

Bloomington Township Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 20, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting ID 86195281471  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86195281471>

**Minutes**

1. Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor Lisowski at 7:05 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
3. Members Present: Trustee Pete Fritz, Trustee Brett Johnson, Clerk Judy Little, Supervisor Jim Lisowski and Treasurer Jerry Sommerfeld
4. No Public Comments were given.
5. No Amendments to Agenda
6. Motion by Little, supported by Fritz to approve Board Minutes & Consent Agenda from Regular Meeting November 18, 2020. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
7. Motion by Little, supported by Fritz to accept Treasurer's Report. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
8. Motion by Lisowski, supported by Fritz to approve payment of invoices over \$500.00 as listed. All Ayes, Motion carried.
  - a. Sage Software \$1,440.95 (annual subscription renewal)
  - b. Van Buren County Sherriff \$954.51 (blight enforcement)
  - c. Van Buren County Drain Commissioner \$3,823.36 (drain special assessment)
  - d. Van Buren County Clerk \$735.50 (Election charges)
9. Pending Business
  - a. Assessor's Report was given by Assessor Mike Richmond.
  - b. Fire Department Report was given by Fire Chief Chris Serdel.
    - i. Motion by Lisowski, supported by Fritz to allow members of the Fire Department to attend the Firemen's Convention when it is scheduled. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
  - c. There was no Life Ambulance Report available.
  - d. Van Buren County Commissioner Report was given by Commissioner Richard Godfrey
  - e. Written report from Van Buren County Road Commission was read by Lisowski.
  - f. Written report from Van Buren County Sheriff's Department was read by visor Lisowski.
10. New Business
  - a. Motion by Sommerfeld, supported by Johnson to renew BHS Insurance for Fire Department for \$9,980. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
  - b. Motion by Lisowski, supported by Sommerfeld to set the amount for the Clerk bonding at \$10,000. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
  - c. Motion by Fritz, supported by Johnson to adopt Emergency Response Cost Recovery Ordinance #135. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
  - d. Review of Siegfried & Crandall audit results was given by Little.

- e. Motion by Sommerfeld, supported by Johnson to terminate retainer agreement with Kelly Page for legal services after giving a 30 day notice to Mr. Page.
- f. Motion by Lisowski, supported by Sommerfeld to initiate a letter of intent with Straub, Seaman & Allen, P.C. law firm for ongoing legal services, as needed, at an hourly rate of \$150/hour and adopt resolution #134. Roll Call Vote: Fritz - no; Johnson - yes; Little - yes; Lisowski - yes; Sommerfeld - yes. Motion Carried.
- g. 2021 Road Plan discussed by Supervisor Lisowski.
- h. Motion by Little, supported by Sommerfeld to rescind Resolution 164 Establishing Township Office Hours. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- i. Motion by Sommerfeld, supported by Johnson to table all Transfer Station discussions until more information can be obtained. Motion Carried.
  - i. Agreement between Village and Township
  - ii. Security issues
  - iii. Equipment needs
- j. Motion by Johnson, supported by Fritz to table discussion regarding street light for M-40, 10<sup>th</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Street until costs could be identified. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### 11. Old Business

- a. Motion by Little, supported by Lisowski to pay Kelly Page invoice for legal services for lawsuit according to the price stated in the original Agreement Letter of \$125.00/hour for a total of \$6325.00. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- b. Motion by Little, supported by Sommerfeld to adopt Village Operating Agreement that includes vacating Assessor office, change in shared expenses and discontinuance of lawsuit.

#### 12. Public Comments

- a. Clerk told the audience that Meeting Minutes, reports and financial information will be available in the Township Showcase in front of the building by next week. Future postings will also include Meeting Agendas.

#### 13. Motion by Little, supported by Sommerfeld to adjourn at 8:05 pm.