STATE OF ILLINOIS **CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP**
DeShawn Williams, Chair *Darcy E. Sandefur, Township Clerk*

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Monay, June 16, 2025
400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL, 61801

The Cunningham Township Board met in regular session Monday, June 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:
Chair: Mayor DeShawn Williams
Township Deputy Clerk: Rafael Cho
Trustees: Maryalice Wu*, Christopher Evans, Shirese Hursey, Jaya Kolisetty*, Chaundra Bishop, Grace Wilken, James Quisenberry
Supervisor: Danielle Chynoweth
Assessor: Ivana Owona
ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Township Clerk Sandefur
***Denotes present after roll call.**
OTHERS PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo;

I. ROLL CALL
With a quorum present Chair Williams called the meeting of the Cunningham Township Board to order at 6:49 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
None

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
Supervisor Chynoweth requested removal of the closed session.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT
Nicole Muffet expressed the need for the alternative response task force to meet and being addressing the needs of the community. Encouraged the Council when adopting the new City Budget to address community violence.

VI. COMMITTEE TO VERIFY BILLS
a. Town Fund
b. General Assistance Fund
Supervisor Chynoweth presented the bills and reviewed the month to date expenditures. Month to date the expenditures have been $170,343.04 from the Town Fund, $224,534.10 from the General Assistance Fund, for a total of $394,877.14. Questions and discussion ensued.
Motion to approve the TF bills by Trustee Wilken and seconded by Trustee Bishop.
Voice vote:
AYE: Evans, Hursey, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

Motion to approve the GA bills by Trustee Quisenberry and seconded by Wilken.
Voice vote:
AYE: Evans, Hursey, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

VII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisors Memo presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Chynoweth noted that the summer months are trending towards a higher level of assistance and need but also highlighted that a higher number of residents are being awarded social security and disability benefits. Chynoweth shared service statistics per program for the month to date and provided an update on the displaced residents impacted by the condemning of multiple apartment buildings in Champaign and Urbana. The office fielded over 1900 calls for service in the last month. Chynoweth shared information about how to access utility assistance through Cunningham Township and through LIHEAP.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. ~~Closed Session: Property pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)~~
Removed under additions to the agenda.

b. Resolution No. T-2025-06-007R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Execute a Lease Agreement with the New Lincoln Square LLC for Use as Space for the Township Assessor
Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth and Assessor Owona. Item approves a lease renewal for office space for use by the Assessor's Office. Motion to approve by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Wilken.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

c. Resolution No. T-2025-06-008R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor and/or Township Assessor to Execute a Settlement Agreement with Presence Central and Suburban Hospitals Network and an Intergovernmental Agreement with Various Taxing Districts Related to the Settlement Agreement
Item presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. This item authorizes the Township to execute a settlement agreement with Presence Central and Suburban Hospitals Network as well as the accompanying intergovernmental agreement with impacted taxing districts pursuant to the court findings and decision. Questions and discussion ensued. Motion to approve by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Quisenberry.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

Motion to take a 5-minute recess by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Hursey at 7:25 PM

to return at 7:30 PM.*

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the body, Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Darcy Sandefur
Township Clerk

This meeting was taped and is viewable on demand. Minutes Approved: 9-29-2025