

Bloomington Township Regular Board Meeting  
 Haven Park Pavilion  
 Wednesday, June 16, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Zoom Meeting ID 857 9567 1217  
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*Minutes:*

1. *Supervisor Lisowski called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.*
2. *Pledge of Allegiance was recited*
3. *Board Members Present Trustee Pete Fritz, Clerk Judy Little, Supervisor James Lisowski, Treasurer Gerry Sommerfeld. Trustee Brett Johnson absent.*
4. *Public Comments (please state your name)*
  - a. *Questions raised as to getting answers to questions asked at last meeting regarding marijuana issue and time lines involved in decisions. This was addressed during the Task Force update later in the meeting.*
5. *Motion by G. Sommerfeld; supported by P. Fritz to accept amended agenda to include MFE invoice.*  
*Roll call vote. All Ayes; Motion Carried.*
6. *Motion by P. Fritz; Supported by G. Sommerfeld to accept Consent Agenda.*  
*Voice vote. All Ayes; Motion Carried.*
7. *Motion by P. Fritz; supported by G. Sommerfeld to approve Board Minutes of Regular Meeting held May 19, 2021*  
*Voice vote. All Ayes; Motion Carried.*
8. *Motion by P. Fritz; supported by J. Lisowski to approve Treasurer's Report*  
*Roll call vote. All Ayes; Motion Carried.*
9. *Motion by J. Little; supported by P. Fritz to approve payment of invoices over \$500.00 as listed.*  
*Roll call vote. All Ayes; Motion Carried*
  - a. *Best Way \$618.00 (transfer station)*
  - b. *Michigan Township Association \$1964.68 (annual dues)*
  - c. *Van Buren County Sheriff \$914.18 (blight officer)*
  - d. *Van Buren County Road Commission \$70,263.75 (fog seal pre-construction deposit)*
  - e. *Van Buren County Road Commission \$244, 488.75 (sealcoat pre-construction deposit)*
  - f. *MFE \$1,192.00 (Fire Dept Maintenance)*
10. *Pending Business*
  - a. *Assessor Report provided by M. Richmond in writing; read by Supervisor Lisowski*
  - b. *Fire Department Report given by Chris Serdel*
  - c. *Life Ambulance Report – none available*
  - d. *Van Buren County Commissioner Report provided by R. Godfrey in writing; read by Trustee P. Fritz*
  - e. *Van Buren County Road Commission Report – none available*
  - f. *Van Buren County Sheriff's Department Report provided by Sheriff's Dept; read by Supervisor Lisowski*

## 11. New Business

- a. Motion by J. Little; supported by P. Fritz to donate \$1000.00 to Van Buren Conservation District per their request for financial funding for the County recycling program.  
Roll call vote. All Ayes; Motion Carried. Free Dump Day for Township
- b. Motion by J. Lisowski; supported by G. Sommerfeld to provide a Free Dump Day for Bloomingdale Township residents in conjunction with the Village in the spring of 2022.  
Roll call vote. All Ayes; Motion Carried.
- c. Motion by J. Little; supported by G. Sommerfeld to levy .6988 millage for operating expenses and .4929 millage for Seniors for a total of 1.1916 mills .  
Roll call vote. All Ayes; Motion Carried.
- d. Motion by J. Little; supported by J. Lisowski to conduct a Special Election to reinstate special road millage in November, 2021  
Roll call vote. All Ayes; Motion Carried.
- e. Motion by P. Fritz; supported by G. Sommerfeld to approve initial draft of ballot language.  
Roll call vote. All Ayes; Motion Carried.

## 12. Old Business

- a. Medical and Recreational Marijuana Grow, Retail or Microbusiness Task Force reported results of tour of outdoor grow facility. Confirmed that water usage is 1 – 2 gallons per plant per day depending on size of plant and weather conditions. Indoor grow facilities will use less. Read assessors report discussing land values. The Task Force recommended to the Board that they adopt an Opt Out Ordinance until the issue could be put on the ballot in 2022. Adoption of the Ordinance puts Bloomingdale Township on the State's list to not issue any licenses in our Township. The Task Force felt this would provide protection for the Township in the event the election results are for the Opt Out. If the election results are to Opt In, the Ordinance and can be updated. Waiting for the 2022 election allows time to gather facts and educate ourselves so that the best decision can be made.
- b. Motion by J. Little; supported by G. Sommerfeld to approve Ordinance for the Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments in Bloomindale Township  
Roll call vote. All Ayes; Motion Carried.
- c. Motion by J. Little; supported by G. Sommerfeld to approve Resolution Regarding all Marijuana Facilities as written.  
Roll call vote. All Ayes; Motion Carried.
- d. Motion by P. Fritz; supported by J. Little to initiate Ballot language for 2022.  
Roll Call Vote. All Ayes; Motion Carried.

## 13. Public Comments

- a. *Suggestion to publish minutes/information obtained from the Task Force to the general public; possibly publish on the Bloomingdale Now social media website.*
- b. *Positive comments regarding putting the marijuana issue on the ballot for the next election in 2022.*

- c. *Positive feedback regarding obtaining information and educating the public with facts prior to next election.*
  - d. *Caution regarding the expense of legal fees resulting from marijuana ordinances.*
  - e. *Questions regarding how the Task Force was selected. The Task Force is made up of volunteers from the community (Lindsey Nelson, Romiro Torres, Clayton Upson, Lon Ashbrook, Brett Johnson and Judy Little. It is a well rounded group as far as “for it” or “against it”. Anyone is welcome to join the team, however, would like to keep the numbers of participants down. Afterwards, both Nancy Fusco and Matt Ashbrook asked to join the team.*
  - f. *Letter from Amber Ashbrook was read.*
14. Motion by G. Sommerfeld; supported by P. Fritz to Adjourn tat 7:49 p.m.