

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on October 8, 2015, at 2111 West Vernal Pike.

Board members present were Bill Sturbaum and Kim Alexander. Also present were Trustee Lillian Henegar, Fire Chief Faron Livingston, and Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers. Nicole Wooten and Doug Wilson from South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) were also in attendance.

### **AGENDA**

The agenda was amended to include a presentation by SCCAP on their Growing Opportunities program. The oral reports by the Trustee and Fire Chief were eliminated and written reports were distributed.

Kim moved to accept the agenda as amended. Bill seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Kim moved to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2015, board meeting as presented. Bill seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS - None**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of 2016 Salary Resolution:** The Board asked for questions regarding the 2016 Salary Resolution. None were presented. Bill moved to approve the 2016 Salary Resolution. Kim, seconded, motion passed unanimously. The Board and Trustee signed the Salary Resolution.

**Approval of 2016 Budget:** The Board asked for questions regarding the 2016 Budget. None were presented. Bill moved to approve the 2016 Budget. Kim seconded, motion passed unanimously. The Board signed the Budget Resolution.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **GROWING OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTATION**

Doug Wilson, SCCAP Director of Communications and Development, spoke briefly on what SCCAP does for the community. SCCAP has been working for 50 years to assist low income residents become self-sufficient. Their programs include energy assistance, Head Start, weatherization, and assisting individuals in developing personal finance skills. Growing Opportunities is a job training program that SCCAP modeled after a program offered at a CAP agency in New Jersey. It provides job training opportunities to low income people with barriers

to employment. They currently have one greenhouse but need another to make the program self-sufficient. Doug explained that SCCAP presently has grant funds in the amount of \$57,000 to assist with the construction of a second greenhouse. SCCAP is also in the process of applying for \$100,000 in CDBG funds from the City of Bloomington.

Nicole Wooten explained that Growing Opportunities is a 20 week job training course that serves as a working/learning environment to help individuals who have no work experience. In addition to learning the greenhouse skills, participants are learning resume and interviewing skills. Nicole distributed a map showing where they would like to locate the greenhouse on the property. The proposed greenhouse would measure 100' x 30' and would serve as a location to provide part time jobs to graduates of the training program. SCCAP is asking for a 5 year land use commitment. Whenever the program terminates, SCCAP would be responsible for returning the land to its original condition; including the removal of utility lines, concrete, gravel, and/or other construction materials. It was noted that the location of the current septic fields must be determined. The parking situation would be impacted by only 2 – 3 vehicles each day. It was confirmed that SCCAP will be financially responsible for all utility services used by the greenhouse. The goal of the program is to have each participant employed within 6 months of graduation and to hold the job for at least 6 months. SCCAP expects there would be 10 employees and the work hours would be during the morning. August 2016 is the expected date for completion of the greenhouse.

The Board agreed to further explore the possibility of locating a greenhouse on Township property.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12.

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Kim Alexander, Secretary