

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Diane Wolf Marlin, Chair

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP
Phyllis D. Clark, Town Clerk

February 8, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting
MINUTES

ROLL CALL:

Chair Marlin called the meeting of the Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

Chair: Diane Marlin

Trustees: Maryalice Wu; Eric Sacks; Shirese Hursey; Bill Brown; Dennis Roberts;
William Colbrook; Jared Miller

Trustees Absent: None

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

Township Supervisor: Danielle Chynoweth

Township Assessor: Wayne Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Township Attorney: Mr. Fred Grosser

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Trustee Wu moved approval and Trustee Miller seconded approval of the minutes of the January 11, 2021 Meeting. Minutes were approved by roll call, voting

Aye: Trustee Wu, Trustee Sacks; Trustee Hursey; Trustee Brown, Trustee Roberts,
Trustee Colbert and Trustee Miller.

Voting Nay: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Dr. Jennifer Ivory-Tatum: Today is NAPID Day and I did not want to miss the opportunity to address the Town Board to express my excitement about the Intergovernmental Agreement with the School District for the purpose of providing emergency housing services to homeless families within the Urbana School District boundaries.

2. Alan Max Axelrod: Addressed the Board about misinformation being passed on as fact by public officials as well as professional misconduct.
3. Haik – Drake Matier: Addressed the Board about racism and structural violence as well as homelessness in Champaign County.
4. Rita Conerly: Address the Board about unethical behavior by public officials. She expressed that Politics is not a social club.

COMMITTEE TO VERIFY BILLS

Supervisor Chynoweth presented discussion on the bills for this month's expenditures.

Town Fund - \$94,814.40

General Assistance Fund - \$86,365.66

Expenditures totaling \$181,180.06

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor Chynoweth gave a report on the General Assistance. She stated that the participants have increased from 125 to 127. She also reported that the homeless count of 54 is up by 2 participants as well. There was 80 males served, 47 females and 0 transgendered and gender non-conforming.

Ms. Chynoweth advised that the rules of the federal assistance program was changed. There is an increase in rental assistance and emergency housing.

Ms. Chynoweth reported on the 2020 Impact. The General Assistance in the amount of \$514,165.00 served 354 participants; Rental Assistance was \$45,403.00; Emergency housing was \$7,643.00; Grants and Social Service was \$130,000.00; Disability support, there was 32 people helped to apply or appeal disability benefits. There was \$33,036.00 for food support for the needy. There was 600 coats distributed to those in need and was tremendously successful.

Trustee Wu asked if Thomas Delgoto had left the program. Ms. Chynoweth said yes, he has received another position.

Trustee Brown wanted to remind people to be sure to get Earned Income Credit when filing taxes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. T-2021-02-001R: Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the School District of Education of the Urbana School District No. 116 (for the purpose of providing emergency housing services to homeless families with the Urbana School District boundaries).

Trustee Roberts moved approval of *Resolution No. T-2021-02-001R: Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the School District of Education of the Urbana School District No. 116 (for the purpose of providing emergency housing services to homeless families with the Urbana School District boundaries)*. Trustee Miller seconded.

Disposition: Resolution No. T-2021-02-001R: Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the School District of Education of the Urbana School District No. 116 (for the purpose of providing emergency housing services to homeless families with the Urbana School District boundaries). Voting “Ayes - 7”, Voting “Nay – 0”.

Resolution No. T-2021-02-002R: Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign and Agreement NJS Enterprises for Case Management Software.

Trustee Miller Moved approval of *Resolution No-T-2021-02-002R: Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign and Agreement NJS Enterprises for Case Management Software*. Trustee Hursey seconded.

Disposition: Resolution No. T-2021-02-002R: Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign and Agreement NJS Enterprises for Case Management Software. Voting “Aye – 7”, Voting “Nay – 0”.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Township Board, Chair Marlin declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Phyllis D. Clark
Township Clerk