

109 E. Kalamazoo St., Bloomington, MI

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 @ 7:00pm

MINUTES:

1. Supervisor Ashbrook called the Meeting to order to order at 7:00pm
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.
3. Members Present; Supervisor Ashbrook, Treasurer Blackson, Clerk Kelly, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Nelson
4. Motion by Ashbrook, Supported by Nelson to accept the amended Agenda, and Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
5. Motion by Blackson, supported by Johnson to Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting held January 15, 2025; Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
6. Motion by Kelly, supported by Ashbrook to Accept the Treasurer Report as given by Treasurer Blackson (\$1,502,0247.26) Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
7. Public Comments: Were heard, Questions on Short Term Rental Ordinance, and Workshop Meeting where it shall be discussed. Clerk Kelly introduced new Deputy Clerk Kristen Williams and welcomed her to the Team.
8. Motion by Nelson, supported by Johnson to Approve the payments of invoices over \$500.00 as listed; Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - a. Best Way Disposal \$2,366.00 (transfer station)
 - b. BS&A annual service/cloud storage \$6,301.00 (software/programs)
 - c. MFE (Moses Fire Equipment) \$788.72 (roof ladder hooks fire dept)
 - d. MFE (Moses Fire Equipment) 2 Scuba/ Rescue suits \$2,054.80 (new scuba suits fire dept)
 - e. Straub, Seaman, and Allen \$2,440.00 (blight/court/ordinance)
 - f. Van Buren County Sheriff \$1,446.03 (blight Officer)
 - g. Van Buren County Road Commission \$4,798.90 (crosspipe replacement 20th ave)
9. Pending Business
 - a. The Van Buren County Commissioners Report was read by Clerk Kelly
 - b. The Assessor's Report was given by Mike Richmond
 - c. The Fire Department Report was given by Chief Chris Serdel
 - d. Life Ambulance Report was unavailable
 - e. Van Buren County Road Commission Report was unavailable
 - f. The Van Buren County Sheriff's Report was given by Deputy Turner
10. Tabled Business
 - a. STR Ordinance (changes being considered)
 - b. Camper Ordinance back from legal board to review
11. New Business
 - a. Motion by Ashbrook, supported by Kelly to appoint Mark Ashbrook, Richard Beam, Greg Fisher, and Kristen Williams to the Board of Review. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - b. Motion by Ashbrook, supported by Kelly to approve the Poverty Threshold Income Standards. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - c. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Kelly to accept Resolution #167-25 Poverty Exemption Guidelines Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - d. Fire Department Stipends:
 1. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Kelly to Raise Fire Chief Salary to \$10,000.00 Roll Call; All Ayes Motion Carried

2. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Kelly to raise Assistant Chief Salary to \$5,000.00 Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 3. Motion by Kelly, supported by Ashbrook to raise Lieutenant Hosier Salary to \$3,000.00 Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 4. Motion by Kelly, supported by Ashbrook to raise Secretary Decker salary to \$3,000.00 Roll -Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - e. The Bloomingdale Area Historical Association requested a \$150.00 donation for the 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt. Motion by Blackson, supported by Ashbrook Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - f. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Nelson to accept the Carpet cleaning estimate for Township Hall/offices and Library from Lake Shore Carpet Cleaning; Accepted estimate of \$422.00 Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - g. Motion by Kelly Supported by Ashbrook to donate \$15,000.00 to Shady Brook Park for the maintenance and upkeep of park facilities. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - h. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Blackson to table the Elmwood/Mud Lake Subdivision Yearly Maintenance estimate of \$3,260.00 until research can be done on exact gravel/stone to be used for roads. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - i. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Blackson to approve Siegfried and Crandall PC to conduct the 2024/2025 yearly Audit of Township Finances designation not to exceed \$9000.00 Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - j. Proposed Salary Resolutions (to be voted on by electors at Annual Meeting);
 1. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Blackson to approve proposed Resolution #188-25.4 to raise the Trustees salaries from \$3,000.00 annually to \$5,000.00 annually (66.67% increase) Roll Call Vote; Supervisor Ashbrook YES, Treasurer Blackson YES, Trustee Johnson ABSTAIN, Clerk Kelly NO, Trustee Nelson ABSTAIN; Motion Carried
 2. Motion by Johnson Supported by Ashbrook to approve proposed Resolution #188-25.4 to raise the Treasurer salary from \$17,000.00 annually to \$21,000.00 annually (23.53% increase) Roll Call Vote; Supervisor Ashbrook YES, Treasurer Blackson ABSTAIN, Trustee Johnson YES, Clerk Kelly NO, Trustee Nelson YES. Roll Call Vote Motion Carried
 3. Motion by Johnson Supported by Blackson to approve proposed Resolution #188-25.4 to raise the Supervisor salary from \$16,000.00 annually to \$21,000.00 annually (31.25% increase) Roll Call Vote; Supervisor Ashbrook ABSTAIN, Treasurer Blackson YES, Trustee Johnson YES, Clerk Kelly NO, Trustee Nelson YES. Motion Carried
 4. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Blackson to approve proposed Resolution #188-25.4 to raise Clerk salary form \$23,000.00 annually to \$25,000.00 annually (8.7% increase) Supervisor Ashbrook YES, Treasurer Blackson YES, Trustee Johnson YES, Clerk Kelly ABSTAIN, Trustee Nelson YES. Motion carried.
 - k. Motion by Nelson Supported by Kelly to advertise for New Janitorial Company at Municipal Building. Bids to be accepted. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - l. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Johnson to advertise for part time Transfer Station employee. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
12. Public Comments were heard
13. Supervisor Ashbrook Adjourned the Meeting @ 8:50pm