

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Chair

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP

Phyllis D. Clark, Township Clerk

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD

Monday, May 10, 2021

The Cunningham Township Board met in Regular session Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. virtually via Zoom. Chair Marlin was physically present in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

- Chair:** Diane Wolfe Marlin
- Trustees:** Via Zoom
- Town Clerk:** Phyllis D. Clark
- Supervisor:** Via zoom
- Assessor:** Via zoom

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: (Trustees), Maryalice Wu, Chris Evans, Shirese Hursey, Jaya Kolisetty, Chanudra Bishop, Grace Wilken, *James Quisenberry, Danielle Chynoweth, and Wayne Williams. * *Late arrivals.*

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Frederic Grosser, Jason Liggett, William Harris, Shelia Dodd

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Marlin called the meeting of the Cunningham Township Board to order at 6:00 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Trustee Wu made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on April 19, 2021. Seconded by Trustee Kolisetty. Carried by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
Nay: None

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Trustee Training Session

Cunningham Township Supervisor Danielle Chynoweth provided an overview of Cunningham Township services for the new board and directed them to the Township website for additional information about programs. Township serves low income and homeless households within the City limits of Urbana through direct cash assistance, rental assistance, and advocacy. Discussion and questions ensued.

Cunningham Township Assessor Wayne Williams presented a video about assessments and what the assessor's office does.

Budget presentation to introduce the funds regularly reviewed in committee to verify bills by Supervisor Chynoweth.

B. Public Participation

Alan Axelrod wanted to provide an update on the utility disconnect legislation and provide input

about the Township Rental assistance program. *Sarah Nixon* no comment.

5. COMMITTEE TO VERIFY BILLS

The following items was presented in omnibus fashion:

- a. Town Fund
- b. General Assistance Fund

Expenditures Totaling \$142,877.96

Trustee Wu made a motion to approve the Town Fund for \$77,276.22 and the General Assistance Fund for \$66,601.74. Motion seconded by Trustee Hursey and carried by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Quisenberry, Wilken, Bishop, Kolisetty, Hursey,

Evans, Wu

Nay: None

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Township Supervisor Danielle Chynoweth provided an oral report to the board. She gave a summary mentioning the following updates:

Ms. Chynoweth informed the board that the local homeless shelter CU at Home has temporarily paused services due to staffing and safety concerns. Township and other community partners have been supporting the relocation and temporary sheltering. They hope to reopen June 14th.

Ms. Chynoweth gave an update on the property purchase and Township has officially closed on two properties. All questions about the property even from tenants should be directed to Supervisor Chynoweth. There will be a future public hearing about special use permits for this property.

Ms. Chynoweth addressed question from trustees about the angel donor fund and what options are available for the homeless population now that the shelter has closed.

Mr. William Harris, from the Assessor's Office, reported that the Assessor's office is currently working on their annual projects. They are working through all permits taken within 2020 and recording those adjustments to valuations.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Ordinance No. T-2021-05-001: An Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Fiscal Year 2021-2022)

Danielle Chynoweth presented an overview of the draft budget. Thanks to the referendum passing the levy increase the township has a balanced budget. Questions and discussions ensued. Trustee Bishop motioned to approve the ordinance designated as the tentative Cunningham Township budget for FY 2022. Seconded by trustee Kolisetty.

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

NAY:

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Cunningham Township Board, Chair Marlin declared the virtual meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Darcy Sandefur
Recording Secretary

This meeting was taped and broadcast on cable television.

Website link for this meeting.

Minutes Approved: 06-28-2021