

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Cunningham in the County of Champaign and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on

Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Being the second Tuesday of said month
At the hour of 6:00 p.m. | City of
Urbana Council Chambers
400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

For the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said township; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as it may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and to consider and decide the following:

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Town Clerk
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 8, 2025 Annual Meeting
 - b. June 16, 2025 Special Meeting
3. Adoption of Public Input Guidelines
4. Election and Oath of Moderator
5. Public Participation
6. Program Updates from Cunningham Township Supervisor's and Assessor's Office
7. Reports of Officers
8. Annual Financial Statement of Supervisor (Fiscal Year 2024-2025)
9. Resolution No. TA-2026-001R: A Resolution to Delegate Authority to the Township Board to Purchase, Sell, and Lease Property
10. Shall the following advisory question of public policy be placed on the ballot for submission to the voters in Cunningham Township, in Champaign County, in the State of Illinois, for the November 3, 2026 election: *"Shall the State of Illinois repeal amendments to the Illinois Pension Code that penalize American businesses for boycotting the State of Israel?"*
11. Time and Place of Next Annual Town Meeting – [6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 13, 2027]
12. Adjournment

TOWNSHIP ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT can be found under Legal and Financial Documents at - <https://ctso.org/government/>

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE
TOWN OF CUNNINGHAM
MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Cunningham was held at 6:00 p.m. April 8, 2025, in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

CALL TO ORDER

The Town Clerk, Darcy E. Sandefur, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Elected Officials present: Danielle Chynoweth, Township Supervisor and Ivana Owona, Township Assessor. Electors present: Eric Duitsman and Simon Rosenzweig.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Town Clerk Sandefur called for the approval of the minutes of the April 9, 2024 Annual Town Minutes. Motion was made by Elector Duitsman and seconded by Elector Chynoweth for the Annual Minutes to be approved. Questions and discussion followed. Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADOPTION OF PUBLIC INPUT GUIDELINES

Town Clerk Sandefur called for the adoption of public input guidelines, identical to those appended to City Council agendas. Motion was made by Elector Duitsman and seconded by Elector Owona to adopt the proposed public input guidelines. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Town Clerk Sandefur called for nominations from the floor for the electors to select a moderator from the electors in attendance. Elector Owona nominated from the floor Eric Duitsman to serve as moderator, seconded by Elector Chynoweth. Eric Duitsman accepted the call to moderate this Annual Meeting. Town Clerk Sandefur called for any further nominations from the floor, seeing none, the nomination was closed. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OATH OF MODERATOR

Town Clerk Sandefur proceeded to administer the Oath of Office to Moderator Duitsman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PROGRAM UPDATES FROM CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S AND ASSESSORS' OFFICE

Presented by Danielle Chynoweth, Cunningham Township Supervisor and Ivana Owona, Cunningham Township Assessor. Township Assessor Owona outlined she will be speaking on the recent activities of the Assessor's Office and their upcoming plans.

Stated the 2025 assessments were conducted through sales-ratio studies to identify neighborhoods that would benefit most from a general reassessment and that Neighborhoods 2, 3, and 4 in north Urbana were found to have the most to benefit. Stated the reassessments will be conducted soon utilizing SwiftEstimator and NCSS Regression Analysis Software to consider value characteristics regularly captured through Cost Approach while also accounting for less immediately considered characteristics that affect value.

Shared a Land Value Study was conducted through viewing the past three years of land sales in Cunningham Township and its neighboring Townships, leading to updates to land values based on Site Value. Added that the Assessor's Office has also worked on assessing commercial properties within the Township valued at over \$100,000.

Noted the 2/10/2025 Township Board meeting contains a more in-depth explanation on the SwiftEstimator software and recommended those who are interested to view the meeting for the finer details. Stated the goal is to approve a 3-year contract with SwiftEstimator to support the goal of reassessing 25% of Township parcels annually and having all parcels reassessed through SwiftEstimator by 2028 to mitigate costly inequalities emerging in the future.

Highlighted the volunteer roles staff within the Assessor's Office have taken on in addition to their work. Shared a staff member who is assisting the Illinois Property Assessor's Institute (IPAI) in developing a new accredited course through their Education Committee. Spoke on her own volunteering within the IPAI on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and in the International Association of Assessing Officers through her participation in the Executive Committee as a Co-Representative for their Illinois chapter; in the Conference Content Task Force as a member; and in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council as the Chairperson currently on the first of the position's three-year term.

Township Supervisor Chynoweth congratulated Township Assessor Owona on her reelection and shared praise for the focus on equity that she brings to the Township Assessor's Office. Thanked the staff members of Cunningham Township and highlighted the work of Nicole Philyaw, the Finance and Operations Director, as she helps assemble financial documentation and reports. Further thanked Cyrik Régibeau-Rockett, the Data and Grants Coordinator, for their work in developing the presentation. Stated the presentation will contain impacts within calendar year 2024.

Last year the General Assistance program expended \$451,426.67 supporting 179 households. 266 households were supported through the Rental Assistance program totaling \$221,203.58 in rent arrears coverage and \$90,039.91 in move-in costs. Stated 122 people were served through the Street Outreach program totaling \$13,476.09. Stated 82 families received support from the Emergency & Family Housing program utilizing \$207,110.95. Stated 12 households including 13 children were supported through the Subsidized Housing program, totaling \$28,799.02.

Shared 3066.94 pounds of produce were grown and distributed through the Solidarity Gardens program assisting 2089 adults and 740 children.

Stated 85 individuals were served through the Transportation Support program, totaling to \$11,099.59. Shared that the Digital Inclusion program was able to assist 42 individuals, marking a decrease due to reductions in Federal programs available and an internal shift toward other forms of support. Stated 346 households were supported with utility bill assistance totaling \$124,889.82. Thanked the Angel Donors for contributing \$75,855.50 in donations from 102 unique donors.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

None.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SUPERVISOR (FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024)

Township Supervisor Chynoweth expressed financial prospects are good due to the amount of funding that was brought in through grants such ARPA, IDHS, DCEO, SMASS, and other sources such as the Angel Donor fund. Chynoweth reviewed the income and expense totals for 2024 and spoke on revenues and expenditures within the fiscal year. Stated the Cunningham Township Supervisor's Office needs to find a more suitable space for their operations and seeks to pay the amount for a new building in full rather than relying on financing. Stated that need has not negatively impacted the fund amounts in the fiscal year.

Stated rising food, rent, and utility costs have significantly increased the need for assistance programs in the community. Shared charts displaying information and statistics on poverty, case load, success rates, and participation across their programs. Provided information on the Bridge to Home Services team and the housing assistance services they provide. Highlighted the Rental Assistance program has spent \$1,036,554.86 from when the program began in December 2017 to the end of 2024.

Stated \$367,038.82 has been received since the beginning of the Angel Donor Fund in December 2018 to February 2024. Shared the fund is used to help flexibly meet the unmet needs of local residents and is used for the Housewarming Assistance program.

Shared information on Solidarity Gardens, the collaborating agencies, and the Free Garden Plot Program funded by the Urbana Rotary. Spoke on their Digital Equity and Inclusion Program and announced they have applied for a grant from the Illinois Broadband Office to increase the

number of operating hours for their Help Desk. Thanked their collaborators for their assistance in moving toward ending homelessness and hunger in Urbana. Emphasized the importance of local governance during times of instability within the federal administration. Questions and discussion followed.

The complete Annual Financial Report was made physically available during the meeting and can be viewed online here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12-dPdBlbO_fsHp76QTzZRYxzLrcPAQvx/view

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – (6:00 p.m., TUESDAY, APRIL 14 2026)

Elector Owona motioned for approval, seconded by Elector Chynoweth. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before this Annual Meeting, Moderator Duitsman declared this Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Seok Hyun Cho,
Cunningham Township Deputy Clerk

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE
TOWN OF CUNNINGHAM
MINUTES**

Monday, June 16, 2025

The Special Meeting of the Town of Cunningham was held at 6:30 p.m. June 16, 2025, in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Town Clerk, Seok Hyun Cho, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Elected Officials present: Danielle Chynoweth, Township Supervisor; Ivana Owona, Township Assessor. Electors present: Cloydia Hiel Larimore, Gloria Elmer, Nicole Muffitt, Matt Schering, Chris Evans, Carla Zarnsy, Joseph Zarnsy, Laura Haber, Todd Rusk, Esther Patt, Claire Johnson, Matt Turino, Lilah Leopold, Jane McClintock, Janelle Jorgensen, Galen Selligman, Alex Womack, Alen Romero, Brian Seheult, Janice Walker, Emily McKown, James Kilgore, Carmen Blubaugh, Sandra Ahten, Pierre Willhite, Deborah Hollenberg, Ben Joselyn, Bill Kleimann, Sherisse Lee, Angela O'Neal, Charles Davidson, Paul Mueth, Emily Lux, Osajuli Cravens, Gabe Stanton, Maxwell Haynes, Caite Kruiswyk, Addison Gray.

ADOPTION OF PUBLIC INPUT GUIDELINES

Deputy Town Clerk Cho called for the adoption of public input guidelines, identical to those appended to City Council agendas. Motion was made by Elector Muffitt and seconded by Elector Patt to adopt the proposed public input guidelines. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Deputy Town Clerk Cho called for nominations from the floor for the electors to select a moderator from the electors in attendance. Elector Chynoweth nominated from the floor, Esther Patt to serve as moderator, seconded by Elector Joselyn. Esther Patt accepted the call to moderate this Annual Meeting. Deputy Town Clerk Cho called for any further nominations from the floor, seeing none, the nomination was closed. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OATH OF MODERATOR

Deputy Town Clerk Cho proceeded to administer the Oath of Office to Moderator Patt.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sandra Ahten voiced support for approving the delegation of authority to the Township Board to purchase, sell, and lease property. Expressed confidence in Township Supervisor Chynoweth's leadership and fiscal responsibility. **Janice Walker** echoed support for the Township Supervisor Chynoweth and the approval of the Resolution on the agenda. Emphasized the importance of having adequate office space to continue the work of providing assistance to community members.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Township Supervisor Chynoweth invited the members of the public to attend the Cunningham Town Board meeting immediately following the Special Town Meeting to listen to updates on displaced residents, status of utility assistance within the community, the increase of food instability, and goals for the next year.

RESOLUTION NO. TA-2025-001R: A RESOLUTION TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD TO PURCHASE, SELL, AND LEASE PROPERTY

Township Supervisor Chynoweth stated the Resolution grants the Township Board the authority to purchase, sell, and lease property. Explained the Special Town Meeting was called for this purpose as the Township Board had not finalized the decision to put the Resolution forward by the time of the Annual Town Board meeting.

Motion to approve by Elector Rusk, seconded by Elector Haber. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before this Annual Meeting, Moderator Patt declared this Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Seok Hyun Cho,
Cunningham Township Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC INPUT (PROPOSED)

The City of Urbana welcomes Public Input during open meetings of the City Council, the City Council's Committee of the Whole, City Boards and Commissions, and other City-sponsored meetings. Our goal is to foster respect for the meeting process, and respect for all people participating as members of the public body, city staff, and the general public. The City is required to conduct all business during public meetings. The presiding officer is responsible for conducting those meetings in an orderly and efficient manner. Public Input will be taken in the following ways:

Email Input

Public comments must be received prior to the closing of the meeting record (at the time of adjournment unless otherwise noted) at the following: citycouncil@urbanail.gov. The subject line of the email must include the words "PUBLIC INPUT" and the meeting date. Your email will be sent to all City Council members, the Mayor, City Administrator, and City Clerk. Emailed public comments labeled as such will be incorporated into the public meeting record, with personal identifying information redacted. Copies of emails will be posted after the meeting minutes have been approved.

Written Input

Any member of the public may submit their comments addressed to the members of the public body in writing. If a person wishes their written comments to be included in the record of Public Input for the meeting, the writing should so state. Written comments must be received prior to the closing of the meeting record (at the time of adjournment unless otherwise noted).

Verbal Input

Protocol for Public Input is one of respect for the process of addressing the business of the City. Obscene or profane language, or other conduct that threatens to impede the orderly progress of the business conducted at the meeting is unacceptable.

Public comment shall be limited to no more than five (5) minutes per person. The Public Input portion of the meeting shall total no more than two (2) hours, unless otherwise shortened or extended by majority vote of the public body members present. The presiding officer or the city clerk or their designee, shall monitor each speaker's use of time and shall notify the speaker when the allotted time has expired. A person may participate and provide Public Input once during a meeting and may not cede time to another person, or split their time if Public Input is held at two (2) or more different times during a meeting. The presiding officer may give priority to those persons who indicate they wish to speak on an agenda item upon which a vote will be taken.

The presiding officer or public body members shall not enter into a dialogue with citizens. Questions from the public body members shall be for clarification purposes only. Public Input shall not be used as a time for problem solving or reacting to comments made but, rather, for hearing citizens for informational purposes only.

In order to maintain the efficient and orderly conduct and progress of the public meeting, the presiding officer of the meeting shall have the authority to raise a point of order and provide a verbal warning to a speaker who engages in the conduct or behavior proscribed under "Verbal Input". Any member of the public body participating in the meeting may also raise a point of order with the presiding officer and request that they provide a verbal warning to a speaker. If the speaker refuses to cease such conduct or

behavior after being warned by the presiding officer, the presiding officer shall have the authority to mute the speaker's microphone and/or video presence at the meeting. The presiding officer will inform the speaker that they may send the remainder of their remarks via e-mail to the public body for inclusion in the meeting record.

Accommodation

If an accommodation is needed to participate in a City meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at least 48 hours in advance so that special arrangements can be made using one of the following methods:

- Phone: 217.384.2366
- Email: CityClerk@urbanil.gov

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

RESOLUTION NO. TA-2026-001R
A RESOLUTION TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD TO
PURCHASE, SELL, AND LEASE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 85-10 of the Township Code (the “Code”), 60 ILCS 1/85-10, Champaign Township, Champaign County, State of Illinois (the “Township”) may acquire and hold property, both real and personal, for the use of its inhabitants and may sell and convey that property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 30-50 of the Code, 60 ILCS 1/30-50, the electors of the Township may make all orders for the purchase, sale, conveyance, regulation, or use of the Township’s corporate property that may be deemed conducive to the interest of its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Act 100-0893, the electors may delegate the power to purchase, sell, or lease property to the Township Board (the “Board”) for a period of up to twelve (12) months; and

WHEREAS, the electors of the Township deem it conducive and in the best interest of the Township’s inhabitants to delegate the power to purchase, sell, or lease property to the Township Board (the “Board”) for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Electors of Cunningham Township duly assembled at a Township Meeting of Cunningham Township, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: RECITALS. That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

SECTION 2: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. The Electors of Cunningham Township hereby delegate to the Township Board of Cunningham Township all authority to purchase, sell, and lease all property, both real and personal property, for a period of twelve (12) months from the date hereof, in all manners they may deem necessary and proper and as otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4: REPEALER. All Township resolutions, motions, orders, or parts thereof in conflict with or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent they are inconsistent with this Resolution.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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ADOPTED this 14th day of April 2026 by the Electors of the Cunningham Township, duly assembled at the Annual Township Meeting of Cunningham Township, Champaign County, Illinois.

APPROVED April 14, 2026.

Annual Town Meeting Moderator

ATTEST:

Darcy E. Sandefur, Township Clerk