

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY  
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP  
APRIL 22, 2013

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington Township met in the Conference Room of City Hall Building at 6:30 P.M. on April 22, 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, David Sage, Judy Stearns, Karen Schmidt, Jamie Mathy and Steve Stockton.

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

The Minutes of March 25, 2013 Public Hearing and Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee Purcell, seconded by Trustee Schmidt that the reading of the Minutes March 25, 2013 Public Hearing and 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 March 2013.

Trustee Stearns arrived at 6:32 p.m.

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, Mathy and Stockton.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented. An Addendum was presented for expenses received after April 17, 2013.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, presented the Resolution for the City of Bloomington Township's Authorized Agent for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund: Appointment of Deborah L. Skillrud effective May 1, 2013. He recommended that the Resolution be adopted.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, had also prepared a written report. He presented various General Assistance (GA) statistics. GA cases for March 2013 – 187, 146 reopened and 41 new. He noted Community Work/Education, (Community Service – 46, Drug Court – 6, Recovery Court – 3, and GED (General Equivalency Diploma) classes - 6). Skills for Success had ended on April 5, 2013. Twelve (12) GA clients had completed this class. The next class would begin on April 9, 2013. Ten (10) GA clients were registered. He also addressed prescription drug costs. The cost for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 was \$77,693. He compared this amount to FY 2009 when the cost was \$206,808. He cited Township staff, Advocate BroMenn and pharmacies for their efforts to control/reduce costs.

Mr. Gibson also presented statistics for the Scott Health Resources program, (Dental referrals – 381; medical doctor visits – 13, medical equipment & supplies – 55; prescription program – 261; transportation: maternal/child – 488 and cancer – 316; and vision program: patients – 756 and glasses dispensed – 492). He added that Scott Health awarded grant to the Community Health Care Clinic for Youth/Family Solutions, (counseling services), in the amount of \$10,000.

Trustee Stockton noted that this would be Mr. Gibson's last meeting. A reception for him would be held at the Township building on Friday, April 26, 2013, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. He stated his intention to attend same. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Gibson for his service to the Township. Trustee Stockton had attended the Annual Town Meeting on April 16, 2013. The Township Supervisor was responsible for the township's management. Mr. Gibson had shown fiscal restraint. He had controlled expenses. It had been a pleasure to work with Mr. Gibson. He encouraged the Board to show their appreciation to him.

Mr. Gibson stated that it was an honor to be a part of local government. Being a part of township government was rewarding and not easy. He planned to remain in the community.

Trustee Stockton introduced the Township Supervisor elect Deborah L. Skillrud. He wished her the best.

Mike Ireland, Township Assessor, addressed the Board. He had prepared a written report. It addressed tax rates. He cited the Annual Town Meeting. Worked continued on the Annual Report. He planned to address tax rates based on the new 2012 EAV (Equalized Assessed Valuation) at the May 28, 2013 meeting. He addressed the chart entitled Residential Sales 2012 Compared to 2011 Equalized Assessed Value. This chart addressed the tax base by comparing the assessed value to the market place. It only included arms length transactions. He reminded the Board that the EAV targeted value was 33 1/3%. The median ratio was 33.42 which was a little high. He did not anticipate movement.

He directed the Board to the chart entitled Statistical Analysis of the Assessment Ratios. This table addressed the state Department of Revenue's three (3) year average to calculate the ratio study. He also addressed the table labeled PTAX 215 IDOR Assessment Ratios Adjusted for Changes through 2012 S/A. This chart addressed 2012 values after equalization. He reminded the Board that for tax year 2013, 2009 sales would be dropped and 2012 sales would be added. Based on the ratios, the beginning three (3) year average would be 33.64%. This figure was within one percent (1%). He cautioned that the County might apply a negative multiplier. The base was stable. There had been new construction which would slightly elevate EAV.

Mr. Ireland informed the Board that a bill had been passed which would increase the senior homestead exemption from \$4,000 to \$5,000 starting in 2013 for taxes payable in 2014. He anticipated the governor's signature. The impact of this bill would be to remove \$3.7 million from the tax base. This had already taken place in Cook County.

Mr. Ireland recognized Trustee Stockton and Purcell's service to the Township. He appreciated their time and eight (8) years of service. He noted their feedback and citizen contact. He also recognized Trustee Mathy whose service had been limited. The Township and the City worked together for the citizens' benefit. Each had a different function while serving the same people. Each entity was concerned about the well being of the citizens and the quality of life of the community. He noted that his last day as Township Assessor would be December 31, 2013.

Trustee Stockton expressed his hoped that the monthly reports would continue. Mr. Ireland noted that he and Steve Scudder, Township Assessor elect, were working together.

Trustee Fazzini requested that Mr. Ireland provide a copy of the handout provided at the Annual Town Meeting to the entire Board. Mr. Ireland affirmed that his Power Pointe with the narrative would be emailed to the Board.

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

Motion by Trustee Purcell, seconded by Trustee Schmidt to adjourn. Time: 6:54 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert  
Town Clerk