

Bloomington Township Regular Board Meeting #675

109 E. Kalamazoo St., Bloomington MI

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 @ 7:00pm

MINUTES:

1. Supervisor Ashbrook called the Meeting to Order at 7:19pm
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 Nelson, Absent; Trustee Johnson
4. Motion by Kelly Supported by Blackson to Accept the Agenda (with amendments; (invoices received day of meeting items p and q under section 8)) and Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
5. Motion by Nelson Supported by Blackson to Approve the Meeting Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held April 16,2025. Roll Call vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
6. Motion by Nelson Supported by Ashbrook to accept the Treasurer's Report as given by Treasurer Blackson. Roll Call Vote; all Ayes Motion Carried
7. Public Comments were heard. Village President Crawford makes comment on "shared rooms" in Municipal building.
8. Motion by Blackson supported by Nelson to Approve payments of invoices over \$500.00 with EXCEPTION of N- Van Buren County Road Commission cross-pipe replacement.
 - a. Best Way Disposal \$3,017.00 (transfer station)
 - b. Best Way Disposal \$675.00 (Buell blight, to be billed to H/O)
 - c. Bloomington Communications \$506.98 (phones/wifi)
 - d. Backroads Services \$601.43 (transducer on fire truck not working)
 - e. Backroad Services \$5,497.07(oil changes/maintenance on fire trucks 5 invoices)
 - f. Bio-Care \$8,450.00 (physicals for fire men, E/O year)
 - g. BS&A \$2,395.00 (tax/assessor software (state required) tx\$1,068.00ass\$1,327.00)
 - h. Moses Fire Equipment \$564.00 (helmet w/eye ear protect/I.D shield)
 - i. Moses Fire Equipment \$ 746.95 (helmet w/eye ear protect/Shield/nozzle teeth)
 - j. R&R Fire Truck Repair \$ 1,344.25 (fire truck tools/equip testing)
 - k. Straub, Seaman, Allen \$3,200.00(supervisor/treasurer meeting (wages, annual meeting, office hours) March bill) Supervisor Ashbrook makes comments on why our Attorney bill for March was so high, due to his Questions and Memo's about raises, office hours, annual meetings, and video-taping meetings. Board addressed the

withholding of information, asked that he share all information with all board members immediately as should be done according to the OMA.

- l. Straub, Seaman, & Allen \$1,580.00 (Supervisor/Treasurer "memos", ordinance verbiage Camper/short-term rental)
 - m. Summit Fire Protection \$935.00 (SCBA cylinder hydro/truck charge (fire dept))
 - n. Van Buren County Road Commission \$10,162.72 (crosspipe replacement due to failing drain tile under road) **EXCEPTION not to be paid**
 - o. Van Buren County Sheriff \$1,135.40 (blight officer)
 - p. Summit Fire Protection \$1,020.00 (SCBA hydra cylinder-fire dept)
 - q. Village Shared expenses \$ 692.63 (building expenses)
9. Reports:
- a. Assessor's Report (written) was read by Supervisor Ashbrook
 - b. Fire Department Report was given by Chief Chris Serdel
 - c. Life Ambulance Report was given by John Pinkster
 - d. Van Buren County Commissioners Report given by Commissioner Dave DiStephano
 - e. Van Buren County Road Commission Report was given by Commissioner Doug Burleson
 - f. Van Buren County Sheriff's Report was given by Deputy Turner
10. New Business:
- a. Motion by Kelly Supported by Blackson to accept the quote for gravel from Remington Excavating for cemetery drive ways \$2,275.00 (Robinson-15 cubic yards, Spring grove- 10 cubic yards, Tucker-5 cubic yards) Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - b. Motion by Kelly Supported by Ashbrook to postpone the purchase of a computer for Treasurer to work from home \$610.64+ software transfer until more information on security and possible fee's for transferring of data not on quote are received. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - c. Motion by Blackson Supported by Kelly to approve and send to the State Equalization Authority the L-4029 form for levied taxes. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - d. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Kelly to approve the spending of \$45,000.00 (not to exceed) payable to the Van Buren County Road Commission. (Contract Gravel original estimate \$56,455.00 voted down) (multiple roads)) Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - e. Motion by Blackson supported by Nelson to award the Dust Control contract to Southwest Michigan Dust Control for three (3) applications, at \$ 13,030.00. Payable to the Van Buren County Road Commission (dust control &bags/7.62 miles- 3 applications-local road system) Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried

11. Pending Business:

- a. Motion by Blackson Supported by Nelson to postpone the hiring of Building Inspector due to information withheld from Board by Supervisor. Building Inspector Garret Reitenour (present at meeting) also applying for job, but no information available to Board. Resumes/ Interviews available- Bill Snyder/ Artie Wilcox. Roll Call Vote; All ayes Motion Carried
 - b. Motion by Nelson Supported by Blackson to approve the Resolution of Township Operating Procedures # 165-25.2 Supervisor Ashbrook declares Resolution #165-25.2 Adopted. Roll Call Vote; Ashbrook- No, Blackson- Yes, Nelson-Yes, Kelly-Yes Motion Carried
 - c. Communication on Transfer Station; Supervisor Ashbrook has not contacted/hired interested parties to work at the Transfer Station. Transfer Station shall remain closed on Tuesdays until an employee can be hired. Board wants this rectified; it has been an issue since December of 2024.
12. Public Comments were heard. Comment on Robinson Cemetery potentially needing clean fill dirt in order to expand the cemetery.
 13. Supervisor Ashbrook adjourned meeting at 9:22pm. Voice Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried

Submitted by; Melanie Kelly, Bloomingdale Township Clerk

