

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on August 11, 2022.

Board members present in-person were Marty Spechler and Dorothy Granger. Lorraine Merriman Farrell attended via Zoom. Also present in-person 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

Marty moved to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2022, 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

2023 Budget: Kim discussed the budget workshop meeting with the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) that was held on August 10. The representative from DLGF reviewed the proposed budget for 2023 and stated there should be no problems funding it as the Township is in a very strong financial position. Kim reported the maximum growth quotient for the year came in at five percent (5%). Kim then directed attention to the budget handouts detailing the high cost of housing and lagging wage growth in Bloomington. Factoring those issues together with the current inflation rates, Kim recommended an across-the-board flat salary increase of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per employee. A flat salary increase is more equitable than a percentage increase and will be easy to implement based on the Township's small number of staff. Dorothy and Lorraine expressed support for the proposed salary increases. Discussion ensued regarding specific budget line changes from 2022 to 2023.

REPORTS

Trustee: Kim reported that the Representative Payee Program is up and running. Our first client meeting was held this week and a second meeting is scheduled for the end of the month.

Kim shared that Community Kitchen posted a very nice post on Facebook to thank us for working with them to facilitate the purchase of the CK Express property.


Kim updated the board on the status of the resource mapping project that our intern, Colby Wicker, has been working on. Colby will be leaving us in mid-August and will be spending his fall semester in Washington D.C. serving as an intern for U.S. Senator Ben Sasse.

Board: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Efrat Rosser, Executive Director of United Way, spoke briefly to offer her thanks for the recent investments the Township has made to some of our partners and to our community as a whole.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2022.



Marty Spechler, Secretary