



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2024

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at the Township of Lyons, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Elyse Hoffenberg.

President Hoffenberg asked for the Roll Call.

Commissioner(s) Present: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Al Dorbiala, Lou Gale, Hon. Russell W. Hartigan, and Barbara Minneci.

Commissioner(s) on Phone: William Seith.

Commissioner(s) Absent: Steve Palmer.

Staff Present: Jazmin Lopez, Executive Director, and Mariam Ahmad, Executive Administrator.

Agency Director(s) Present: Diane Farina White, Community Support Services; Bill Dwyer, Helping Hand.

Guest(s) Present: Jim Haptonstahl and Roksana Lech, UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago; and two (2) community members.

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by Dorbiala and seconded by Clemons to approve the Amended Agenda to include Review/Approval of the Special Meeting of the Whole Minutes of April 29, 2024 and May 13, 2024. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Amended Agenda was approved.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 15, 2024, were reviewed. A **MOTION** was made by Hartigan and seconded by Mallis to approve the Minutes of April 15, 2024. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Whole held on April 29, 2024, were reviewed.

A **MOTION** was made by Minneci and seconded by Clemons to approve the Minutes of April 29, 2024. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Whole held on May 13, 2024, were reviewed.

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Hartigan to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2024. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Mental Health Commission revealed the new logo via the Monthly Newsletter and social media accounts, as well as making our new website public. Our Resource Page has been updated and will continue to be updated as we learn about support available to our communities. There is a Search bar that was added to make it easier to find information by simply adding a keyword and it will filter agencies that have that keyword in their summary of services. We also added local food pantries.

On April 23, the commission presented on Self-Care to the Argo-Summit Bedford Park Women's Club at the Village of Bedford Park. There were 25 members who attended. well as Self-Care books.

On May 3, we had a successful Kentucky Derby-themed Senior Social event at the Bridgeview Park District with over 50 attendees from different communities in the southern part of the township.

On May 10, we participated in Senator Porfirio's Mother's Day Celebration at the Summit Park District and handed out information on agencies we fund and provided information to residents on services available to them.

Our FY25-FY28 Strategic Plan was reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee and will be presented for approval this evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY25 AGENCY PROGRAM GRANTS, COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET, AND OPERATIONS BUDGET FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION OF LYONS TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Rev. Clemons to approve Resolution No. 2024-01 as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Russell Hartigan, Sophia Mallis, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Lou Gale, and Barbara Minneci. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Lou Gale abstained from voting on the Program Grant line item only due to a possible conflict of interest should the Commission fund a program in which the Village of La Grange is a recipient of such grant, of which he is a Trustee of.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR SLATE OF OFFICERS

The Board unanimously agreed that a nominating committee will not be appointed, and the current slate of officers will remain the same, and the elections will occur at the next Regular Board Meeting of June 17, 2024.

TREASURER’S REPORTS:

Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer Report dated April 15, 2024, as follows:

Ending Balance as of March:	\$3,687,197.84
Receipts during March 2024:	\$44,514.07
Disbursements during March 2024:	\$349,816.19
Ending Balance as of April 15, 2024:	\$3,381,895.72

A **MOTION** was made by Rev. Clemons and seconded by Minneci to approve the Treasurer’s Reports dated May 20, 2024, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Hon. Russell W. Hartigan, Lou Gale, and Barbara Minneci. Nays: None. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:

Sophia Mallis presented a list of Twenty (25) Payables totaling \$356,962.70 dated May 20, 2024.

A **MOTION** was made by Rev. Clemons and seconded by Mallis to approve the Monthly Payables dated May 20, 2024, as presented; Roll Call: Ayes: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Al Dorobiala, Hon. Russell W. Hartigan, William Seith, Lou Gale, and Barbara Minneci. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Al Dorbiala and seconded by Rev. Jeffrey Clemons at 6:17 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. The meeting was adjourned.

Elyse Hoffenberg
Commission President

Hon. Russell W. Hartigan
Secretary