

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
September 24, 2012

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington Township met in the Council Chambers of City Hall Building at 6:32 P.M. on September 24, 2012.

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

Trustees: Steven Purcell, Karen Schmidt, Jim Fruin, Rob Fazzini, Jennifer McDade, Mboka Mwilambwe, Judy Stearns, Bernard Anderson, David Sage and Steve Stockton.

Also present were Staff: Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Town Clerk; Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, and Mike Ireland, Township Assessor.

Absent: Tracey Covert, Town Clerk.

The Minutes of August 27, 2012 Regular Session were presented.

Motion by Trustee Sage, seconded by Trustee Anderson that the reading of the Minutes August 27, 2012 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 Addendum to Exhibit A Request for Payment were presented for August 2012.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The anticipated expenditures were presented.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, presented the draft 2012 – 2017 Township Officials Compensation Ordinance.

Trustee Stockton stated that this was a review of research conducted. Trustees would vote on same Monday, October 22, 2012.

Trustee Purcell had announced he was running for Township Supervisor. Trustee Purcell left the dias at 6:39 p.m.

Trustee Fruin stated the City of Bloomington's Human Resource staff had surveyed area Township Assessors and Supervisors. The intent was to equalize the two (2) positions. The Township Assessor's salary as of January 2013 would be \$89,781.82. Salary increases would be as follows: January 2014 - \$90,000; January 2015 - \$92,000; January 2016 - \$94,000 and January 2017 - \$96,000.

The Township Supervisor's current salary was \$71,027.25 the position also received a stipend from the John Scott Commission of \$16,000. The salary increase would be as follows: May 2013 - \$72,000; May 2014 - \$74,000; May 2015 - \$76,000 and May 2016 - \$78,000.

Trustee Mwilambwe questioned the salary increase as it pertains to percentage decreases over time. Trustee Fruin stated compensation plans increase as employees move up the salary range.

Trustee Stearns questioned benefits remaining the same. Trustee Fruin responded affirmatively. She expressed appreciation of the information presented. She believed the salaries were similar to the private sector. She requested time to compare salaries in other townships.

Trustee Stockton reminded the Board the ordinance would have to be approved 180 days prior to an elected official taking office. Questions had been raised to base the ordinance on qualifications. At this time there were no candidates for Township Assessor's.

Trustee Sage expressed appreciation with the research conducted.

Trustee Fazzini expressed his support.

Trustee Stockton introduced the next item.

Trustee Purcell returned at 6:48 p.m.

Rick Phillips, Phillips and Associates CPAs, P.C., addressed the Board. The audit was completed for Fiscal Year (FY) March 2012 using general auditing standards and financial statements based on cash accounting. The Township does not prepare a Management Discussion and Analysis report. The supplementary information references Evergreen Cemetery.

The Township finished the year with a \$2.9 million fund balance. It represented 96% of annual expenditures or a decrease in fund balance as related to same.

Mr. Phillips referred to page five (5) Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Arising from Cash Transactions. The Town fund ended with revenue of \$74,653 over expenditures. General Assistance ended with expenditures exceeding revenue. Both funds had a sufficient budget.

Mike Ireland, Township Assessor, addressed the Board. He provided a verbal report. Property assessments had been mailed. The last day to appeal same was October 11, 2012. Last month he reported that the tax base was reduced \$35 million. McLean County stated further reductions were needed. The tax base was reduced to $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% or a multiplier of .9924. He believed the reductions were in line with the market. Twenty-four (24) appeals had been received.

Joe Gibson, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. A written report had been prepared. He addressed the number of General Assistance (GA) cases for August 2012 which totaled 203. A year ago, (August 2011), there were 185 GA cases. Township participates were enrolled in Community Service, Drug Court, GED Classes and Skills for Success at Heartland Community College.

The estimated tax levy would be presented Monday, October 22, 2012. The Tax Levy Ordinance would be adopted at the Board's November 26, 2012 meeting. The budget and audit would be place on the web site.

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

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Mwilambwe to adjourn. Time: 6:57 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Gooderham
Chief Deputy Town Clerk