

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. on January 5, 2021, via Zoom.

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

### **BOARD ORGANIZATION**

Dorothy nominated Lorraine as board president for 2021. Marty seconded, the nomination passed unanimously. Lorraine nominated Dorothy as board secretary for 2021. Marty seconded, the nomination passed unanimously.

Lorraine moved, and Dorothy seconded, to elect Dorothy and Marty as board of finance officers for 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Lorraine moved, and Dorothy seconded, to keep board meeting minutes at the Township Office rather than make the board president responsible for them. Motion passed unanimously.

Dorothy moved, and Marty seconded to elect Dorothy as the internal oversight officer for 2021. The nomination passed unanimously.

### **AGENDA**

Marty moved to accept the agenda as presented. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Marty moved to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2020, board meeting as presented. Dorothy seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**United Way Presentation:** United Way Executive Director, Efrat Feferman, began by thanking Bloomington Township for their support toward the COVID relief fund in 2020. A short video presentation highlighted the history of United Way along with their current objectives. Efrat reported that United Way has raised \$1.6 million dollars to date for COVID relief, including a \$1.2 million dollar grant from the Lilly Endowment. One hundred percent of the funds raised have been distributed among forty-five different organizations, touching thousands of lives in our community.

United Way is taking the lead in facilitating the conversations among various community partners to address the homelessness and Seminary Square issues. Partner agencies include Beacon Inc., New Hope Family Shelter, Wheeler Mission, Middle Way House, Centerstone, and local government.

Efrat answered questions on various topics, including available shelter space, affordable housing, and the progress of the annual fund raising campaign.

**Review Township Investment Summary:** The Township investment policy was reviewed. Currently, the Township has no investments and maintains two (2) accounts at German American Bank. Interest rates dropped significantly during 2020. The interest received from German American in 2020 was \$12,740.40 less than in 2019. It is time to renew the investment policy and an updated policy will be presented in February or March.

## REPORTS

**Legal:** None

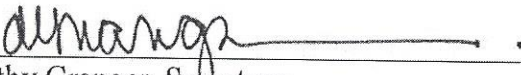
**Trustee:** None

**Board:** None

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2021.

  
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Dorothy Granger, Secretary