

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on February 11, 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.

AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dorothy moved to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2021, board meeting as presented. Marty seconded, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID Relief Fund Update: Kim gave an update on the COVID relief funds provided by Monroe County. As of this date, Bloomington Township has twenty-two thousand, three hundred fifty-one dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$22,351.98) available to assist with future COVID related claims.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Financial Report: The 2020 Annual Report for Bloomington Township was presented. A financial report for the previous year, it includes the "TA-7," the township assistance statistical report. Following discussion, Dorothy moved to approve the 2020 Annual Report. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously. The information will be published in the Herald Times on Monday, March 8, 2021.

Secondary Employment Forms: Secondary employment forms for Township staff were reviewed. Marty moved to approve the secondary employment forms. Dorothy seconded, motion passed unanimously.

United Way Donation: Kim explained she is now serving on the Housing Security Guiding Committee whose goal is to support long term strategies to reduce homelessness. United Way is the facilitator for this group and is planning to hire a Project Manager to guide the Committee. Each participating agency has been asked to contribute five thousand dollars (\$5,000) toward the salary for the Project Manager. After discussion, Dorothy moved to donate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to United Way. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Rainy Day Fund Transfer: Kim reported that Bloomington Township pledged fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to Beacon Inc. to assist in funding the additional emergency shelter space that

was recently opened. This is a low barrier shelter with space for forty-nine (49) guests and companion animals, along with designated space for couples. To reduce strain on the Township General Fund budget, the decision has been made to utilize funds from the Rainy Day Fund. To accomplish that, it is necessary to move \$15,000 from the Capital category to the Other Services/Charges category. Marty moved to approve the Rainy Day Fund Transfer. Lorraine seconded, motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Legal: None.

Trustee: Kim directed attention to the memo distributed earlier today. Topics covered include statistics from Community Kitchen and a legislative update regarding HB1476 which could eliminate Bloomington Township if passed, in addition to the items already discussed today under new business.


Kim reported that office staff will be sending out postcards to pantry patrons who haven't visited our pantry recently to remind them that we are open.

Board: Dorothy expressed her thanks to Kim for the contribution to Beacon for the emergency shelter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2021.



Dorothy Granger, Secretary