

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 12:18 p.m. on January 6, 2026.

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

BOARD ORGANIZATION

Barbara moved to elect Dorothy as board president for 2026. E. seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Dorothy moved to elect E. as board secretary for 2026. Barbara seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Barbara moved, and Dorothy seconded, to elect Dorothy and E. as the board of finance officers for 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Barbara moved, and Dorothy seconded, to keep the board meeting minutes at the Township Office rather than make the board president responsible for them. The motion passed unanimously.

Dorothy moved, and E. seconded, to elect Barbara as the internal oversight officer for 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

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 November 13, 2025, 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. Dorothy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Review Township Investment Policy: The Township's 2025 investment summary was reviewed. Lisa reminded the board that the investment policy is due to be updated and will be included on the February agenda. Currently, the Township has two (2) CD's and maintains three (3) accounts at German American Bank. Interest rates decreased during 2025, with an average rate of return of 2.32% for the savings account and 2.10% for the checking account. The interest received from German American in 2025 totaled thirty-one thousand, three hundred twenty-five dollars, and ninety cents (\$31,325.90), which is thirteen thousand, one hundred six dollars, and ninety-nine cents (\$13,106.99) less than the amount of interest received in 2024. Discussion ensued.

Staff Introductions: Efrat discussed the plan for each staff member to introduce themselves and share the details of their roles.

Kay Young, the Representative Payee Program (RPP) Administrator, emphasized the importance of being an organizational representative payee rather than listing the trustee as an individual representative payee. Kay expressed her appreciation for our partner agencies and remarked on how much she has learned since taking on this role.

Jacob Coe, our newest employee with seven months of experience, described their duties at the front desk and their responsibilities as the food pantry manager, also mentioning the occasional special project.

Elizabeth Lopez, Township Assistance Coordinator, outlined her responsibilities, which include meeting with clients for direct assistance, serving on the Monroe County Health Equity Council (MCHEC), and assisting the office with various tasks such as scheduling, referrals, and special projects.

Cara Escobedo, also a Township Assistance Coordinator, shared her ten years of service with the Township, highlighted her educational background, and discussed some of her upcoming responsibilities in addition to meeting with clients for direct assistance.

Sarah Grace, a Heading Home Diversion and Prevention Case Manager, introduced herself and explained that her position was established through a Lilly grant awarded to the Community Foundation of Monroe County. She reported that in December, she successfully assisted 14 families in finding or maintaining their housing.

Lisa Myers, the Deputy Trustee, introduced herself briefly, stating that her primary responsibility is to oversee the daily operations of the Township office. This role can vary from day to day and may involve acting as the Chief Shopper, serving as the HR Administrator, processing accounting transactions, or engaging in Facilities Management.

REPORTS

Trustee: Efrat provided an update from the Indiana Township Association (ITA). The ITA is working proactively with the Statehouse on a consolidation plan to reduce the number of townships in Indiana. Efrat detailed the provisions of SB270, which the ITA supports. HB1315, which the ITA opposes, was also briefly discussed.


Efrat mentioned that we are compiling the annual report for presentation at the next meeting.

Board: The board expressed gratitude to Efrat for coordinating the attendance of all staff at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2026.



E. Sensenstein, Secretary