

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on December 10, 2020, via Zoom.

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

AGENDA

The agenda was amended to include discussion of the recent homeless evictions at Seminary Square. Marty moved to approve the agenda as amended. Dorothy seconded, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Marty moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020, board meeting as presented. Dorothy seconded, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2021 Meeting Dates: The January meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, per Indiana Code 36-6-6-7, which states the meeting must be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January. Dorothy moved to approve the following board meeting dates for 2021. Marty seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Tuesday, January 5

Thursday, February 11

Thursday, March 11

Thursday, April 8

Thursday, May 13

Thursday, June 10

Thursday, July 8

Thursday, August 12 or Thursday, August 19 (depends on DLGF workshop date)

Thursday, September 9 – Budget Public Hearing

Thursday, October 14 – Board Adopts Budget

Thursday, November 18

Thursday, December 9

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

New Hope Capital Project: Lorraine reminded everyone that a motion to contribute funds toward the capital project was made during the November meeting. In order to allow further discussion the motion died. After a brief discussion, Lorraine moved to donate three hundred and twenty five thousand dollars (\$325,000) to New Hope Family Shelter. Dorothy seconded, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Quit Claim Deed Resolution: Kim discussed the Quit Claim Deed Resolution that will allow her to sign the Quit Claim deed in order to transfer the property at 5081 & 5095 N. Old State Road 37 to the Monroe Fire District. Marty moved to approve the Resolution. Dorothy seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Nepotism Certifications: Lisa explained that under state law, all elected officials must certify that no employees working under them and/or companies contracting with the township are related to the elected officials. The Trustee and each board member will sign the certification for each classification and return them to Lisa.

Homeless Evictions: The City recently ordered the homeless encampment in Seminary Square to be cleared out without advance notice or planning. Discussion ensued on how Bloomington Township may be able to assist those who were displaced. Dorothy moved that Bloomington Township create a resolution in response to the action taken by the City. Marty seconded, motion passed unanimously. This meeting will be recessed to allow time to create a resolution.

REPORTS

Legal: None

Trustee: Kim reported that Wednesdays have been added to the food pantry's operation hours. The pantry hours are now 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Kim informed the Board that the office staff will continue to work remotely until at least March 1, 2021, and possibly until June 2021.

Kim discussed the final financial settlement with Washington Township in relation to the Northern Monroe Fire Territory dissolution. Final settlement will likely occur in March after the projected February delivery of the ladder truck which was ordered in 2019.

The 2021 Local Income Tax (LIT) distribution amounts were released. Bloomington Township will receive six hundred forty-five thousand one hundred eleven dollars (\$645,111) in monthly installments.

Board: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joel reminded everyone that this will be his last meeting as Chief of the Northern Monroe Fire Territory.

The meeting was recessed at 6:15 p.m. and will reconvene at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020.

The meeting was reconvened at 5:01 on December 14, 2020, via Zoom.

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

Homeless Evictions: The draft of the proposed resolution was discussed, along with a possible distribution list. The distribution list might include the Herald Times, Mayor Hamilton, members of the City Council, and members of the County Council. In order to achieve maximum impact, it was suggested that the resolution be presented by the Monroe County Trustees Association (MCTA). Marty moved to present the proposed resolution to the MCTA requesting their support. Dorothy seconded, motion passed unanimously. Kim will bring the resolution before the members of the MCTA.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

Martin Spechler

Marty Spechler, Secretary