Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on March 14, 2019, at 2111 W. Fountain Drive.

Board members present were Barbara E. McKinney, Lorraine Merriman Farrell, and Marty Spechler. Also present were Trustee Kim Alexander, Fire Chief Joel Bomgardner, and Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers.

AGENDA

The agenda was amended to include a fund transfer related to the revised Salary Resolution and a resolution regarding discussions with Benton Township on the Fire Territory. 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 February 14, 2019, board meeting as presented. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Revised Salary Resolution: The Salary Resolution was revised to cover the additional hour that is being scheduled each week for the Facilities Assistant and one of the Case Investigators. This was necessitated by the change in office hours and the rescheduling of the weekly staff meeting. The revised Salary Resolution also reflects the increase in hours for the Accounts Clerk from 30 to 40 hours per week. After discussion, Marty moved to approve the revised Salary Resolution. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Transfer Resolution: The proposed transfer in the amount of $5,000 was briefly discussed. Lorraine moved to approve the Transfer Resolution as written. Marty seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Capital Improvement Plan: Kim directed attention to the handouts which included the facility assessment, site map, and draft schematics that were originally distributed in November 2018. The office has been conducting a transportation survey since the beginning of the year, and it has been determined that approximately 20% of our clients do not use personal vehicles to visit the office. Kim will pursue mapping the addresses of our clients to verify what may be the best location for the office. Kim will also check on available rental properties. Possible locations must be in the Township, be located on a bus route, have ample parking, and have space to continue the food pantry.

Benton Township Resolution: Benton Township has asked for confirmation from the Bloomington Township Board that they are agreeable to beginning conversations regarding Benton joining the Fire Territory. Marty moves to approve the Resolution agreeing to discussions with Benton Township. Lorraine seconds, motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Fire Territory Executive Committee: Lorraine reported on the meeting of March 13, which included a presentation from Chief Bomgardner and Deputy Chief Bright detailing the process over the past 2½ years to find a suitable location for the Washington Township fire station. Kenny Bryant of Washington Township, who disagrees with the proposed location, was tasked with finding alternatives. He is still working on the task and hopes to have alternate locations to discuss at the April Executive Committee meeting.

Lorraine noted that year to date run numbers are down from 2018.

Lorraine spoke on the training opportunity which consisted of learning about and using the new infrared cameras that were purchased with the Smithville Foundation grant.

Trustee: Kim reported on her attendance at the ITA Legislative Conference in Indianapolis and the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) annual meeting in Vincennes.

Kim discussed the interview she and Lisa participated in for a SPEA Capstone project which is studying the PS LIT application and fund allocation process. The findings will be presented at a public meeting in April.

Kim announced that the food pantry was inspected by the Monroe County Health Department for the first time. No violations were found.

Kim communicated that the Monroe County Trustees Association held their first meeting of the year on March 6 at Bloomington Township, and the group plans to continue meeting monthly.

Kim stated that she attended the March Volunteer Association meeting and met many of the volunteers. It was also noted that one-on-one meetings with all full-time staff are now complete.

Board: Discussion ensued over the reduced number of food pantry visitors indicated on the monthly statistical reports. Lisa explained that inclement weather strongly affects the number of visitors, and February is usually the worst month. Numbers tend to increase in March because of children being home during spring break, and then increase throughout the year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BOARD COMMENT

There was no board comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019.

Lorraine Merriman Farrell, Secretary