

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on February 10, 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.

### **AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Lorraine moved to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2022, board meeting as presented. Marty seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Marty – yes, Lorraine – yes, Dorothy – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**CK Express Update:** Kim reported the Township has spent approximately ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) over the last three years for utilities and lawn care for the property located at 1100 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St. which serves as Community Kitchen Express. Community Kitchen is still interested in the property and intends to tear down the existing structure if they are able to acquire the property. Kim has spoken to legal counsel who is researching our options for possibly donating the property to Community Kitchen. The question was raised as to whether an appraisal should be done. After discussion, the topic was tabled for future discussion.

**New Hope Update:** Kim reported that construction on the new facility is behind schedule. New Hope is hoping to move during the last week of March. The Nest plans to open at the new site during the first week of April. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for April 7. The Bloomington Township suite will be called The Bloomington Township Family Suite and will include some type of memorial for Rosie Neff to explain her involvement with Bloomington Township and the history of Rosie's Place.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Annual Financial Report:** The 2021 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, Marty moved to approve the 2021 Annual Report. Lorraine seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Marty – yes, Lorraine – yes, Dorothy – yes. Motion passed unanimously. The information will be published in the Herald Times on Monday, March 7, 2022.

**Rainy Day Fund Transfer:** Kim explained the need to transfer funds from Township General to Rainy Day. Marty moved to approve the Rainy Day Fund Transfer. Lorraine seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Marty – yes, Lorraine – yes, Dorothy – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Secondary Employment Forms:** Lisa reported there are currently no employees with secondary employment, so no further action is needed.

**Township Assistance Guidelines Draft:** Kim highlighted the minor changes to the guidelines. Discussion ensued. Action will be taken at the March meeting.

## **REPORTS**

**Trustee:** Kim reminded everyone of the previous discussion regarding the amount of deposit insurance on the Township's bank balances and directed attention to the handouts which detail the plan provided by the State of Indiana to protect amounts over the federally insured limits of \$250,000 per depositor.

**Board:** Lorraine commented on the thank you letter received from Monroe County CASA which pointed out that Bloomington Township is the only township which grants funds to their cause.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2022.

*Martin Spechler*

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Marty Spechler, Secretary