

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP
FEBRUARY 25, 2013

The Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Bloomington Township met in the Conference Room of City Hall Building at 6:31 P.M. on February 25, 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 January 28, 2013 Regular Session were presented.

Alderman Sage arrived at 6:32 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Purcell, seconded by Trustee Schmidt that the reading of the Minutes January 28, 2013 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 January 2013.

Alderman McDade arrived at 6:33 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.

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 proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Budget. The Evergreen Cemetery was included in the FY 2014 Budget. The Cemetery also had a one (1) month budget due to the change of fiscal year. The Town Fund budget was slightly higher due to personnel costs. He noted the cost for transition, (i.e. new Township Supervisor and Township Assessor). The General Assistance Fund budget had been lowered slightly from FY 2013. He cited lower medical costs. The total proposed FY 2014 Budget was \$26,000 lower than the FY 2013 Budget. The Public Hearing would be held prior to the Board's March 25, 2013 meeting. The Budget Ordinance would appear on the March 25, 2013 meeting agenda for approval. He welcomed any questions from the Board.

Mr. Gibson had also prepared a written report. He presented various General Assistance (GA) statistics. GA cases for January 2013 – 166, 129 reopened and 37 new. He noted Community Work/Education, (Community Service – 48, Drug Court – 6 and Recovery Court – 2). GA clients had found employment at a variety of businesses, (A Caring Touch, Bergner's, Westaff and World Painting). He also addressed prescription drug costs. The cost for 137 prescriptions was \$4,645.12. The average cost per prescription was \$33.91.

Mr. Gibson also presented statistics for the Scott Health Resources program, (Dental referrals – 323; medical doctor visits – 9, medical equipment & supplies – 50; prescription program – 230; transportation: maternal/child – 399 and cancer – 268; and vision program: patients – 634 and glasses dispensed – 424).

He also noted the Bridges Out of Poverty Program.

Mike Ireland, Township Assessor, addressed the Board. He had prepared a written report. He addressed the 2013 assessments. He noted market changes in 2012. He presented data for Median Value of Arms-length Sales. He noted the prices. In 2012, the median was only higher than in 2011 for four (4) of the twelve (12) months. He cited the increase to the median price. He compared to 2011 to 2012 and noted that price had been even. There was a line chart for Transaction Count by Price from 2008 – 2012. He reminded the Council that the three (3) year average for 2012 would include the years of 2010, 2011 and 2012. He addressed the number of transactions. 2012 was close to 2010 and 2011. Data was also provided regarding Median Price per Square Foot by Price Range. 2012 was a match for 2011. There had been a slight decline for homes priced at over \$400,000.

The final bar graph addressed Median Percentage Change of Resale Homes. This chart presented data from 2006 to 2012. He noted the recession. He cited the downfall in the real estate market. In 2011, there was a negative change to the price of homes. 2012 matched 2010. The Assessment staff had evaluated the 2013 cycle. A small chart was provided which addressed the Count, Median, and Mean for 2010, 2011 and 2012. This information would impact the multiplier. He noted the three (3) year average of 33.19, W Mean. The goal was to

be at 33.33. The state's expectation was 33.35. The final numbers would be provided to the state by late summer/early fall. Overall the assessment levels were where they needed to be.

Mr. Ireland addressed the Township lawsuit and the 2001 referendum. The last properties would be returned in 2013. These parcels would be added to the 2014 tax base. This would impact the Township's total EAV, (Equalized Assessed Value), but would have no impact upon the City. Additional EAV should result in a lower tax rate. Rural townships collected road and bridge funds. City townships do not provide these services. He estimated the savings at \$50 – 60 per household.

Trustee Fazzini questioned if Mr. Ireland's report was similar to other township assessors. Mr. Ireland informed the Board that these were his reports.

Trustee Fruin questioned foreclosures and requested that this topic be addressed at a future meeting. Mr. Ireland offered to address same at the Board's March 25, 2013 meeting.

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