

Bloomington Township Regular Board Meeting #649

109 E. Kalamazoo St. Bloomington, MI 49026

Wednesday September 20, 2023

1. Supervisor Lisowski called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of The United States of America was recited.
3. Members Present: Supervisor James Lisowski; Trustee Brett Johnson; Clerk Melanie Kelly; Trustee Peter Fritz; Absent Treasurer Melissa Blackson
4. Motion by Fritz Supported by Johnson to accept the amended Agenda and Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried
5. Motion by Johnson Supported by Kelly to Approve the Meeting Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held August 16,2023. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried
6. Motion by Lisowski Supported by Johnson to Accept the Treasurers Report as given by Clerk Kelly. (\$1,318,208.37) Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried
7. Public Comments none
8. Motion by Johnson Supported by Fritz to Approve payment of invoices over \$500.00 Roll Call vote: All Ayes Motion Carried
 - a. Best Way Disposal (transfer station) \$2980.00
 - b. Bloomington Communications \$534.02
 - c. MFE (fire Dept) \$598.30
 - d. Siegfried Crandall (special assess/GBL) \$600.00
 - e. Van Buren County Clerks (election/poll supplies) \$1500.00
 - f. Van Buren County Road Commission (gravel/Spread cost) \$35,340.00
 - g. Van Buren County Road Commission (de-berming) \$44,680.00
 - h. Village of Bloomington Shared Expenses \$1870.07
9. Pending Business:
 - a. Van Buren County Commissioners Report given by Dick Godfrey
 - b. Assessors Written Report was read
 - c. Fire Department Report was given by Chief Chris Serdel
 - d. Life Ambulance Report Unavailable (3rd month in a row)
 - e. Van Buren County Road Commission Report given by Doug Burleson
 - f. Van Buren County Sheriff's Report given by Deputy Tarner
 - g. Village of Bloomington President Renee Robbins gave update on Caboose in Augustus Haven Park moving to Bloomington Area Historical Association location/ electrical updates to pavilion/Oktoberfest
10. New Business:
 - a. Motion by Fritz Supported by Johnson to sign contract with Randall Aldering to be the township of Bloomington Building Inspector
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

- b. Motion by Fritz Supported by Johnson to approve Early Vote/ Combined Precinct County agreement with Van Buren County Clerk's Office, for State and Federal 2024 elections. Polling location to be at 57418 CR681 Hartford, MI. Township Board authorized Clerk Melanie Kelly to enter into Contract October 19, 2023
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried
 - c. Motion by Fritz Supported by Johnson to approve spending of \$9,984.05 for Fire Department Equipment: Fire Department Grant applied for by Township was awarded \$10,000.00 of funds for reimbursement.
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Motion carried
 - d. Van Buren Conservation District Transfer Station Grant Awarded:
Bids for Contract work were read: Nelson Dirt Works- Remmington Excavating- Pease Excavation- Motion by Fritz Supported by Johnson to accept bid from Remmington Excavating. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried
 - e. Motion by Johnson Supported by Fritz to spend the Township responsibility of 20%, and to finance the extra funds necessary to ensure project completion not to exceed \$12,000.00 (cameras/lights/labor etc) Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried
11. New Business:
- a. Motion by Kelly Supported by Johnson to approve payment of \$500.00 to The Van Buren County Fire Chief Association to pay for an enclosed trailer to store the funeral ramp used for fallen Firemen. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried
 - b. Motion by Fritz Supported by Lisowski to approve consolidation of all mow/plow contracts to a single contract, for a period of two (2) years. Advertisement to run weekly until the second week of October. Bids will be accepted until October 18, 2023 @ 2:00pm. The Township will collect bids and read/award them at the Township Board meeting to be held October 18, 2023. A list of duties/expectations shall be provided/available at the Township Hall for all interested parties. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried
 - c. Discussion on Cemetery maintenance. The Township has been receiving complaints about many trees/ low hanging branches, overgrown bushes etc. encroaching upon monuments and grave markers. Many headstones are in danger of damage due to said overgrowth. Discussion of adding Funds to the 2024 budget to have these risks taken care of as soon as possible. A list will be made for each cemetery so precise decisions can be made in the new year.
 - d. Motion by Fritz Supported by Johnson to purchase a new Tabulator, (not bin) for \$4,950.00 Price does not include tax or shipping. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried
12. Public Comments: were heard
13. Supervisor Lisowski adjourned meeting @ 8:10pm Voice Vote All Ayes

Submitted by, Melanie Kelly Bloomingdale Township Clerk

