



**TOWNSHIP OF LYONS**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**MEETING HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO COVID-19\***  
**PLEASE CALL (978) 990-5007 ACCESS CODE: 718308**

**JUNE 9, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.**

\*(at minimum, Supervisor / Clerk will be present during the meeting at the Town Hall)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL: SUPERVISOR Christopher Getty, TRUSTEES Thomas Wm. Garrette, Colleen H. Kelly, Timothy M. Sprague, Donna B. McDonald**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. MAY 12, 2020 – BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING
  - B. MAY 28, 2020 –GENERAL TOWN 2020/2021 PROPOSED BUDGET APPROPRIATION PUBLIC HEARING
  - C. MAY 28, 2020 – ROAD & BRIDGE 2020/2021 PROPOSED BUDGET APPROPRIATION PUBLIC HEARING
  - D. MAY 28, 2020 – BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING: DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE 2020/2021 GENERAL TOWN BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND THE 2020/2021 ROAD & BRIDGE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.
5. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – SUPERVISOR GETTY**
  - A. RESOLUTION 2020-09: ADOPTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND ITS PROGRAM PARTNERS IN THE TOWNSHIP SUMMER EMPLOYMENT WORK PROGRAM
  - B. ORDINANCE 2020-04: ESTABLISHING OPEN MEETINGS ACT REMOTE ATTENDANCE & DISASTER REMOTE MEETING POLICIES.
  - C. APPROVAL OF \$100.00 DONATION TO THE KIWANIS CLUB OF LA GRANGE IN SUPPORT OF THEIR PROGRAMS.
  - D. HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL UPDATE.
6. **CLERK'S REPORT – CLERK PORFIRIO**
  - A. 2020 / 2021 BUDGETS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK – JUNE 5, 2020
7. **FINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE GARRETTE**
  - A. PAYMENT OF BILLS
8. **BUILDING AND SENIOR SERVICES – TRUSTEE KELLY**

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9. **COMMITTEE ON YOUTH – TRUSTEE SPRAGUE**
  - A. **SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**
10. **MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION – CLERK PORFIRIO**
11. **SPECIAL POLICE PROTECTION – TRUSTEE McDONALD**
12. **OLD BUSINESS**
13. **NEW BUSINESS**
14. **PUBLIC COMMENT – BADER LETTER RE: CHANGE IN GRADE**
15. **ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING JULY 14, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JUNE 9, 2020  
(PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL AT THE MEETING OF JULY 14, 2020)**

1. The Board of Trustees of the Township of Lyons held its Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via conference call due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

2. Supervisor Getty called the Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

3. Clerk Porfirio called the Roll and the following were present:

Christopher Getty	Supervisor
Thomas W. Garrette	Trustee
Timothy M. Sprague	Trustee
Colleen H. Kelly	Trustee
Donna B. McDonald	Trustee

Also, in attendance were George Pach, Deputy Clerk; Liz Shine, Attorney with Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier, McGrath, Ltd; Ron Melka, Mental Health Executive Director; Quinn Corcoran, Senior Transportation Director and Sherric Marrotta, Finance Assistant and two Township residents. The Supervisor and Clerk along with minimum staff were physically present at the Township Hall employing proper social distancing.

4. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2020; the General Town and the Road & Bridge 2020/2021 Proposed Budget Appropriation Public Hearing Minutes of May 28, 2020; and the Special Meeting Minutes on the 2020/2021 General Town and the 2020/2021 Road & Bridge Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances held on May 28, 2020.

Trustee McDonald moved, Trustee Kelly seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2020; the General Town and the Road & Bridge 2020/2021 Proposed Budget Appropriation Public Hearing Minutes of May 28, 2020; and the Special Meeting Minutes on the 2020/2021 General Town and the 2020/2021 Road & Bridge Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances held on May 28, 2020 as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Garrette, Sprague, McDonald, Kelly, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried

5. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-09 Adopting Intergovernmental Agreements by and between the Township and its Program Partners in the Township Summer Employment Work Program.

Trustee Garrette moved, Trustee Sprague seconded to approve Resolution 2020-09 Adopting Intergovernmental Agreements by and between the Township and its Program Partners in the Township Summer Employment Work Program

Roll Call: Ayes: Garrette, Sprague, McDonald, Kelly, Getty  
Nays: None

Motion Carried

6. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-04 Establishing Open Meetings Act Remote Attendance & Disaster Remote Meeting Policies. Attorney Shine stated that this policy would take effect during future State of Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Declarations to be in compliance with the OMA without the need for the Township Board to pass additional Resolutions each time covering remote attendance. Attorney Shine commented that according to this new Ordinance, the Supervisor would merely have to issue an Executive Order at the time of a new Gubernatorial Disaster Declaration and state that the Township will be moving into the remote attendance policy covered within this Ordinance for the duration of the State Disaster Declaration.

Trustee Kelly moved, Trustee McDonald seconded to approve Ordinance 2020-04 Establishing Open Meetings Act Remote Attendance & Disaster Remote Meeting Policies.

Roll Call: Ayes: Garrette, Sprague, McDonald, Kelly, Getty  
Nays: None

Motion Carried

7. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve a \$100.00 donation to the Kiwanis Club of La Grange in support of their programs. Supervisor Getty commented that this donation is in lieu of the Township of Lyons' support of their annual Pancake Breakfast cancelled this year due the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Trustee Sprague moved, Trustee Garrette seconded to approve a \$100.00 donation to the Kiwanis Club of La Grange in support of their programs.

Roll Call: Ayes: Garrette, Sprague, McDonald, Kelly, Getty  
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

8. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to renew the Township of Lyons' Employee Health Insurance Policy effective July 1, 2020. Supervisor Getty stated that the Health Insurance would remain with Blue Cross / Blue Shield and that the premium would decrease by 1%. Supervisor Getty reported that the Dental and Vision coverage would be through Guardian with no change in premium and that the Township's insurance broker would continue to be McNellis & Co. Trustee Garrette moved, Trustee Kelly seconded to authorize the Supervisor to sign any necessary documents to renew the Township of Lyons' Employee Health Insurance Policy effective July 1, 2020.

Roll Call: Ayes: Garrette, Sprague, McDonald, Kelly, Getty  
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

9. *Clerk's Report* – Clerk Porfirio stated that the 2020/2021 Budgets had been filed electronically with the Cook County Clerk on June 5, 2020.

10. *Finance Committee* – Trustee Garrette deferred the reporting of the payment of bills to Supervisor Getty. They were as follows:

A. *Special Police Fund* - Supervisor Getty reported that no invoices have been issued for Jan, Feb, March or April 2020 by the Cook County Sheriff's Department even though multiple e-mails and phone calls have been made to the agency requesting invoices.

B. *General Assistance* – Trustee Kelly moved, Trustee McDonald seconded to approve the audit of the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$15,028.65.

Roll Call: Ayes: Garrette, Sprague, Kelly, McDonald, Getty  
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

C. *Road and Bridge Fund* - Trustee Garrette moved, Trustee McDonald seconded to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$32,288.63.

Roll Call: Ayes: Garrette, Sprague, Kelly, McDonald, Getty  
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

D. *General Town Fund* – Trustee Garrette moved, Trustee Sprague seconded to approve the audit of the General Town Fund in the amount of \$144,374.91.

Roll Call: Ayes: Garrette, Sprague, Kelly, McDonald, Getty  
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

11. *Building* – NONE

12. *Senior Services* – Trustee Kelly commended Senior Transportation Director Quinn Corcoran and all of his drivers for getting the seniors to their respective appointments safely, continuing their Wellness Checks and delivering Meals on Wheels during the last month. Trustee Kelly reported that with the easing of the Stay-At-Home Order by Governor Pritzker, the Senior Transportation Program has seen a recent increase in ridership.

13. *Committee on Youth* – Trustee Sprague stated that the Summer Youth Employment Program run by the Township of Lyons began on June 1, 2020 and will run for 12 weeks. Trustee Sprague commented that applications are still being accepted from High School and College Students who are at least 18 years of age and that applications can be picked up in the Supervisors' Office or found online through the Township of Lyons' Website.

14. *Mental Health Commission* – Clerk Porfirio reported that the Lyons Township Mental Health Commission Budget Committee of the Whole met on May 13, 2020 and recommended to keep all agency program funding for Fiscal Year 2021 flat with no changes from Fiscal Year 2020.

15. Clerk Porfirio stated that Township of Lyons Mental Health Director Ron Melka has submitted a grant proposal for \$125,000.00 to the Center for Disease Control designating Pillars Community Health as the Fiscal Agent and the LeaderShop as the project coordinator. This grant would be to expand the Coalition for a Drug Free Lyons Township's programs throughout the Township. If awarded the 5 year annual grant would start January 1, 2021.

16. *Special Police Protection* – NONE

17. *Old Business* – NONE

18. *New Business* – NONE

19. *Public Comment* – Clerk Porfirio stated that the following written Public Comment had been received from several La Grange Highlands residents living in the vicinity of 5833 Blackstone Avenue in regards to a change in grade that was performed at said property. For the record Clerk Porfirio read the letter into the minutes.

May 28, 2020

Dear Cook County and Lyons Township Officials,

*Please be aware that this letter is to inform you that all neighbors of 5833 Blackstone Ave La Grange Highlands, wish to have this statement on record regarding the ongoing administrative court hearing.*

*The recent change to the topography and increased development by current owners completing new construction, have increased and created new storm water concerns; as well other issues for all adjacent neighboring properties. This development has created a decrease in surface storage, transpiration and infiltration of storm water along with the increase of storm water runoff. A review of soil erosion and sediment control efforts would help to increase storm water management.*

*The several feet of raised elevation in the backyard area has created a loss of privacy to the adjacent neighbors as well as an increase to the volume of standing storm water. The elevated property now is close to or at the top of the existing 5' tall privacy fence to the south and close to the tops of the fences to north and east. With the new height of 5833 Blackstone's ground level raised to the height of existing fences, this ensures clear visibility into all adjacent properties. This loss of ability to have privacy is detrimental to property value. This change in elevation also is not uniform with the aesthetics or surroundings of neighbors or neighborhood.*

*As of May 25, 2020; the elevated area has installed a retaining wall with a collection and drainage system. This system decreases the amount of water infiltration absorbed into the elevated green space by discharging the storm water externally, which increases the volume of storm water seeking path to drainage. The majority of storm water shed is directed to neighboring properties with very little directed towards existing drain culvert. These actions, along with the removal of several trees and vegetation from the property are negative impacts to an already inundated area. A hidden drain system has been added at the south east corner to help relocate standing water, but only to another oversaturated area onto 5847 Blackstone. Further, the increase in standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes and poses many health concerns with the upcoming warm weather.*

*This elevation change to the north end of property has had many adverse effects. It has impeded the flow of storm water drainage by the removal of the drainage swale to the drain culvert as shown in pictures previously provided and on original topography survey maps. This can also be verified in the Geographical Information Systems topography maps of cookcountyl.gov website. This result has now created multiple issues, water shed and erosion onto north neighbor and the redirection of the flow of storm water away from the drain culvert. This has also increased the backup of run off storm water onto 5809 Blackstone and 925 W. 58th St and 1004*

*W 59th St. The results have created new points of standing water between 5807 and 5809 Blackstone. This change in elevation has also changed the grade substantially around the existing tree which is detrimental to the health of tree.*

*We appreciate your consideration of the neighborhood concerns.*

*Best Regards,*

*Bader Family  
5847 Blackstone Ave*

*Borkus Family  
830 Blackstone Ave*

*Chung Family  
1004 59th Street*

*Golm Family  
5809 Blackstone Ave*

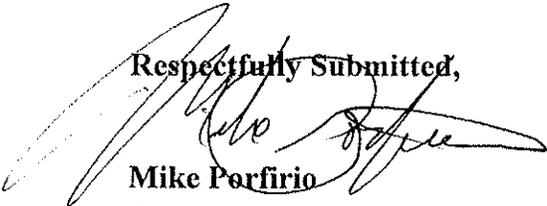
*Reilly Family  
5840 Blackstone Ave*

*Tarr Family  
5807 Blackstone Ave*

**After discussion amongst the Supervisor and Trustees regarding this letter, a consensus was reached that this letter will be forwarded to the Township of Lyons' Highway Commissioner Sean McDermott, the Cook County Building & Zoning Commission and Cook County Commissioner Sean Morrison. Supervisor Getty stated that he will also contact the families who signed this letter and let them know what action the Township will be taking on this matter.**

**20. *Adjournment* – Trustee Kelly moved, Trustee Garrette seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.  
Voice Vote in favor by all.  
Motion Carried.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

  
**Mike Porfirio  
Clerk, Township of Lyons**