

Bloomington Township Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting ID 86195281471  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86195281471>

**MINUTES:**

1. Supervisor Lisowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Members present: Trustee Pete Fritz, Trustee Brett Johnson, Clerk Judy Little, Supervisor James Lisowski and Treasurer Jerry Sommerfeld
4. Public comments: Questions were raised regarding the Township stance on marijuana laws both commercial growing and sales. No information was available but the Board agreed to research the law and answer questions at a later date.
5. Motion by Sommerfeld; Supported by Fritz to accept amended agenda to update section 10 – B stipend salaries for fire department Secretary/Treasurer and Training Coordinator. Voice Vote: All Ayes; Motion Carried.
6. Motion by Fritz; Supported by Sommerfeld to approve Board Minutes of Regular Meeting held February 17, 2021 and Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes; Motion Carried.
7. Motion by Sommerfeld; Supported by Johnson to accept Treasurer’s Report. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes; Motion Carried.
8. Motion by Sommerfeld; Supported by Johnson to approve payment of invoices over \$500.00 as listed. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes; Motion Carried
  - a. A & B Lawn Care - \$1545 – Fire Station, lake access, Elmwood subdivision
  - b. Cybermind - \$720 – upgrade Deputy Clerk
  - c. Cummins Sales and Service - \$650.02 – Generac Maintenance
  - d. Kalamazoo Flag Company - \$1403.40 – cemetery and fire dept. flags
  - e. Van Buren County Sheriff - \$875.99 – Blight Enforcement
  - f. Village of Bloomington - \$678.58 - shared expenses
9. Pending Business
  - a. Assessor Report – none available
  - b. Fire Department Report – given by Chris Serdel, Fire Chief
  - c. Life Ambulance Report – none available
  - d. Van Buren County Commissioner Report – given by Richard Godfrey, Commissioner. Also discussed was Paw Paw Pharmacy’s program for giving Covid Shots
  - e. Van Buren County Road Commission Report – none given
  - f. Van Buren County Sheriff’s Department Report – given by James Lisowski
10. New Business
  - a. Motion by Little; Supported by Sommerfeld to table Consumers Energy Franchise Agreement until changes suggested by the Board could be made. Changes would include:
    1. Whenever Grantee shall begin the erection or installation of any lines or equipment, it shall promptly and diligently prosecute the work to completion and leave the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges and public places where such work is done in as good condition of repair as before such work was commenced.

2. Prior to any post replacement or removal, tree work or removal, mowing or spraying under power lines, property owners must be contacted.
  3. Consumers Energy will provide the Township with 24 hour contact information. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes; Motion Carried
  - b. Motion by Little; Supported by Lisowski to approve Fire Department appointment of officers and approval of stipend payments for 2021/2022. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes; Motion Carried
    - i. Chief \$7500; Assistant Chief \$3750; Secretary/Treasurer \$2250; Training Coordinator \$1500
  - c. Motion by Sommerfeld; Supported by Johnson to accept Bio-Care quote for Fire Department physicals for \$7455. Physicals to be given in the fall. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes; Motion Carried.
  - d. Motion by Sommerfeld; Supported by Johnson to accept Amended 2020 - 2021 Budget. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes; Motion Carried.
  - e. Motion by Sommerfeld; Supported by Johnson to accept New Budget for physical year 2021 – 2022. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes; Motion Carried
11. Old Business
- a. Transfer Station
    - i. Agreement between Village and Township still being worked on by Village President Barczak and Supervisor Lisowski.
    - ii. Security Issues will be tabled until we can get a quote and more details.
  - b. Street Light for M-40 and 34<sup>th</sup> Street tabled, awaiting costs.
12. Public Comments
- a. Supervisor Lisowski discussed the telephone issues the township is currently having as well as the need to establish a franchise agreement between the township and Bloomingdale Communication.
13. Motion by Little; Supported by Sommerfeld to adjourn meeting 7:38 p.m.

Judy Little, Clerk