

Township of Bloomington
Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024
Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

The regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Town of Bloomington was called to order on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024, at 7:00 pm by Chairman Bill Erdenberger. Roll call was taken, other members present were Supervisor I Mike Patterson, Supervisor II Joe Kirschbaum, Patrolman Andrew "Buck" Crubel, Clerk Jane Patterson, Treasurer Brenda Kluesner, Jon Ragatz of Rural Mutual Insurance, and Representatives from Avangrid. Motion (Bill Erdenberger), seconded (Mike Patterson) was made to approve the posting of the Sept. 3rd meeting and Agenda, motion carried. Motion (Mike Patterson), seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) was made to approve the August 5th meeting minutes. There were no public comments.

The Town Board, along with the Clerk and Treasurer discussed the Town's Business Owners Ins. Policy with representative Jon Ragatz. After reviewing the policy, the board concluded that the policy deductible should be raised from \$250.00 to \$1,000.00, and re-evaluate the value amounts on the equipment when the next billing statement is received in December. It was noted that the mower and the new voting machine were not on the policy, Jon will take care of this tomorrow. The mower and voting machine were valued at \$10,000.00 each. Clerk Jane Patterson will call Jon with the model/serial number of the voting machine.

Representatives from Avangrid discussed their interest for a 100-megawatt windmill farm in this area. They are looking for approximately 10,000 acres for 25-30 wind turbines. They presented the positive effects that a windmill farm would have on the area's economy while being able to farm the land. Many questions were asked concerning the land and landowners. Concerns such as: how much input does the landowner have as to where the windmills will be placed, can they run access roads with a field's contour strips, will a landowner who signs up early receive the same dollar amount as someone who signs up later at a higher dollar amount, what happens if the company sells out? Some questions could not be answered due to the many stages of the planning process that are prepared by engineers. After a lengthy discussion, the board thanked them for their presentation, and they thanked the board for their time.

Roads and Machinery Reports: Patrolman Buck Crubel reported that the yellow lines have been painted on Maine Road. Struck and Irwin came back and repaired the area of concern on Birch Road. Buck will be mowing the road banks soon. A harness near the blade on the grader has caused a GPS sensor not to function, Buck contacted Martin's Equipment. Buck will also order a new stainless steel oil pan for the Western Star town truck. All other machinery is in good working condition.

No additional information regarding the Grant County Highway Department Bloomington site has been received.

Financial Report: Treasurer Brenda Kluesner presented the August 2024 financial report. Report was approved unanimously by the Board. Clerk Jane Patterson reported the outstanding bills, Board members approved payment of the bills presented. The Board, along with the clerk and treasurer, reviewed the Town's equalized values set by the DOR and briefly discussed the 2024/2025 budgets. Discussion of the budgets will continue at the next monthly meeting. Chairman Bill Erdenberger signed Smrcina Inspections LLC two-year contract and certified our DOT WISLR map and mileage list.

New Business: Supervisor Mike Patterson will look into posting speed limits on Aspen Road between North Road and State Hwy 133. This issue will be on the October agenda for discussion and possible action.

Next Meetings: Motion (Mike Patterson), seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) was made to set the date for the next monthly meeting on Monday, October 7th, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Bloomington Town Hall, motion carried.

Motion (Bill Erdenberger) seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) was made to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Jane Patterson-Clerk