

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. on October 8, 2020, via Zoom. The meeting was recessed due to technical difficulties and reconvened at 5:44 p.m.

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

AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Lorraine moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020, board meeting as presented. Dorothy seconded, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2020 Township Assistance Guidelines: Kim stated that no changes had been made to the Guidelines since they were distributed at the September meeting. Dorothy moved to approve the Guidelines as presented. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Update on Sale of Property: Kim reported that an offer had been accepted on the Fountain Drive property. The purchaser offered \$340,000 (three hundred and forty thousand dollars) and the Township made a counter offer of \$375,000 (three hundred and seventy five thousand dollars). The purchaser accepted the offer on the condition of an inspection. After inspection, the purchaser asked for an allowance of \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) to make needed repairs. The Township offered an allowance of \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars), which was accepted by the purchaser, resulting in a final purchase price of \$360,000 (three hundred and sixty thousand dollars). The closing is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Budget Adoption: Dorothy moved to approve the 2021 Budget as presented. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

2021 Salary Resolution: Lorraine moved to approve the 2021 Salary Resolution as presented. Dorothy seconded, motion passed unanimously. Dorothy expressed her appreciation for the Trustee and staff, and her belief that the salaries are well deserved. Lorraine also expressed her appreciation.

Dearmin Cemetery: Kim discussed the proposal from the Park Ridge East Neighborhood Association asking for a 50% financial match in the amount of \$60 (sixty dollars) to install a historical cemetery designation sign at Dearmin Cemetery. Kim and Lisa gave the Board a brief

history of the cemetery. Lorraine moved to approve the contribution of the 50% financial match of \$60 (sixty dollars) for the historical cemetery designation sign. Dorothy seconded, motion passed unanimously.

2020 Community Service Grants: Kim directed attention to the 2020 Community Service Grant handout. Discussion ensued. Lorraine commented that she believed the distributions among the various categories to be fair.

REPORTS

Legal: None

Trustee: Kim reported that staff attended the virtual Indiana Township Association (ITA) Educational Conference in September. While the conference was different due to the pandemic, it was still a valuable experience for staff.

Lisa reported that the furnishings from the Fountain Drive property have been disposed of. St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) took most of the furniture during a two week time period. SVDP, upon their return the second week to pick up the remaining items, reported that all of the furniture previously picked up had already been distributed. The only items not claimed by SVDP were the professional desks. Those items were donated to the Monroe Fire District and will be utilized in the new administration facility.

Discussion ensued regarding where to donate the cooking utensils and dishware. It was determined that those items would be donated to the Shalom Center.

Board: Dorothy announced that Shalom recently changed their name to Beacon Inc. to identify the additional services provided beyond the day shelter. The entities under the Beacon Inc. umbrella include the Shalom Center day shelter, Phil's Kitchen, A Friend's Place, Street Outreach, and Crawford Homes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020.

Martin Spechler

Marty Spechler, Secretary