

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. on February 8, 2024.

Board members present were Barbara E. McKinney and E. Sensenstein. Also present were Trustee Efrat Rosser and Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers. Dorothy Granger attended via Zoom.

### **AGENDA**

Barbara moved to accept the agenda as presented. E. seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Barbara moved to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2024, board meeting as presented. E. seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Conflict of Interest Statement:** E. moved to accept the conflict of interest statement from Barbara E. McKinney. Barbara seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

**Annual Financial Report:** The 2023 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 2023 Annual Report. Barbara seconded. Roll call vote: Dorothy – yes, Barbara – yes, E. – yes. The motion passed unanimously. The information will be published in the Herald Times on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

**Representative Payee Program (RPP) Resolution:** Efrat explained the updated resolution is needed to expand our Representative Payee Program beyond the boundaries of Bloomington Township. For participants residing outside of Bloomington Township, the service will be provided for a fee following the formula determined by the Social Security Administration. Discussion ensued. Barbara moved to accept the RPP resolution as presented. Dorothy seconded. Roll call vote: Dorothy – yes, Barbara – yes, E. – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

### **REPORTS**

**Trustee:** Efrat disclosed that job titles for several staff members recently changed as a result of our work survey process and subsequent meetings. The title of Case Investigator has been changed to Township Assistance Coordinator to be less intimidating to applicants. Lisa's title was changed from Administrative Operations Manager to Director of Operations, and Annie's

title has been changed from Administrative Clerk to Assistant Director of Operations. Annie has expressed an interest in taking on more responsibility and the new title is reflective of that.

The burial appeal previously discussed was covered in the Herald Times. As a result, Salt Creek Township, which has an active cemetery, offered a free plot to the family. A referral was made to the family and they connected with Salt Creek Township. At this time, we are unsure if the appeal is progressing to the next level.

Efrat discussed her plan to issue a press release to update the public on our statistical information gathered during the annual report process. The hope is to issue a quarterly press release covering varying topics of township government.

Efrat provided an update on our upcoming training.

Efrat directed attention to the displayed photos of Griffith Cemetery, which highlight the new fence.

**Board:** None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2024.



Barbara E. McKinney, Secretary