

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on March 13, 2025.

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

AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

E. moved to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2025, board meeting as presented. Dorothy seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Township Assistance Guidelines: The progress of the revisions was discussed. Dorothy moved to approve the guidelines as presented. E. seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Trustee: Efrat highlighted the 2024 Year in Review document. Direct financial assistance was provided to 149 families, reflecting increased spending due to rising housing and utility costs. Food assistance was given to 593 families, with pantry usage approaching pre-pandemic levels. Recent changes to The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) rules have also contributed to this increased usage, as address verification is no longer allowed

In 2024, the representative payee program expanded its reach, serving ten clients, seven of whom reside outside of Bloomington Township. Community partnerships were emphasized, resulting in contributions to Beacon's capital campaign, in addition to our usual community service grants.

Other programming included financial counseling, free haircuts, and special events on Saturdays. Burial and cremation assistance was provided to 15 families. A significant focus this year was on preserving our historic cemeteries, which included monument maintenance at the larger cemeteries and the installation of new fencing and signage at Griffith Cemetery.

We will attend a meeting next week to discuss the planned case manager from Heading Home that will be shared between us and Perry Township.

Efrat gave a brief update on the proposed legislation that could impact us.

Efrat reported that staff attended an off-site retreat last week, focusing on team-building and short-term goal setting.

Efrat mentioned that we are still in the hiring process for a part-time front desk person.

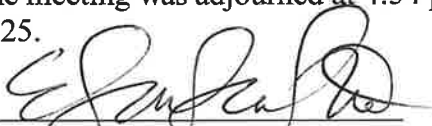
The possibility of canceling the April meeting was briefly discussed.

Board: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2025.



E. Sensenstein, Secretary