

Bloomington Township Regular Board Meeting

February 18, 2026 @ 7:00pm

Municipal Building 109 E. Kalamazoo St., Bloomington, MI

MINUTES:

1. Supervisor Ashbrook called the meeting to order @ 7:02pm
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of America was recited
3. Members present; Supervisor Ashbrook, Treasurer Blackson, Clerk Kelly, Trustee Nelson-Absent; Trustee Johnson
4. Motion by Nelson Supported by Blackson to Accept the Agenda and Consent Agenda Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
5. Motion by Blackson Supported by Nelson to approve the meeting minutes from the January 21, 2026 regular board meeting and February 4,2026 Budget Workshop meeting Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
6. Motion by Kelly Supported by Nelson to accept the Treasurer Report as given by Treasurer Blackson Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
7. Public Comments; Were Heard
8. Motion by Kelly Supported by Blackson to approve payments over \$500.00 as listed; Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
  - a. Best Way Disposal \$ 1,247.70 (transfer station)
  - b. BP Repair \$ 932.83 (pressure relief valve on air dryer blown due to sub-zero temperatures)
  - c. MFE replace broken fire hose cost not to exceed \$6,000.00(Fire hose broke into pieces due to sub-zero temperatures)
  - d. BS&A software \$ 6,471.00 (annual software fee's)
  - e. Straub, Seaman & Allen \$ 1,478.43 (legal fee's- court cases(3)-garnishment)
  - f. Van Buren County Sheriff \$2,891.30 (blight/ordinance enforcement)
9. Reports:
  - a. Assessor's Report was given by Assessor Mike Richmond
  - b. Fire Department Report was read by Supervisor Ashbrook
  - c. Life Ambulance Report for December and January was given by John Pinkster
  - d. Supervisor's Report was given by Supervisor Ashbrook
  - e. Van Buren County Commissioners Report was read by Supervisor Ashbrook
  - f. Van Buren County Road Commission Report given by Commissioner Doug Burleson
  - g. Van Buren County Sheriff's Report was given by deputy Tarner
10. Postponed Business:

- a. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Blackson to postpone voting on Boom Mowing program sheet (\$16,000.00) until April, when better weather arrives, and locations can be determined. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
- b. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Blackson to terminate "awarded" bid/contract for Mowing/Snow plowing. (awarded to Douglas Lawncare) and put out for re-bid in the fall of 2026. Roll Call Vote; Ashbrook-yes, Blackson-yes, Nelson-yes, Kelly- no Motion carried
- c. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Blackson to approve verbiage changes to Supervisor Salary Resolution #188-26.3 Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
- d. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Nelson to approve verbiage changes to Treasurer Salary Resolution #188-26.3 Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion carried
- e. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Blackson to approve verbiage changes to Trustee Salary Resolution #188-26.3 Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
- f. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Blackson to approve verbiage changes to Clerk Salary Resolution #188-26.3 Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried

11. New Business:

- a. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Kelly to Approve Ballot verbiage for Road Millage Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
- b. Motion by Kelly supported by Nelson to donate three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to the Bloomingdale Area Historical Association for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
- c. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Blackson to set the Budget Adoption Hearing for fiscal year 2026/2027 for March 18, 2026 @6:00pm. (before regular Board meeting to be held @7:00pm) Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
- d. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Nelson to maintain as set and pay Fire Department Stipends as listed: Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
  - aa. Fire Chief \$10,000.00
  - bb. Ass Fire Chief \$5,000.00
  - cc. Training Officer \$3,000.00
  - dd. Secretary/Treasurer \$3,000.00
- e. Motion by Kelly Supported by Blackson to use The Courier Leader as the Legal paper to be used for publications. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion carried
- f. Motion by Nelson Supported by Blackson to postpone naming of Legal Representation for Bloomingdale Township until March 18,2026 regular Board meeting, as the board looks into other municipal law firms for representation. Some Board members are unhappy with current firm being used. Roll Call Vote; Blackson-yes, Kelly-yes, Nelson-yes, Ashbrook -no Motion Carried

- g. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Kelly to approve the Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2026 Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
  - h. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Blackson to postpone designation of Township Audit using Siegfried & Crandall, Supervisor wants a "Forensic Audit" instead. Firms and costs to be reported at the next regular board meeting held March 18,2026 @7:00pm. Roll Call Vote; Ashbrook- yes, Blackson-yes. Nelson- yes, Kelly no Motion Carried
  - i. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Blackson to donate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to Shady Brook Park for maintenance on playground and campground. Roll Call Vote; Ashbrook-yes, Blackson-yes, Nelson-yes, Kelly- abstain Motion Carried
  - j. Motion by Ashbrook Supported by Kelly to approve Resolution (key custodian) 164-26- with voted verbiage changes. (see attached documents for changes to original/corrected) Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
  - k. Motion by Kelly Supported by Nelson to approve Resolution (operating procedures) 164-26.2- with voted verbiage changes. (see attached documents for changes to original/corrected) Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
  - l. Motion by Blackson Supported by Nelson to approve Resolution (contractor/bid/contract procedures)164-26.3 with voted changes to verbiage (see attached documents for changes to original/corrected (number only)) Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion carried
  - m. Motion by Nelson Supported by Kelly to approve Resolution (legal liaison)191-26- with voted verbiage changes. (see attached documents for changes to originals/corrected) Roll Call Vote; All Ayes Motion Carried
12. Public Comments; were heard
13. Supervisor Ashbrook Adjourned the Meeting @ 9:31pm Motion Kelly Support Blackson Voice Vote; All Ayes Meeting adjourned

Submitted by; Melanie Kelly Bloomingdale Township Clerk