

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on January 13, 2025.

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

Dorothy moved to elect Barbara as board president for 2025. E. seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Dorothy moved to elect E. as board secretary for 2025. Barbara seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Dorothy moved, and E. seconded, to elect Barbara and E. as the board of finance officers for 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Dorothy moved, and E. 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 Dorothy as the internal oversight officer for 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dorothy moved to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2024, board meeting as presented. E. seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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

Secondary Employment: Lisa reported that the new client service associate is working for Uber, and submitted the secondary employment form for approval.

Review Township Investment Policy: The Township investment policy was reviewed. Lisa reminded the board that the investment policy is due to be updated. Currently, the Township has two (2) CD's and maintains three (3) accounts at German American Bank. Interest rates increased during 2023, with an average rate of return of 2.67%. The interest received from German American in 2024 totaled forty-four thousand, four hundred thirty-two dollars, and eighty-nine cents (\$44,432.89), which is four thousand, four hundred ninety-three dollars, and ninety-five cents (\$4,493.95) more than the amount of interest received in 2023. Discussion ensued.

REPORTS

Trustee: Efrat reported on HB1233 which proposes the elimination of townships, along with fire districts and territories. The bill would transfer all responsibilities from the eliminated units to the county. Discussion ensued.

Efrat requested feedback from the board regarding the continuation of extended Thursday hours. After six months, few people have been utilizing the food pantry during the hours of 4 to 6 p.m. After discussion, the board decided to continue the extended hours for the time being.

Efrat mentioned that Beacon has reached out to request additional funds for their capital campaign. A suggestion was made to apply the annual grant of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) toward the capital campaign and reevaluate later in the year to determine if there are any funds available to support their operating expenses. The board agreed with this approach.

Efrat announced that Heading Home will soon be making an announcement regarding the acquisition of a long-term Lilly grant. The grant will allow Heading Home to work in collaboration with the Community Foundation on various housing security initiatives. A portion of the grant is designated for eleven (11) positions to provide street outreach and case management services. One of the goals is to embed a long-term case manager in designated townships to offer those in need more in-depth services than townships are currently equipped to provide.

Efrat reported that a community service grant of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) was awarded to the First United Methodist Church to assist with the operation expenses of the emergency winter shelter. The request was submitted in December, and the grant was disbursed from the 2024 budget.

Board: Dorothy reported that she will be out of town and unable to attend meetings in person in February and October.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2025.



E. Sensenstein, Secretary