

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. on June 12, 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. Barbara seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dorothy moved to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2025, board meeting as presented. Barbara seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation on Upcoming Legislation: Abby Parker from C.L. Coonrod & Company joined the meeting via Zoom. She highlighted the effects of Senate Bill 1 (SB1), which will impact our revenue in the coming years. A growth quotient of four percent (4%) has been approved for 2026, but no further increases to the maximum levy will be allowed in subsequent years. SB1 will significantly change the Local Income Tax (LIT) distributions, as the existing formula will end at the close of 2027. A new LIT formula will be effective for the 2028 budget year. However, it will be up to the County to determine whether Townships will be entitled to any portion of the LIT collected. If Monroe County decides to share a portion of the LIT, Bloomington Township will actually receive an increase in the LIT distribution. Conversely, if Monroe County does not share a portion of the LIT, we will face a budget shortfall of nearly two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).

Abby then discussed House Bill 1461, which is expected to have a more detrimental effect on township finances than SB1. This bill requires townships to establish a road and infrastructure fund and to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a city, town, or county within the township's boundaries. At the end of the year, thirty percent (30%) of the township's unrestricted funds must be transferred to the entity specified in the MOU. Each township will also be required to file a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) by September 30 of each year. Failure to do so will result in the elimination of the tax levy for that township. The funds transferred to the road and infrastructure fund must be used within the township's boundaries, and the township board must approve the use of these funds.

Abby advised on creating the CIP and the 2026 budget. She suggested considerably increasing the budget and provided options to increase the Township Assistance levy while decreasing the Township General levy.

Efrat mentioned that Abby will be presenting on this topic at an upcoming training provided by the Indiana Township Association (ITA).

REPORTS

Trustee Efrat discussed the upcoming repairs planned for Stout-Houston Cemetery. The property has become overrun with brush and invasive weeds, which need to be removed before repairs can be made to the dry-stacked stone fencing. C&H Landscaping was contracted to remove the brush and invasive weeds and submitted a bid to repair the fence. After consideration, the job was awarded to them.

Efrat proposed an additional \$20,000 grant to Beacon toward the capital campaign.

Efrat reported on plans to host a Lunch and Learn event covering a financial topic on June 23 at Classic Lanes. German American will sponsor the event and provide the trainers.

Efrat mentioned that she has begun reaching out to other local officials to enhance the visibility of townships and emphasize the need for LIT funding to maintain the services we provide.

Board: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025.


E. Sensenstein, Secretary