



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2024**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, October 21, 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 Hoffenberg.

President Hoffenberg asked for the Roll Call.

Commissioner(s) Present: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Hon Russell W. Hartigan, Al Dorobiala, William Seith, Steve Palmer, and Barbara Minneci.

Commissioner(s) on Phone: N/A

Commissioner(s) Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Jazmin Lopez, Executive Director, Mariam Ahmad, Executive Administrator, and Cathy Pierson Lenke, Program Manager.

Agency Director(s) Present: N/A

Guest(s) Present: Brian Miller, Attorney, Del Galdo Law Group, LLC; Susan Jones, Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd.; Dana Pavlu, LCSW, Police Social Worker, Village of Western Springs; Mayor Steven Landek, Village of Bridgeview; Erin Miller, and Katie Justak, Township of Lyons residents.

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by Clemons and seconded by Seith to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Agenda was approved.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 16, 2024, were reviewed.

A **MOTION** was made by Seith and seconded by Clemons to approve the Minutes of September 16, 2024. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

FY2024 AUDIT PRESENTATION – MILLER COOPER & CO., LTD

Susan Jones, the Audit Partner, presented the FY2024 Audit. Ms. Jones thanked the Commission staff for their cooperation and transparency. Miller Cooper & Co, Ltd found LTMHC in full conformity with all qualifications.

PRESENTATION BY DANA PAVLU, LCSW

Dana Pavlu, LCSW gave a wonderful and informative presentation on community social worker programs.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Jazmin spoke about how the Justice Park District formed the Justice Girl Scouts Troop #56922. The Commissions funding was used for facilitation expenses, membership fees, and uniform expenses for 30 girls in kindergarten – sixth grade. The Justice Park District reports that they had their first meeting and have 28 youth girl members and 9 adult members/leaders but anticipate reaching their goal of 30 youth girls.

The FAST Program is currently at Graves Elementary School in Summit. There are 5 kindergarten families (7 adults and 15 children).

Jazmin also met with Lyons School Dist. 103’s Superintendent Kris Rivas, his staff and Youth Crossroads’ Executive Director Josephine DeCesare regarding the social worker position, and their need for after-school programs for elementary students, and training for teachers and staff. They discussed the FAST Program and Mental Health First Aid training.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

GRANT APPLICATION FROM YOUTH CROSSROADS

Jazmin reported that the application for partially funding a social worker in Lyons School Dist. 103 was approved and they project providing therapy to 50 fourth and fifth graders during school to eliminate transportation barriers to services outside of school.

AGENCY FUNDRAISER POLICY

Commissioner Hartigan requested to table this item to the next board meeting.

FY2025 REPORT FROM STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Commissioners were presented with a Report from the Strategic Planning Committee showing goals met during FY2025 Q1.

HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY

Jazmin presented the idea of having a holiday party to celebrate the year’s successes and recognize Commissioner Dorobiala on his 20th year anniversary as Commissioner. It was a unanimous decision by Commissioners that the Commission host a holiday party and invite agency directors.

TREASURER’S REPORTS:

Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer Report dated October 21, 2024, as follows:

Ending Balance as of August:	\$3,887,928.58
Receipts during September 2024:	\$ 15,002.47
Disbursements during September 2024:	\$ 370,282.71
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2024:	\$3,532,648.34

A **MOTION** was made by Hartigan and seconded by Seith to approve the Treasurer’s Reports dated October 21, 2024, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Steve Palmer, and Barbara Minneci. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:

Sophia Mallis presented a list of Thirty (33) Payables totaling \$363,128.50 dated October 21, 2024.

A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Seith to approve the Monthly Payables dated October 21, 2024, as presented; Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Steve Palmer, and Barbara Minneci. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mallis and seconded by Minneci at 6:54 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. The meeting was adjourned.

Elyse Hoffenberg
Commission President

Hon. Russell W. Hartigan
Secretary