

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on January 4, 2022, 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.

### **BOARD ORGANIZATION**

Lorraine nominated Dorothy as board president for 2022. Marty seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Marty – yes, Lorraine – yes, Dorothy – yes. Motion passed unanimously. Dorothy nominated Marty as board secretary for 2022. Lorraine seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Marty – yes, Lorraine – yes, Dorothy – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Lorraine moved, and Dorothy seconded, to elect Marty and Dorothy as board of finance officers for 2022. Roll call vote: Marty – yes, Lorraine – yes, Dorothy – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Dorothy moved, and Lorraine seconded, to keep board meeting minutes at the Township Office rather than make the board president responsible for them. Roll call vote: Marty – yes, Lorraine – yes, Dorothy – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Lorraine moved, and Marty seconded to elect Dorothy as the internal oversight officer for 2022. Roll call vote: Marty – yes, Lorraine – yes, Dorothy – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

### **AGENDA**

Lorraine moved to accept the agenda as presented. Dorothy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Marty – yes, Lorraine – yes, Dorothy – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Marty moved to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2021, board meeting as presented. Lorraine seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Marty – yes, Lorraine – yes, Dorothy – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS - None**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**CK Express:** Kim explained that Bloomington Township owns the building at the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and Monroe streets currently in use by Community Kitchen as a prepared meal distribution site. The director of Community Kitchen, Vicki Pierce, inquired if the Township might be interested in selling the property. Kim is looking for input from the board on the possibility. Discussion ensued and the topic will be revisited in February along with a review of the annual expenses for the property.

**Review Township Investment Policy:** The Township investment policy was reviewed. Currently, the Township has no investments and maintains two (2) accounts at German

American Bank. Interest rates held steady during 2021. The interest received from German American in 2021 was \$7,948.42 less than in 2020.

## **REPORTS**

**Trustee:** Kim reported the decision has been made to postpone reopening the office to the public until the latest COVID surge subsides.

Kim mentioned the possibility of closing the food pantry and asked for board input. The number of pantry patrons has dramatically decreased during the pandemic and the question has been raised as to whether the resources directed toward the pantry could be better utilized in another way. After discussion, the board unanimously opposed closing the pantry at this time.

**Board:** None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Efrat Feferman spoke briefly and stated her intent to file the paperwork on January 5 to run for Trustee in light of Kim's upcoming retirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022.

  
Marty Spechler, Secretary