Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on August 13, 2020, via Zoom.

Board members present were Lorraine Merriman Farrell, Dorothy Granger, and Marty Spechler. Also present were Trustee Kim Alexander, Chief Joel Bomgardner, Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers, and Counsel Kevin Robling.

AGENDA

Dorothy moved to approve the agenda as presented. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dorothy moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2020, board meeting as presented. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2021 Budget: Kim reported making minor increases to the housing and utility lines in the direct assistance fund. Otherwise, the numbers are the same as those included in the previous budget draft. The amount of Local Income Tax (LIT) projected for 2021 was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Additional Appropriation: Kim explained that NMFT received $46,908 from 2020 Public Safety LIT funds, which now need appropriated in order to utilize the funds. (At this point, a power outage occurred on the East side of Bloomington and all board members were temporarily disconnected. The meeting resumed after a 20 minute delay with Marty and Lorraine being present.) Marty moved to approve the additional appropriation resolution. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously. (Dorothy returned to the meeting at this time.)

REPORTS

Legal: None

Trustee: Kim reported there is an accepted offer for the Fountain Drive property. Closing is tentatively scheduled for October 9, 2020, subject to an inspection, phase one environmental study, and zoning clarification.

Washington Township is acquiring Engine 53 from NMFT to aid their plan to join the Monroe Fire Protection District in 2022. The purchase price is $25,000. No cash will be exchanged at this time. Instead, the value will be deducted from their portion of the asset division settlement upon the dissolution of NMFT on December 31, 2020.

Board: There was discussion regarding the downward trend in the number of food pantry patrons since the beginning of the health emergency.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Martin Spechler

Marty Spechler, Secretary