

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. on April 11, 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 and Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers.

AGENDA

Marty moved to accept the agenda as presented. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Marty moved to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2019, board meeting as presented. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Improvement Plan: Kim directed attention to the handouts provided, along with the heat map created by Kurt Babcock from the Monroe County GIS department. The client rosters from 9/1/18 to 3/24/19 were used to prepare the map. The heat map confirmed that most of our clients live within a mile of the current office location. Discussion ensued. It was decided that Umbaugh will be hired to determine the cost effectiveness of building versus leasing a new Township office.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Township Assistance Guidelines Draft: Lisa distributed the draft of the Guidelines and explained the existing markups. Board members will have a month to review the draft and recommend changes or edits. Approval of the Guidelines is scheduled to occur at the May board meeting.

REPORTS

Fire Territory Executive Committee: Lorraine reported that Darla Brown summarized the process of forming a fire territory for those present. Darla then tendered her resignation as counsel for the Northern Monroe Fire Territory (NMFT).

Lorraine stated that Kenny Bryant of Washington Township has submitted one suggestion for an alternate location for the Washington Township fire station.

Travis Terry was presented with his 15 year service award.

Lorraine explained that Kim made a motion for Committee members to vote on their intent to build a fire station in Washington Township. The vote return was unanimously aye.

Lorraine summarized the department's monthly run numbers, which included two (2) vehicle accidents on I69, and one (1) Narcan administration.

Several trainings were provided to staff during the month, including a vehicle extrication class which focused on large vehicles and will primarily address accidents on I69 or other state highways. The department now has 24 vehicle extrication technicians.

Lorraine reported that the training opportunity for the meeting was an introduction to the new positive pressure fans, which help to remove smoke from structure fire scenes. The new units are electric while the previous units were gasoline powered.

Trustee: Kim noted that Darla Brown recommended Eric Koch to replace her as legal counsel for NMFT. Marty requested that Kim seek other recommendations for attorneys from Steve Buschmann, who represents the Indiana Township Association.

Board: Marty stated that he will be out of town on May 9, the scheduled date of the next meeting, and suggested rescheduling the May meeting. After discussion it was decided to keep the scheduled date as a quorum will be present.

Lorraine reported that she spoke with Washington Township Trustee Barb Ooley at length regarding the challenges she faces in relation to the Territory.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BOARD COMMENT

Marty commented that he is in the process of collecting signatures to run for City Council as an independent candidate.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2019.


Lorraine Merriman Farrell, Secretary