

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on February 20, 2020, at 924 W. 17th St., Suite B.

Board members present were Lorraine Merriman Farrell and Marty Spechler. Also present were Trustee Kim Alexander, Deputy Fire Chief Matt Bright, Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers, and Legal Counsel Kevin Robling.

AGENDA

The agenda was amended to add a report for the 17th Street lease agreement under old business. Marty moved to accept the agenda as amended. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Marty moved to accept the minutes of the January 7, 2020, board meeting as presented. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Purchase Agreement: Kevin updated the board on the status of the purchase agreement for the Fountain Drive property. The City has stated they have no interest in affordable housing at that location, and it is preferred that the area be dedicated as an employment center. As a result, TWG Development has withdrawn their offer to purchase the Fountain Drive property. Discussion ensued regarding the next steps in the process to sell the property.

Lease Agreement Report: Kevin reported that the construction reimbursement schedule (Exhibit C) for the lease of 924 W. 17th St., Suite C, has been finalized with a total construction cost of \$204,000. The construction costs will be reimbursed to Dry Creek Inc. (landlord) after 14 years, at which time a rent reduction will be implemented. Marty moved to approve the reimbursement schedule along with granting Kim Alexander authorization to sign the schedule on behalf of the Township. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Financial Report: Kim and Lisa presented the 2019 Annual Report for Bloomington Township, which every local government unit in Indiana is required to submit electronically on Gateway. A financial report for the previous year, it includes the "TA-7," the township assistance statistical report. Following discussion, Marty moved to approve the 2019 Annual Report. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously. The Annual Report was signed by the Trustee and Board. The information will be published in the Herald Times on Saturday, February 29, 2020.

Secondary Employment Forms: Secondary employment forms for Township staff were reviewed. Marty moved to approve the secondary employment forms. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously. The forms were signed by the Board President.

Revised 2020 Salary Resolution: Lisa explained the 2020 Salary Resolution has been modified to increase the hourly rate for all part time firefighting positions by \$2.25 per hour. This change has been made to aid in the hiring and retention of part time firefighters to cover shifts in the absence of full time staff. Marty moved to approve the revised salary resolution. Lorraine seconded, motion passes unanimously.

REPORTS

Fire Territory Executive Committee: None.

Trustee: Kim reported the Monroe County Democratic Party will hold a caucus on February 23, at 2:00, to elect a board member to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Barbara E. McKinney.

Board: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2020.


Lorraine Merriman Farrell, President