

## **Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on June 13, 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, Chief Joel Bomgardner, Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers, Counsel Darla Brown, and Paige Sansone of Baker Tilly.

### **AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Lorraine moved to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2019, board meeting as presented. Marty seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Capital Improvement Plan:** Paige Sansone from Baker Tilly presented her updated feasibility analysis to weigh the pros and cons between leasing a new Township office and building a new Township office. The calculations were based on constructing a 4000 sq. ft. building at a cost of \$250 per sq. ft. If the Township were to acquire a bank loan to build a new building, the Township would need to increase revenue by approximately \$60,000 per year. In the case of a general obligation bond, the Township would need to increase revenue by approximately \$20,000 per year. Paige confirmed it is possible to issue a debt levy to assist with funding repayment of a loan. Staff confirmed the proposed location at 924 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street will meet the existing needs of the office. Chris Cockerham, representing Dry Creek Inc., was present to answer questions regarding the property, proposed buildout and lease. After discussion, Barbara stated she felt the Board had received enough data to make a decision on whether to rent or build, with her preference being to rent the proposed space from Dry Creek Inc. Lorraine confirmed her agreement on moving forward with the lease. Marty explained his reservations. Kim voiced her preference to move forward with the lease. Barbara asked if a vote could be taken. Attorney Darla Brown stated her belief that it is appropriate to have a motion to pursue further lease negotiations for the proposed office space. Marty moved to pursue lease negotiations subject to final approval at a later date. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Secondary Employment:** Lisa explained that two members of the office staff have obtained secondary part-time employment. Secondary employment forms for those individuals were reviewed. Lorraine moved to approve the secondary employment forms. Marty seconded, motion passed unanimously. The forms were signed by the Board President.

## REPORTS

**Fire Territory Executive Committee:** Lorraine reported that Kenny Bryant did not have any updates on procuring land from INDOT on which to build a fire station in Washington Township.

Lorraine stated that Kim gave an overview of the plan to dissolve the Territory and for Bloomington Township to join the Monroe Fire District (MFD).

The Territory's new attorney, Eric Koch, attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Committee.

Monthly run numbers and trainings were reported.

Lorraine discussed Committee member Geoff McKim's question regarding the City's cancellation of the automatic aid agreement with all county fire departments. It was confirmed that mutual aid does still exist. If mutual aid is requested by any department, the appropriate station will respond.

**Trustee:** Kim explained the process for Bloomington Township to join MFD in 2021, which includes a bulk mailing to Bloomington Township taxpayers living in the unincorporated area; approval by 20% of those taxpayers; and holding three (3) public meetings. Preliminary estimates suggest a 22% decrease in the fire tax rate when the merger is finalized. Benton and Washington Townships plan to join MFD in 2022. Discussion ensued.

**Board:** None

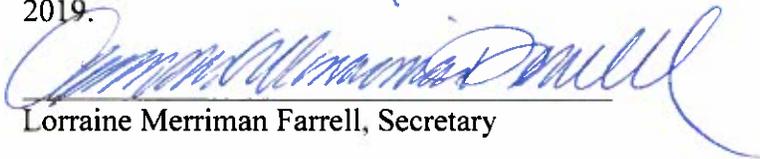
## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## BOARD COMMENT

There was no board comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2019.

  
Lorraine Merriman Farrell, Secretary