

Bloomington Township Regular Board Meeting #660

109 E. Kalamazoo St., Bloomington, MI 49026

Wednesday August 21, 2024 @ 7:00pm

MINUTES:

1. Supervisor Lisowski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited
3. Roll Call; Present: Supervisor Lisowski, Treasurer Blackson, Clerk Kelly, Trustee Johnson- Absent: Trustee Fritz
4. Motion by Lisowski Supported by Blackson to accept the Agenda and Consent Agenda as amended. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes, Motion Carried
5. Motion by Johnson Supported by Kelly to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from regular meeting held July 17, 2024. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes, Motion Carried
6. Motion by Kelly Supported by Lisowski to accept the Treasurer Report as given by Treasurer Blackson. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes, Motion Carried
7. Public Comments; Were Heard
8. Motion by Johnson Supported by Blackson to approve payments of invoices over \$500.00 as listed: Roll Call Vote; All Ayes, Motion Carried
  - a. Best Way Disposal \$3,000.00 (transfer station)
  - b. Bloomington Communications \$535.68 (phones/wifi)
  - c. Siegrfried & Crandall \$800.00 (finalization of GL#)
  - d. Straub, Seaman, & Allen \$730.00 (blight/STR)
  - e. Courier Leader \$640.00(election/blight/BOR)
  - f. Van Buren County Sheriff \$790.69(blight officer)
  - g. Village Shared Expenses \$683.03 (unverified)
9. Pending Business:
  - a. Van Buren County Commissioner Report was given by Dick Godfrey
  - b. Assessor's Report (written) was read by Clerk Kelly
  - c. Fire Department Report was given by Fire Chief Chris Serdel
  - d. Life Ambulance Report was given by John Pinkster
  - e. Van Buren County Road Commissioners Report was unavailable
  - f. Van Buren County Sheriff's Report was given by Officer Tarnier
10. Tabled Business:
  - a. Motion by Lisowski Supported by Blackson to approve the finalization of 23/24 Audit. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes, Motion Carried
  - b. Motion by Johnson Supported by Lisowski to continue to try and work with Village offices to finalize the library contract. The Township Board does NOT agree with the current version of the contract. Township wants it resolved, as it has been ongoing for nearly two and a half years. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes, Motion Carried.

- c. Motion by Johnson Supported by Lisowski to approve Township wide, the Van Buren County ORV Ordinance to include all roads. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes, Motion Carried
- d. An announcement on the Public Hearing to be held on September 10, 2024 @ 6:00pm; to discuss changes being made to STR Ordinance # 2024-0221
- e. Motion by Johnson Supported by Blackson to table the hiring of new Electrical Inspector Artie Wilcox until a resume can be reviewed. (village clerk did not disclose that a resume had been sent) Roll Call Vote; All Ayes, Motion carried
- f. Motion by Kelly Supported by Blackson to donate \$500.00 to the OKTOBERFEST committee to help pay for their fire works show. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes, Motion Carried

11. New Business:

- a. Motion by Blackson Supported by Johnson to approve the Budget amendments as presented by Clerk Kelly. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes, Motion Carried
- b. Community members from Mud Lake drive(speaker Jane Buskirk) voice concerns about Business property that may be in violation of 1 or more ordinances, also an environmental concern. The Township Board will investigate said complaints and figure out the best course of action.
- c. Communication on the 14<sup>th</sup> Ave Compound-complaints and concerns
- d. Motion by Johnson Supported by Lisowski to award Municipal Building cleaning contract to MJ Cleaning Services on a 6month trial basis, contract to be decided after 6 month trial. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes, Motion Carried
- e. There was no resolve from the Village Board or Village Clerk regarding shared invoicing discrepancies or Township's repeated request for support documents. But rather, a suggestion was made by Village for Township Clerk to manage shared expenses. Request for invoices and supporting documentation for discrepant expense charges is still an open issue.

12. Supervisor Lisowski adjourned the meeting at 8:31pm

Submitted by, Clerk Melanie Kelly