014.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented. An Addendum was presented for expenses received after March 19, 2014.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Renner introduced the Resolution to adopt an Investment Policy.

Motion by Trustee Sage, seconded by Trustee Schmidt to approve the Investment Policy and the Resolution be adopted.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Renner introduced the reappointment of Eugene Lorch to the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery Board for a six (6) year term.

Trustee Renner questioned if this item should be a mayoral appointment by the City of Bloomington. He also questioned if the information presented was correct or not.

Deborah Skillrud, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. Evergreen Cemetery was a township cemetery. By state statute the term of appointment was for six (6) years. This reappointment was based upon Mr. Lorch's appointment in 2009. The correction was that the term of appointment should be for six (6) years.

Motion by Trustee Sage, seconded by Trustee Mwilambwe that the reappointment be approved.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Renner introduced the proposed Agenda for the Annual Town Meeting which would be held on April 8, 2014.

Motion by Trustee Sage, seconded by Trustee Schmidt that the proposed Agenda for the April 8, 2014 Annual Town Meeting be approved.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Renner introduced the FY 2015 Budget Ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Sage, seconded by Trustee Fazzini that the Ordinance be passed.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Black questioned electronic voting. Tracey Covert, Township Clerk, noted that Township staff would address this item in the near future.

Ms. Skillrud had also prepared a written report. She addressed the financial record transition involving the Cemetery which was almost complete. Cemetery payroll would be the last item. She recognized Cathy Hadden's, Comptroller, efforts regarding same. The transition would be completed for the start of the FY 2014 – 2015. The Board would see monthly reports from the Cemetery in their packets.

She informed the Board that the Township received a dividend from, TOIRMA, (Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association), in the amount of \$1,682.

She reminded the Board that the Annual Town Meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. She encouraged their attendance at same.

Trustee Fruin thanked the Township staff for issuing an RFP (Request for Proposal) for Audit Services. He supported their action regarding same. He questioned if the Township was obligated to award an RFP to the lowest bidder. He acknowledged that the pricing was close, and noted that the RFP had been awarded to Phillips & Associates, CPAs, PC. He restated that the Township staff had done a good job. He cited the Township Board's fiduciary responsibility.

Ms. Skillrud noted that two (2) RFPs were close in pricing, Lauterback & Amen, LLP and Phillips Associates, CPAs, PC. She cited Phillips Associates' township experience. Trustee Fruin urged Township staff to use caution.

Trustee Schmidt questioned the Township's role regarding the City's Rental Housing Program. She added that the monthly General Assistance (GA) grant could be directed towards rent. She hoped that the Township was connected to this program. She noted that this item was not listed on this meeting's agenda.

Ms. Skillrud cited the Township's working relationship with John Langlois, Inspector II with the City. There was a good working relationship between the Township and the City.

Ms. Skillrud informed the Board that Steve Scudder, Township Assessor, was absent this evening due to vacation time. Mr. Scudder had prepared a Monthly Report.

Trustee Fruin thanked Mr. Scudder for the report. He believed that Mr. Scudder was a member of the Association of Realtors. He encouraged Mr. Scudder to tap into their database. He questioned what information the Board wanted from Mr. Scudder.

Ms. Skillrud offered to provide this feedback to Mr. Scudder. She added that Mr. Scudder would be giving a presentation at the Annual Town Meeting.

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: 6:47 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert
Town Clerk