

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Chair

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP

Phyllis D. Clark, Township Clerk

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD

Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 14, 2021

The Cunningham Township Board met in special session Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:00pm. Due to the Governor and Mayoral Emergency Declarations, this meeting was conducted by virtual attendance via Zoom.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

Chair: Diane Wolfe Marlin

Township Clerk: Phyllis D. Clark

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

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

Supervisor: Danielle Chynoweth

Assessor: Wayne Williams

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Frederic Grosser, Jason Liggett, Darcy Sandefur

I. ROLL CALL

With a quorum virtually present, Chair Marlin called the special meeting of the Cunningham Township Board to order at 7:00pm.

II. PUBLIC INPUT

Katie Muir submitted public input via email on June 14th 2021, see attachments.

III. CLOSED SESSION: For the Purposes of Setting a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (6)

Motion to enter closed session by trustee Wu, seconded by trustee Hursey.

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

NAY: None

Entered closed session at 6:03 PM.

Motion to return to open session by trustee Bishop, seconded by trustee Wilken.

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

NAY: None

Resumed open session at 7:15 PM

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Township Board, Chair Marlin declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Darcy Sandefur
Recording Secretary

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

Minutes Approved: 10/11/2021

From: [Katie Muir](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Fwd: PUBLIC INPUT - June 14, 2021 - Cunningham Township/Urbana City Council - Joint Special Meeting
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:56:15 PM

*** Email From An External Source ***

Please include my Public Input comments in the record of Public Input for the Joint Special Meeting.

Thank you.

Katie Muir
Urbana Resident

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From: **Katie Muir** <k.muir0526@gmail.com>
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT - June 14, 2021 - Cunningham Township - Special Meeting
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Cunningham Township Town Board Trustees

I am requesting that Trustees review Federal Register/Vol. 86, No. 10/Friday, January 15, 2021/Notices (4182) before voting to approve the Appropriation Ordinance approving the Cunningham Township Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022) submitted by Cunningham Township Supervisor Danielle Chynoweth during the May 10, 2021 Cunningham Township Town Board Meeting.

As you know, you have three months from the date of July 1, 2021 to adopt an Appropriation Ordinance for Cunningham Township's budget for Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022).

The January 15, 2021 Federal Notice includes the following language.

Department of the Treasury

Summary: The Department of the Treasury (Treasury) is re-publishing in final form the guidance it previously made available on its website regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund for States, tribal governments and certain eligible local governments.

The statute requires that payments be used only to cover costs that were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020. As stated in the guidance, a cost meets this requirement if either (a) the cost cannot lawfully be funded using a line item, allotment, or allocation within that budget or (b) the cost is for a substantially different use from any expected use of funds in such a line item, allotment, or allocation.

As provided in the guidance, the "most recently approved" budget refers to the enacted budget for the relevant fiscal period for the particular government, without taking into account subsequent supplemental appropriations enacted or other budgetary adjustments made by that government in response to COVID-19 public health emergency.

Furthermore, the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, provides the spending baseline against which expenditures should be compared for purposes of determining whether they may be covered using payments from the Fund. This spending baseline will carry forward to a subsequent budget year if a Fund recipient enters a different budget year between March 27, 2020 and December 31, 2021. The spending baseline may be carried forward without adjustment for inflation.

The expenses of acquiring or improving real property and of acquiring equipment (e.g., vehicles) may be covered with payments from the Fund in certain cases.

Any such use must be consistent with the requirements of Section 601 (d) of the Social Security Act as added by the CARES Act.

As with all uses of payments to acquire or improve property is limited to that which is necessary due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. In the context of acquisitions of real estate and acquisitions of equipment, this means that the acquisition itself must be necessary. In particular a government must (i) determine that it is not able to meet the need arising from the public health emergency in a cost-effective manner by leasing property or equipment or by improving property already owned and (ii) maintain documentation to support this determination. Likewise, an improvement, such as the installation of modifications to permit social distancing, would need to be determined to be necessary to address the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Nonexclusive Examples of Ineligible Expenditures:

3. Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Substantially Dedicated:

Within this category of substantially different uses, as stated in the guidance above, Treasury has included payroll and benefits expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The full amount of payroll and benefits expenses of substantially dedicated employees may be covered using payments from the Fund.

Substantially Dedicated Test:

This means that, if this presumption applies, work performed by such employees is considered to be a substantially different use than accounted for in the most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020. All such costs of such employees may be covered using payments from the Fund for services provided during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 31, 2021.

Note that a public function does not become a "substantially different use" merely because it is provided from a different location or through a different manner.

Treasury has provided examples as to what would constitute a substantially different use. Treasury provided (in FAQ A.3) that costs incurred for a substantially different use would include, for example, the costs of redeploying educational support staff or faculty to develop online learning capabilities, such as through providing information technology support that is not part of the staff or faculty's ordinary responsibilities.

Relatedly, both hazard pay and overtime pay for employees that are not substantially dedicated may only be covered using the Fund if the hazard pay and overtime pay is for COVID-19 related duties. For example, a recipient may use payments from the Fund to cover hazard pay for a police officer coming in close contact with members of the public to enforce public health or public safety orders, but across-the-board hazard pay for all members of a police department regardless of their duties would not be able to be covered with payments from the Fund.

This position reflects the statutory intent discussed above. The Fund was intended to be used to help governments address the public health emergency both by providing for incremental expenses (such as hazard pay related to COVID-19) and to allow governments not to have to furlough or lay off employees needed to address the public health emergency but not intended to provide across-the-board budget support (as would be the case if hazard pay regardless of its relation to COVID-19 or workforce bonuses were permitted to be covered using payments from the Fund).

4. Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program.

Recipients may not use payments from the Fund to cover expenditures for which they will receive reimbursement.

Katie Muir
Urbana Resident