

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

*Diane Wolfe Marlin, Chair*

**CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP**

*Darcy E. Sandefur, Township Clerk*

**CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 20, 2024**

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

The Cunningham Township Board met in regular session Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:**

**Chair:** Mayor Marlin

**Township Clerk:** Darcy E. Sandefur

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

**Supervisor:** Danielle Chynoweth

**Assessor:** None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Assessor Ivana Owona;

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bourema Ouedraogo; Seok Hyun Cho; Trinity Lewis; Ethan Garcia;

**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**

March 25, 2024 and April 8, 2024

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

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

**III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT**

**a. Presentation: Campaign for Fair Housing: Source of Income Protections in Urbana, Illinois - Trinity Lewis, Masters Candidate, UI Department of Urban and Regional Planning**

Trinity Lewis, a master's candidate at the University of Illinois and intern at Cunningham Township presented her research project on the Township campaign for Fair Housing. Lewis detailed the barriers facing individuals in obtaining housing with a voucher and explained a series of surveys conducted on former program participants to assess local source of income discrimination. Lewis then detailed what efforts organizations are currently undertaking to address source of income discrimination.

**b. Public Input**

None

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

### **a. Town Fund**

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

Supervisor Chynoweth shared the month to date expenditures including \$47,237.37 in the Town Fund, \$180,062.11 in the GA fund, and \$227,299.48 total.

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

Vote by roll call:

**AYE:** Wu, 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 highlighted the Digital Inclusion Campaign and the recent success of 11 residents completing training to become digital navigators to assist residents within the community.

No report from the Assessor.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. T-2024-05-002R: A Resolution Authorizing the Township Supervisor to Execute a Lease Agreement with the New Lincoln Square LLC for use as Space for the Township Assessor (July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)**

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item allows the Township to renew their lease for the Assessor Office space within Lincoln Square. Questions and discussion ensued. Motion to approve by CM Bishop and seconded by CM Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

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

**NAY:** None

### **Decennial Committee**

#### **1. *Call to Order and Roll Call***

The Decennial Committee of the Cunningham Township was called to order during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:42 pm by Chair Marlin. All officials marked present for the Township meeting were present with the addition of Decennial Committee members: Carol Elliot and Michelle Jett (resident representatives).

2. *Public Input:*

There was no public input to the Decennial Committee.

3. *Approval of Champaign County Townships Comprehensive Report and Recommendations for Delivery to the Champaign County Executive and Board*

Ethan Garcia an intern at Cunningham Township presented the final slides reviewing the assessment of the multi-township survey and FOIA request. Questions and discussion ensued. Trustee Quisenberry requested that a recommendation be added requesting that the County administer assistance on behalf of Townships that are unable to administer programmatic assistance. Trustee Quisenberry requested that a slide be added on referrals made by Townships to quantify assistance and administrative workload. Consensus was reached that a recommendation should be included "Townships unable or unwilling to comply with providing required programs should seek to contract with other Townships, County Government, or other organizations with the capacity, skills, and interest in administering the required programs and services. The Decennial Committee reached consensus that more time was needed to fine tune the presentation and that final version would be adopted at that time.

With no further business before the Decennial Committee the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the body, Chair Marlin adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Darcy Sandefur  
Recording Secretary

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

Minutes Approved: 08-12-2024