

Bloomington Township Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 @ 7:00pm

109 E. Kalamazoo St., Bloomington, MI 49026

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. Members Present; Supervisor Ashbrook, Treasurer Blackson, Clerk Kelly, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Nelson
4. Motion by Blackson Supported by Nelson to Accept the Agenda and Consent Agenda Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
5. Motion by Johnson Supported by Kelly to Approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held July 16, 2025 Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
6. Motion by Johnson Supported by Nelson to accept the Treasurer's Report as given by Treasurer Blackson Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion carried
7. Public Comments: NONE
8. Motion by Blackson Supported by Johnson to Approve the payments of Invoices over \$500.00 Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - a. Best Way Disposal \$3,591.00 (transfer station)
 - b. Bloomington Communications \$504.61 (phones wifi)
 - c. Straub, Seaman & Allen \$1,480.00 (lawyer)
 - d. Van Buren County Sheriff Office \$2,055.61 (officer)
9. Reports:
 - a. Assessor's report (written) was read by Clerk Kelly
 - b. Fire Department Report was given by Fire Chief Chris Serdel
 - c. Life Ambulance Report was given by John Pinkster
 - d. Van Buren County Commissioners Report was given by Commissioner Dave DiStefeno
 - e. Van Buren County Road Commissioners Report was given by Commissioner Doug Burleson
 - f. Van Buren County Sheriff Report was given by Deputy Tarner
10. New Business:
 - a. Motion by Kelly Supported by Blackson to Approve the finalization of annual Audit for submission to the State Treasury Department. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried

- b. Treasurer Blackson explained that New software (BS&A) will be required by the State of Michigan for assessing and tax roll purposes; due to Van Buren County eliminating the current program. Discussion on looking into a grant, or multiple user discount to help off-set costs. Deadline is before the spring tax roll. (communication only no actions took place)
 - c. Motion by Nelson Supported by Blackson to join the Conservation District foam recycling co-op. Roll Call Vote; All ayes Motion Carried
 - d. Discussion on revisions to the Sexton/Cemetery Contract (discussion only, no actions took place)
 - e. Treasurer Blackson resigned from the Shady Brook Parks and Recreation Commission as she is currently unable to full fill the duties of her appointment. Treasurer Blackson made a recommendation to appoint Kristen Williams Deputy Clerk for Bloomingdale Township to be her replacement. Motion by Nelson Supported by Johnson to accept the appointment of Kristen Williams. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
 - f. Discussion on the illegal dumping, and dangers of Trespassing after hours at the Transfer Station. (discussion only no action took place)
 - g. Motion by Nelson Supported by Blackson to approve the PA 116 application for Drozd Family Farms tax exemption. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion carried
 - h. Motion by Nelson Supported by Kelly to postpone approval of Tucker Cemetery tree estimate until Board members have an opportunity to assess what needs to be done and look into alternate estimates. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
11. Public Comments- were heard
12. Supervisor Ashbrook moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm Voice Vote; All Ayes meeting adjourned

Submitted by Bloomingdale Township Clerk, Melanie Kelly