

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. on October 13, 2022.

Board members present in person were Lorraine Merriman Farrell and Marty Spechler. Dorothy Granger attended via Zoom. Also present in person were Trustee Kim Alexander, Trustee-Elect Efrat Rosser, and Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers.

AGENDA

Lorraine moved to accept the agenda as presented. Marty 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 September 8, 2022, board meeting as presented. Marty seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Marty – yes, Lorraine – yes, Dorothy – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2023 Budget: Kim reported that no changes have been made to the budget since our last meeting. Lorraine moved to approve the 2023 Budget as presented. Marty seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Marty - yes, Lorraine - yes, Dorothy - abstain. Motion passed unanimously. Dorothy attended remotely and therefore could not vote on the budget. However, she did voice her approval for the record.

Approval of 2023 Salary Resolution: Kim presented the 2023 salary resolution. After discussion, Lorraine moved to approve the 2023 Salary Resolution as presented. Marty seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Marty - yes, Lorraine - yes, Dorothy - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Nepotism Certifications: Kim explained that under state law, all elected officials must certify that no employees working under them and/or companies contracting with the township are related to the elected officials. The Trustee and each board member signed the certification for each classification.

2022 Community Service Grants: Kim directed attention to the 2022 Community Service Grant handout, which details the upcoming disbursement of grants totaling \$52,000. To date, we have previously distributed grants to Community Kitchen, United Way, and Hoosier Hills Food Bank. The remaining grants will be issued in December. Suggestions for future award amounts were noted.

Heading Home Presentation: Kim introduced Mary Morgan, the director of Heading Home of Southern Indiana. Mary first thanked the board members for the Township's \$15,000 donation to the project. Mary then gave a brief overview of the history of the Heading Home project. The original plan was revisited and updated in 2020 and 2021 with a goal to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-repeating. Mary stated they are planning to launch a data dashboard in early 2023.

Mary discussed the Built for Zero program and reported that Heading Home is the only program in Indiana that is currently a member. Heading Home is also working on creating a cross agency training program for local agencies. The plan is to host training sessions quarterly, with the next training session tentatively scheduled for January. Mary disclosed they are also working on policy development for all agencies who conduct street outreach, creating a housing resource guide, and working with BHA to create a landlord risk mitigation fund. Discussion ensued.

REPORTS

Trustee: Kim reported this meeting will be the last meeting of 2022.

Board: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2023.



Dorothy Granger, President