

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on August 5, 2019, at 2111 W. Fountain Drive.

Board members present were Barbara E. McKinney and Lorraine Merriman Farrell. Also present were Trustee Kim Alexander, Chief Joel Bomgardner, Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers, and Counsel Darla Brown.

### **AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Lorraine moved to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2019, board meeting as presented. Barbara seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**2020 Budget Workshop:** The form 4B, which estimates the 2020 tax rate, was presented. Kim reported the Local Income Tax (LIT) projected for 2020 equals \$789,325 which is slightly less than the 2019 amount of \$815,222. Kim stated she is recommending a salary increase of 3%. Kim then explained that Administrative Assistant Ayyoob Abd'llah will be leaving at the end of August, and the decision was made to not replace him. Cara Kay Hohlt will return to the Administrative Clerk position, and Lisa Myers will assume the payroll duties. The upcoming merger with Monroe Fire District will eliminate the necessity of the Accounts Clerk position. A new salary spreadsheet was distributed reflecting the decreased number of office personnel. Lisa explained that the updated budget handouts are basically the same as previously distributed, but some minor adjustments were made after receiving the LIT estimates to ensure the totals were within the maximum levy limits. Kim confirmed that both Township funds are at the maximum levy limit, while the Fire related funds are not. The total advertised rate for a resident living in the unincorporated area of the Township is 0.4298. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019, and the adoption meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing – Proposed Sale of Real Estate:** Darla Brown explained the next steps required to sell township real estate. After discussion it was decided that the minimum bid amount for the property will be \$370,000, and Kim Alexander will have the authority to determine the dates and deadlines necessary for the process. Lorraine moved to approve the Real Estate Resolution as amended. Barbara seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Proposed Fire District:** The public informational meetings regarding the merger with Monroe Fire District will be held for three (3) consecutive nights beginning Tuesday, August 6. It is estimated that the meetings will last approximately one (1) hour each evening. Twenty percent (20%) of the residents living in the unincorporated area of the Township must support the merger

in order to move forward. To date we have received over 330 votes, of the necessary 436, favoring the merger. A 30 day remonstrance period will begin after the last public meeting. If fifty (50) residents object during the remonstrance period, the Monroe County Commissioners will be required to hold a hearing to hear testimony.

## **REPORTS**

**Fire Territory Executive Committee:** None

**Trustee:** None

**Board:** None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **BOARD COMMENT**

There was no board comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2019.

  
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Lorraine Merriman Farrell, Secretary