

Bloomington Township Regular Board Meeting #666

109 E. Kalamazoo St., Bloomington, MI

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 @ 7:00pm

MINUTES:

1. Supervisor Ashbrook 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 Ashbrook, Clerk Kelly, Treasurer Blackson, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Nelson.
4. Motion by Blackson Supported Nelson to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes, Motion Carries
5. Motion by Nelson Supported by Kelly to Approve the Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2024 regular Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes, Motion Carried
6. Motion by Kelly Supported by Johnson to accept the Treasurer Report as given by Treasurer Blackson; Roll Call Vote: All Ayes, Motion Carried
7. Public Comments; NONE
8. Motion by Johnson Supported by Blackson to approve the payments of invoices over \$500.00: Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried
  - a. Best Way Disposal \$1,863.11 (transfer station)
  - b. Bloomington Telephone \$ 536.77(phone/wifi)
  - c. Van Buren County Clerk \$933.07 (Nov Election)
  - d. Van Buren County Sheriff \$1,003.56 (blight officer)
  - e. Van Buren County Road Commission \$56,805.00 (contract gravel)
9. Pending Business:
  - a. The Van Buren County Commissioner Report given for the final time by Dick Godfrey. (Mr. Godfrey retiring as of January 1, 2025)
  - b. The Assessors Report(written) was read by Clerk Kelly
  - c. Fire Department report given by Chief Chris Serdel
  - d. Life Ambulance Report for October and November given by John Pinkster
  - e. Van Buren County Road Commissioners Report not available
  - f. Van Buren County Sheriff's Report unavailable
10. Tabled Business:
  - a. Motion by Kelly Supported by Blackson to grant a variance on road frontage to Betty Rose, referencing Ordinance #7-97 . Roll Call Vote: Kelly-Aye, Johnson-Aye, Nelson-Aye, Blackson- Aye, Ashbrook- Nay Motion Carried
  - b. Motion by Kelly Supported by Blackson to set a Date of Wednesday, January 29,2025 at 6:00pm for a Public Hearing to discuss/vote on Short Term Rental Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried
  - c. Communication on Camper Ordinance. Still at legal.

- d. Library Contract discussion, Supervisor Ashbrook and President Crawford working out details with library to finalize contract.
11. New Business:
- a. Motion by Johnson Supported by Nelson to hire Vanburen County Road Commission to start the removal of Dangerous Trees that threaten the Safety and Welfare of our Community. Trustee Johnson and Supervisor Ashbrook are to make a list and get as many as possible before March 31, 2025. Cost NOT to exceed \$52,500.00. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried
  - b. Discussion on the Professional cleaning, stripping, and waxing of the Fire Department Hall floors, as it has been nearly 5 years since it has been done.
12. Public Comments were heard.
- Homeless encampments are becoming a bigger issue with each passing day. Burning of trash, tires, etc. The New Superintendent for Bloomingdale Schools came and introduced himself to the community and Board. He would like open lines of communications between the Township Board, School and community
13. Supervisor Ashbrook adjourned the meeting @8:34pm

Submitted by: Melanie Kelly  
Bloomingdale Township Clerk