

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Chair

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP

Darcy E. Sandefur, Township Clerk

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 12, 2024

400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL, 61801

The Cunningham Township Board met in regular session Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:30 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, Jaya Kolisetty, Chaundra Bishop*, James Quisenberry
(*present after roll)

Supervisor: Danielle Chynoweth

Assessor: Ivana Owona

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Trustee Shirese Hursey; Trustee Grace Wilken;

OTHERS PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo; Seok Hyun Cho;

I. ROLL CALL

With a quorum present Chair Marlin called the meeting of the Cunningham Township Board to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 20, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Quisenberry.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Quisenberry

NAY: None

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT

a. Public Input

None.

VI. COMMITTEE TO VERIFY BILLS

a. Town Fund

b. General Assistance Fund

Supervisor Chynoweth shared the month to date expenditures including \$85,321.94 in the Town Fund, \$280,812.48 in the GA fund, and \$365,134.42 total.

Motion to approve the bills by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Evans. Questions and discussion ensued.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Quisenberry

NAY: None

VII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor Chynoweth shared the Supervisor Memo and reported on programmatic service statistics including an update on current community needs for unhoused families. Chynoweth discussed strategies Cunningham Township in coordination with Strides Shelter plan to expand winter shelter access.

No report from the Assessor.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution T-2024-08-004R: A Resolution Certifying Two Questions Adopted at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting for the November 5, 2024 General Election

Town Clerk Sandefur presented. Sandefur shared that On March 1, 2024, a resident filed two petitions with the Clerk's Office for advisory referenda questions of public policy to be reviewed by the electorate at the Annual Town meeting on April 9, 2024. These questions were placed on the agenda noticed to the public. At the April 9, 2024 meeting, the electorate authorized the two questions be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled general election in the Township. Sandefur explained that the Board of Town Trustees acting as the governing body of the Township is to formally certify the advisory referenda questions of public policy in the form of a certified resolution. Questions and discussion ensued. Motion to approve by Trustee Kolisetty and seconded by Trustee Evans.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Bishop, Quisenberry

NAY: None

b. Ordinance T-2024-08-001: An Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Fiscal Year 2023-2024 - AMEDNED)

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. The item in the packet is the actuals report from the prior FY. Pursuant to State Law, in the event of differences greater than 10% of the original budget, a revised budget must be passed reflective of that difference. Procedurally the Township Board is asked to place this draft amended budget on file for 30 days for public inspection ahead of a public hearing in September and ultimately adoption. Motion to approve and place on file for 30 days by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Bishop.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Bishop, Quisenberry

NAY: None

c. Ordinance T -2024-08-002: An Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Fiscal Year 2024-2025)

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth and Assessor Owona. Chynoweth shared budgetary highlights including a Deputy Supervisor position, an additional half time administrative assistant, additional office space, and an overall balanced budget with the potential for a surplus. Similar to the process for the Amended Budget item, this item will be placed on file for 30 days for public inspection ahead of a public hearing and final consideration in September. Motion to place the budget on file for 30 days by Trustee Quisenberry and seconded by Trustee Wu.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Bishop, Quisenberry

NAY: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the body, Chair Marlin adjourned the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Darcy Sandefur
Township Clerk

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

Minutes Approved: 10-28-2024