

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Chair

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP

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CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 8, 2023

400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL, 61801

The Cunningham Township Board met in regular session Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

Chair: Mayor Diane Marlin

Township Clerk: Phyllis Clark

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

Supervisor: Danielle Chynoweth

Assessor: Ivana Owona

***Denotes present via phone**

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo, Darcy Sandefur

I. ROLL CALL

With a quorum present Mayor Marlin called the meeting of the Cunningham Township Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

V. COMMITTEE TO VERIFY BILLS

a. Town Fund

b. General Assistance Fund

Supervisor Chynoweth shared the month to date expenditures including \$35,961.05 in the Town Fund, \$83,993.90 in the GA fund, and \$119,954.95 total. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve bills by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor Chynoweth shared the Supervisor Memo and reported on programmatic service statistics month to date. Chynoweth provided a follow-up on the previous week's City Council meeting and Council questions about the partnership between the Housing Authority and Township. Chynoweth noted that the General Assistance track is staying strong but noted that due to economic factors, the track is projected to expand next year and additional funds are allocated in the draft budget. Chynoweth noted that the Rental Assistance track may be expanded to include future rent opportunities. Questions and discussion ensued.

Budget Presentation

Supervisor Chynoweth explained that the materials included in the packet and advised the Board that the action tonight would be to place the draft on file for public inspection for 30 days prior to final adoption at the June meeting. Chynoweth noted the current surplus in funds and overall fiscal health of the Township. Chynoweth reviewed totals for each class within the budget and highlighted changes. Questions and discussion ensued.

Assessor Owona provided some information about anticipated expenses budgeted for including those related to the quadrennial reassessment. Owona explained the importance of being able to contest appeals to appraisals. Owona noted the increase in salaries to account for the salary study and role evaluation following the change in administration. Questions and discussion ensued.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. T-2023-05-001: An Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Fiscal year 2023-2024)

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the draft budget for Cunningham Township be placed on file for 30 days prior to a final vote and adoption at the June meeting. Question and discussion ensued.

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

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 6:34 pm.

Darcy Sandefur
Recording Secretary

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

Minutes Approved: 06-12-2023