

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

*Diane Wolfe Marlin, Chair*

**CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP**

*Darcy E. Sandefur, Township Clerk*

**CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 11, 2023**

**400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL, 61801**

The Cunningham Township Board met in regular session Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:**

**Chair:** Mayor Diane Marlin

**Township Clerk:** Phyllis Clark

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

**Supervisor:** Danielle Chynoweth

**Assessor:** None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Trustee Wu, Assessor Owona

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bourema Ouedraogo; Darcy Sandefur; Visiting Students from Thionville, France; Dennis Roberts

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

**III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Motion by CM Wilken to allow the presentation from Urbana Sister Cities Commission to welcome the visiting students from Thionville, France; seconded by CM Hursey.

Voice vote:

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

**NAY:** None

**IV. Presentation from Visiting Students from Thionville, France**

Sister Cities Commissioner Dennis Roberts provided background information on the Sister Cities Commission and the students' project. Mayor Marlin welcomed the students. The students shared a PowerPoint presentation and took turns speaking in English about their project.

*Meeting recessed to allow for the previously scheduled Public Hearing to be called to order at 6:26 pm.*

*Regular meeting reconvened at 6:27 pm.*

## **V. PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

## **VI. COMMITTEE TO VERIFY BILLS**

### **a. Town Fund**

### **b. General Assistance Fund**

Supervisor Chynoweth shared the month to date expenditures including \$43,537.22 in the Town Fund, \$133,569.67 in the GA fund, and \$177,106.89 total.

Motion to approve the bills by Trustee Quisenberry and seconded by Trustee Wilken.

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

## **VII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Supervisor Chynoweth shared the Supervisor Memo and reported on programmatic service statistics month to date. Chynoweth shared upcoming initiatives on the part of staff and highlighted areas of need in the community. Questions and discussion ensued.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ordinance No. T-2023-09-004: An Ordinance Approving the Cunningham Township Annual Budget for FY2023 (Revised)**

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item adopts the revised budget for Cunningham Township for FY 2023. The revised budget accounts for line-item transfers exceeding the transferable 10% threshold. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve by Trustee Quisenberry and seconded by Trustee Kolisetty. Further discussion ensued.

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

### **Resolution No. T-2023-09-006R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Agreement with the State of Illinois for the Emergency Solutions Grant for Homeless Services (FY24)**

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the supervisor to sign an agreement with the State of Illinois in order to receive the awarded Emergency Solutions Grant for Homeless Services (FY24).

Trustee Hursey motioned to approve; seconded by Trustee Quisenberry.

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

**Resolution No. T-2023-09-007R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Agreement with the State of Illinois for the Emergency Housing Transitional Housing Grant for Homeless Services ( FY 24)**

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the supervisor to sign an agreement with the State of Illinois in order to receive the awarded Emergency Housing Transition Housing Grant for Homeless Services for FY 2024.

Trustee Hursey motioned to approve; seconded by Trustee Kolisetty.

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

**Resolution No. T-2023-09-008R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Agreement with the University YMCA/New American Welcome Center for Immigrant Services ( FY 24)**

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the supervisor to sign an agreement with the New American Welcome Center for Immigrant Services to be provided to Township clients for FY 2024.

Trustee Wilken motioned to approve; seconded by Trustee Bishop.

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the body, Chair Marlin adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Darcy Sandefur  
Recording Secretary

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

Minutes Approved: 01-16-2024