

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY  
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP  
DECEMBER 17, 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 December 17, 2012.

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, David Sage, Judy Stearns, Karen Schmidt, Bernard Anderson and Steve Stockton.

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

The Minutes of November 26, 2012 Regular Session were presented.

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

Motion carried.

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

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented. An Addendum was presented for expenses received after December 12, 2012.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Mike Ireland, Township Assessor, addressed the Board. He had prepared a written report. He noted that the Board of Review had finished its work last week. Decisions would be known in early January 2013. He planned to present the final numbers. He noted that the calendar year end was near. He cited the building permit process. He added that there had been information technology enhancements. He addressed data collection and the use of tablet PC (Personal Computers). He noted their weight and age. The tablets were ten (10) years old and had cost \$2,500. The Assessor's Office planned to convert to Apple iPads. This would eliminate data downloads. An iPad weighed less than one pound (1 lb.) and cost less than \$500. Work would start on commercial properties and then move on to residential properties.

Mr. Ireland added that there would be in-house training. The Assessor's staff would perform market and data analysis. He cited the importance of well trained and educated staff.

Mr. Ireland wished all present Happy Holidays.

Trustee Stearns stated the Board of Review had completed its work. She expressed her interest in the results. Mr. Ireland stated that the first step was the Board of Review hearings. The hearings had ended and the results would be known shortly. Notices would be sent in early January 2013. Trustee Stearns questioned the number of cases. Mr. Ireland cited less than 500. The numbers were down from the previous year.

Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. He had prepared a written report. He presented various General Assistance (GA) statistics. GA cases for November 2013 – 172, 135 reopened and 37 new. He noted Community Work/Education, (Community Service – 52, Drug Court – 5 and Recovery Court – 2). GA clients had found employment at a variety of businesses, (Alpha Cleaners, Bergner's, Eastland Mall, Eurest, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Sweet & Savory Grille, and Wildberries). He also addressed prescription drug costs. The cost for 162 prescriptions was \$4,439.69. The average cost per prescription was \$27.41.

Mr. Gibson also presented statistics for the Scott Health Resources program, (Dental referrals – 296; medical doctor visits – 11, medical equipment & supplies – 46; prescription program – 211; transportation: maternal/child – 309 and cancer – 198; and vision program: patients – 366 and glasses dispensed – 294).

The Township's 2013 Holiday Schedule and Annual List of Meetings for 2013 was presented to the Board.

He informed the Board that he planned to meet with the Economic Development Council regarding the Wirtz property tax abatement. The Township would also be impacted as a taxing body.

Trustee Purcell noted the article, *Free Exams, Glasses Given to Bloomington Residents* in the December 2012 Township Perspective magazine.

Trustee Fruin noted that Mr. Gibson and Mr. Ireland would leave the Township on May 1, 2013. He cited the April 9, 2013 election. He hoped for a smooth transition. He expressed his interest in an understanding being reached in the next few months. He stated his concern regarding lost knowledge.

Trustee Stockton noted that there was nothing which would prevent Mr. Gibson and Mr. Ireland from meeting with the candidates.

Mr. Gibson informed the Board that he had met with all four (4) candidates. He had also taken telephone calls.

Mr. Ireland informed the Board that his term would end on December 31, 2013. He noted that Steve Scudder. was an internal candidate. Mr. Scudder was currently employed in the Assessor's Office. Natocha Troyer, the other candidate, had contacted him once by telephone. He would work with whoever was elected.

Trustee Stockton questioned if there were Trustees who would be willing to take the time to address the transition. Trustees Anderson and Fazzini volunteered.

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

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Schmidt to adjourn. Time: 6:51 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert  
Town Clerk