

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on July 9, 2020, via Zoom.

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

### **AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Marty moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2020, board meeting as presented. Dorothy seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Marty moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2020, board meeting as presented. Dorothy seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS - None**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Board Organization – Elect New Secretary:** Dorothy nominated Marty as board secretary. Lorraine seconded, the nomination passed unanimously.

**Rainy Day Fund Transfer:** Lisa explained the need to move \$14,000 from the employee medical insurance line (line 1405) in the personal services category of the Rainy Day Fund to the other services and charges line (line 3790) in the other services and charges category. Because the transfer is being made between categories, board approval is required. There is not a specific plan for the transfer amount, but it is known that it will not be required for 2020 health insurance expenses and it is desirable to have those funds in a more accessible budget line in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Marty moved to approve the Rainy Day Fund Transfer. Dorothy seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**2021 Budget Workshop:** Kim explained the budget forms that were distributed, highlighting decreases to the employee benefits line due to personnel changes and increases to the direct assistance housing line, and the office manager salary line due to the elimination of the Fire Territory General Fund. Kim reported that the salary worksheets show pay increase examples of 1%, 2%, and 3%. The 2019 salary increase was 3% and we are hoping to match that in 2020. The budget draft reflects an increase of 3%, but some individual salary lines actually decreased in light of 2021 having only 26 pay periods versus the 27 pay periods in 2020. Kim pointed out that the grown quotient is expected to decline in the coming years because of the current economic downturn and pay increases may not be possible during the next 1 - 2 years. Also, the difference

between a 1% increase and a 3% increase is less than \$5,000 on an annual basis. Lisa explained the growth quotient and reported the percentage approved for 2021 is 4.2%. Discussion ensued. Lorraine reminded everyone that this is only a draft and the budget is not final until October.

## **REPORTS**

**Legal:** None

**Trustee:** Kim reported there has been no activity on the sale of the Fountain Drive property.

Kim updated the board on the COVID-19 grant given to the Monroe County Trustees Association by Monroe County to assist with paying housing and utility amounts in excess of our guidelines for those affected by COVID-19.

**Board:** Dorothy made an inquiry about a June disbursement to New Pig. Joel explained New Pig is a vendor who provides supplies for hazardous material incident responses.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2020.

*Martin Spechler*

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Marty Spechler, Secretary