

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY  
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP  
OCTOBER 22, 2012

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington Township met in the Conference Room of City Hall Building at 6:36 P.M. on October 22, 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 and Steve Stockton.

Trustee Absent: Bernard Anderson.

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

The Minutes of September 24, 2012 Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee Schmidt, seconded by Trustee Mwilambwe that the reading of the Minutes September 24, 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 September 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 and Stockton.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stockton introduced the Ordinance for Compensation for Township Officials 2013 – 2017. This ordinance had been discussed by the Board at previous meetings.

Trustee Purcell recused himself from this item and left the dais. Time: 6:40 p.m. (Trustee Purcell has stated his intention to file as a Republican candidate for Township Supervisor.)

Trustee Stockton noted that Trustee Fruin had recommended a modest salary increase for the positions of Township Assessor and Township Supervisor.

Trustee Fruin noted the Board's last discussion. He had not received any input from the Board. The Ordinance itself was simple. It addressed salary and benefits which were similar to those provided by the City of Bloomington. These two (2) elected officials also participated in IMRF, (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund). The Ordinance also addressed mileage reimbursement. The Township Assessor also received a minimal state stipend. The Board does not manage/control these offices. He questioned if there was input from the Board at this time.

Trustee Stockton stated the current salaries for the Township Assessor, \$89,781.82 and Township Supervisor, \$71,027.25. He added that by 2017, the salaries would be: Township Assessor, \$96,000 and Township Supervisor, \$78,000. Alderman Fruin added that the Scott Commission currently provided a \$16,000 stipend to the Township Supervisor. He noted that the Board might not be familiar with this. Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. In the past, the Scott Health stipend was set by the City Manager. The Scott Commission was now part of the Township. There had been no change to the stipend during his tenure. Trustee Fruin expressed his opinion that the salaries for these two (2) positions should be equitable.

Mr. Gibson added that the stipend for Township Trustees would remain the same, \$20 per meeting attended.

Trustee Fruin noted that the position of Township Clerk was not part of the Compensation Ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Fruin, seconded by Trustee Fazzini that the Compensation Ordinance for Township Officials for 2013 – 2017 be approved and the Ordinance passed.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Purcell returned to the meeting. Time: 6:48 p.m.

Trustee Stockton introduced proposed Tax Levy for 2012. Mr. Gibson addressed the Board. The proposed tax levy call for a slight decrease, -.86%. He noted the reductions by fund: Town Fund, -.75% and Assistance Fund, -1.98%. The Cemetery Fund showed a slight increase, .11%. The Tax Levy Ordinance would be adopted by the Board at their November 26, 2012 meeting. He welcomed the Board's comments and/or questions.

Motion by Trustee Fazzini, seconded by Trustee Schmidt that the proposed Tax Levy be adopted as the estimate of \$2,212,301.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stockton introduced the appointment of Amelia Buragas as Evergreen Cemetery Board Trustee. Ms. Buragas was an attorney. She was raised in Downs, IL. She held a Master's in Journalism and a law degree from the University of Wisconsin. He noted that there were state statutes and regulations governing cemeteries. Ms. Buragas was interested in history. He hoped that she would find the role of trustee interesting and inspiring.

Motion by Trustee Fazzini, seconded by Trustee Stearns that the appointed by approved.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Mike Ireland, Township Assessor, addressed the Board. He had prepared a written report. He informed the Board that the last day to file an appeal with the Board of Review had been October 11, 2012. He noted the decline in the number and dollar value of the appeals: 2011 – 606 cases with a value of \$85,502,784 compared with 2012 – 408 cases with a value of \$52,550,779. He anticipated that upon conclusion of the Board of Review process there would be a decline in value of \$7 million. He also addressed reductions of \$100,000 or more. The number of cases and dollar value were similar, 2011 – 25 cases with a dollar value of \$8,891,428 compared to 2012 – 22 cases with a dollar value of \$7,327,691. He added that different properties were involved. Each was subject to a hearing. Hearings would be scheduled during November and December 2012. He planned to provide an update to the Board at their November 26, 2012 meeting.

Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. A written report had been prepared. He addressed the spreadsheet entitled GA Prescription Stats as of 10/01/2012. He noted the historically low dollars figures. For September 2012, the average cost per prescription was \$27.58, the total spent that month was \$5,984.64, and 217 prescriptions were filled. He noted the efforts of Gwen Donnelly, Sr. Medical Caseworker.

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

Motion by Trustee Fazzini, seconded by Trustee McDade to adjourn. Time: 6:58 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Covert  
Town Clerk