

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Chair

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP

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CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 12, 2022

400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL, 61801

The Cunningham Township Board met in regular session Monday, December 12, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

Chair: Mayor Diane Marlin

Township Clerk: Phyllis D. Clark

Trustees: Maryalice Wu, Christopher Evans, Shirese Hursey, Jaya Kolisetty, Chaundra Bishop, Grace Wilken, James Quisenberry*

*Denotes present after roll

Supervisor: Danielle Chynoweth

Assessor: Wayne Williams

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Darcy Sandefur, Fed Grosser, Ivana Owona

I. ROLL CALL

With a quorum present Mayor Marlin called the meeting of the Cunningham Township Board to order at 6:06 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 14, 2022

Motion by Trustee Wu to approve and seconded by Trustee Wilken.

Voice vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken

NAY: None

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add closed session citation 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3) to consider appointments by Trustee Kolisetty and seconded by Trustee Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken

NAY: None

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

V. COMMITTEE TO VERIFY BILLS

a. Town Fund

b. General Assistance Fund

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Shared the monthly expenditures including \$71,937.82 from the Town Fund, \$82,345.44 from the General Assistance Funds, and total of \$154,283.26. Detailed expenditures can be found in the Town Bills report. Questions ensued.

Motion to approve by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Kolisetty.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken

NAY: None

VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor Chynoweth shared updates from the last month recorded in the Supervisors Memo. Chynoweth thanked Assessor Williams for his 5 years of services to the Township and praised his efforts to positively impact the community and thoroughly training his staff. Shared that the General Assistance program continues to see a decrease in participants while the Rental Assistance program continues to increase. Chynoweth believes that this is caused by the available jobs not compensating sufficiently to cover the cost of rent. Shared that the education case management track has increased. Currently the township has spent 77.6% of the budgeted amount for Rental Assistance for the year. Announced the opening of the Strides Low-Barrier Shelter in Champaign. Questions and discussion ensued.

Assessors Report:

Ivana Owona the Deputy Assessor shared a presentation on attendance to the annual IAAO conference. Owona introduced herself and shared background information on the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) and what is offered at the conference including the courses she felt were most significant for the local Office. Owona highlighted the opportunities attending this conference has created including opportunities to participate in panels, volunteer, and network with organizational leadership. Owona shared her appointment to the IPAI DEI subcommittee and to the IAAO Conference Content task force for 2022-2023. Questions and discussion ensued.

VII. CLOSED SESSION: Property, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2/(c) (5); Appointments, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3)

Motion to enter closed session by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Bishop.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop

NAY: None

Time entered closed session 6:34 p.m.

Motion to return to open session by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Hursey

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

Time returned from closed session 7:15 p.m.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Resolution No. T-2022-10-017R: A Resolution Renewing the Lease for the Assessor's Office (Lincoln Square)

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the renewal of a lease for the Assessor's Office in Lincoln Square Mall.

Motion to approve with the additional language for 6 month term and to not exceed the monthly rate of \$1,000.00 by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Ordinance No. T-2022-12-006: An Ordinance Levying Taxes for All Town Purposes for the Town of Cunningham, Champaign County, Illinois for the Tax Year 2022, Collectible in 2023 (FINAL)

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item adopts the Tax Levy for Cunningham Township for Tax Year 2022.

Motion to approve by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Kolisetty.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

b. Approval of Township Board Meeting Schedule

Presented by Chair Marlin. Item sets the dates and times for the 2023 Township Board meetings.

Motion to approve by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Kolisetty. Discussion ensued.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the body, Chair Marlin adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped and is [viewable on demand](#).

Minutes Approved: 01-09-2023