



**TOWNSHIP OF LYONS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
MEETING TO BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY IN TOWNSHIP HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
AND**

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO COVID-19*
PLEASE CALL (978) 990-5007 ACCESS CODE: 718308**

AUGUST 11, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.

*(at minimum, Supervisor / Clerk will be present during the meeting at the Town Hall)
IN PERSON ATTENDANCE WILL BE LIMITED TO 50 ATTENDEES WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING & MASKS REQUIRED

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. JULY 14, 2020 – BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING
5. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – SUPERVISOR GETTY**
 - A. RESOLUTION 2020-11 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LYONS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY.
6. **CLERK'S REPORT – CLERK PORFIRIO**
 - A. LOCAL RECORDS DISPOSAL – TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 25, 2020
 - B. NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION – (EARLY VOTING, MAIL-IN BALLOTS, ELECTION JUDGES)
 - C. ANNUAL TOWN BOOK
 - D. RESOLUTION 2020-12 – PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ADVISORY QUESTION OF PUBLIC POLICY CONCERNING CARBON FEE ON FOSSIL FUEL PROCEDURES TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LYONS, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION.
 - I. PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED ON PUBLIC POLICY ADVISORY QUESTION
7. **FINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE GARRETTE**
 - A. PAYMENT OF BILLS
8. **BUILDING AND SENIOR SERVICES – TRUSTEE KELLY**
9. **COMMITTEE ON YOUTH – TRUSTEE SPRAGUE**

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If calling into the phone conference board meeting, then public comments will be taken during public comment.

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10. **MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION** – CLERK PORFIRIO
11. **SPECIAL POLICE PROTECTION** – TRUSTEE McDONALD
12. **OLD BUSINESS**
13. **NEW BUSINESS**
14. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
15. **ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

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6. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-11 authorizing the sale of certain surplus property. Supervisor Getty stated that the items are 2 computers, 2 printers and 3 copy machines all of which will be sold at a municipal auction as one lot.

Trustee Garrette moved, Trustee Sprague seconded to approve Resolution 2020-11 authorizing the sale of certain surplus property.

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

Motion Carried

7. *Clerk's Report* – Clerk Porfirio reported that the local records disposal is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2020. This is dependent upon the state archivist's approval of our submitted record of disposal sheets.

8. Clerk Porfirio reminded all that we are within 100 days of the Presidential Election on November 3, 2020 and that he has sent out communication to all Mayors and Clerks of Township municipalities seeking their aid in securing Election Judges for Early Voting as well as for Election Day. Clerk Porfirio commented that the Clerk's Office has also sent out over three dozen applications for a mail-in ballot to Township residents who have requested such.

9. Clerk Porfirio commented that a preview of the Annual Town Book should be available for review and final approval by the Trustees at the September 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

10. Clerk Porfirio deferred agenda line item 6D, Resolution 2020-12 providing for and requiring the submission of an advisory question of public policy concerning a carbon fee on fossil fuel procedures to appear on the ballot of the electors of the Township of Lyons, in Cook County, Illinois at the November 3, 2020 General Election to Supervisor Getty. Clerk Porfirio stated that all Trustees should have received in their board packet the public comments and correspondence that had been received on this resolution prior to today's meeting for review and consideration. Supervisor Getty then called upon Mr. David May from the Citizens Climate Council to address the board on Resolution 2020-12.

Mr. May read the following statement:

The Chicago Southwest Chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby, which meets in Brookfield, petitions you to place an advisory question on the Fall ballot. The question asks if Congress should pass a tax on fossil fuels and distribute the money collected to American households. A bill currently pending in the U.S. House, H.R. 763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, does precisely that.

A steadily increasing tax on fossil fuels will give individuals, businesses and institutions a clear financial incentive to make long-term changes in their energy use to save money. Market forces will drive smart efficient choices to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. At the same time, all the tax money collected will be paid in equal amounts to U.S adults per capita, with children getting a half share. Generally, lower income families will receive more money from these payments than they will pay in higher prices. Besides reducing global warming, cuts in fossil fuels will reduce air pollution and the health problems it causes, while creating millions of new, good-paying jobs.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, H.R. 763 has 82 co-sponsors. The lead co-sponsor is our own Congressman Dan Lipinski. The Democratic candidate for the 3rd District seat – Marie Newman- has expressed support for a carbon tax bill. Additionally, Illinois Congressmen Robin Kelly, Danny Davis, Chuy Garcia and Jan Schakowsky are co-sponsors.

Although we would hope that you would support passage of the bill, that is not what you are asked to do today. Today you are voting to give Lyons Township residents the opportunity to express their opinion on the need to reduce global warming, and the strategy this bill would enact to accomplish that goal. By placing this question on the ballot, you will enhance the quality of their discussions on the matter and allow our voters to inform their elected officials of their preferences.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

11. Supervisor Getty noted that another public comment had been received from a Linda Christianson of La Grange on Saturday August 1, 2020. Supervisor Getty read the following statement of Ms. Christianson's into the record.

Dear Clerk Porfirio,

In 2018 the Lyons Township Board voted unanimously to place on the ballot this Advisory Question: "Shall our elected officials support measures that will acknowledge the serious threat posed by climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a clear, transparent, and effective way?" This ballot question resulted in a 77% YES vote by our Lyons Township residents. Since then our La Grange community has joined the Greenest Region Compact, partnering with 23 area communities in a commitment to conserve and sustain our region's land and water resources.

With this strong mandate in mind, I submit my firm support for La Grange resident David May's proposed Lyons Township Advisory Question, "Shall the U.S. Congress pass legislation to place a carbon fee on fossil fuel producers, where the collected revenue is given equitably to American households, incentivizing businesses and consumers to reduce climate disrupting emissions, encourage the transition to clean energy, and protect our economic well-being?" This proposal, endorsed by scientists and economists globally, provides a transparent, sustainable path forward for reducing our carbon emissions, and has enthusiastic support from our U.S. Representative Dan Lipinski.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement.

Sincerely,
Linda Christianson
La Grange, IL

12. Clerk Porfirio also reported that correspondence had been received from a Mr. David R. Bryant and a Mr. Rick Knight, of the Citizens Climate Lobby, copies of which were placed into the Trustees' Board Packets in advance of tonight's meeting for their review and consideration. Clerk Porfirio asked the Board to take a few minutes to review them at this time before proceeding.

13. Hearing no other public comments regarding Resolution 2020-12, Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-12 as presented. Trustee Garrette moved, Trustee Sprague seconded to approve Resolution 2020-12 providing for and requiring the submission of an advisory question of public policy

concerning a carbon fee on fossil fuel procedures to appear on the ballot of the electors of the Township of Lyons, in Cook County, Illinois at the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Roll Call: Ayes: Garrette, Sprague, Kelly, Getty
 Nays: McDonald

Motion Carried

14. *Finance Committee* – Trustee Garrette reported the payment of bills, is as follows:

A. *Special Police Fund* - Trustee Garrette moved, Trustee Kelly seconded to approve the audit of the Special Police Fund in the amount of \$6,720.00.

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

Motion Carried.

B. *General Assistance* – Trustee Garrette moved, Trustee Sprague seconded to approve the audit of the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$11,004.82.

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 \$25,852.90.

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

Motion Carried.

D. *General Town Fund* – Trustee Garrette moved, Trustee Kelly seconded to approve the audit of the General Town Fund in the amount of \$138,974.38.

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

Motion Carried.

15. *Building* – NONE

16. *Senior Services* – Trustee Kelly stated that the Senior Transportation Office and staff are continuing their Senior Wellness Checks, Food Deliveries and CDC protocols to keep everyone safe. Trustee Kelly commended the entire Senior Transportation Staff on their outstanding work.

17. *Committee on Youth* – Trustee Sprague reported that as of August 7, 2020 thirty-six youth have been working in seventeen Township of Lyons' supported agencies and have worked a total of 4,561 hours. Supervisor Getty did state that due to the possibility that college for these youth may be postponed / taught only remotely, the program may be extended a few weeks longer than the anticipated cessation date of August 21, 2020.

18. *Mental Health Commission* – Clerk Porfirio stated that all agencies have submitted their Fourth Quarter Reports and preliminary results show that 41,364 units of service had been provided to 1,398 Lyons Township residents. This is a unit decrease of 53% and a 65% decrease in residents served from the previous quarter. This is a direct result of the pandemic shut down and isolation. As pandemic restrictions are lifted, more services will be coming back online.

19. Clerk Porfirio reported that the Lyons Township Mental Health Commission will host Mental Health First Aid for police through North East Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT) on November 5, 2020 and January 20, 2021 in the Township of Lyons' Community Room. All Lyons Township police departments have been invited to attend.

20. *Special Police Protection* – Trustee McDonald reported that Special Police Patrols worked a total of 168 hours.

21. *Old Business* – NONE

22. *New Business* – Supervisor Getty announced that it is with great sadness to report that Mrs. Mary Charlene Sprague, mother of Trustee Timothy Sprague, has died. In her memory, at the request of the family, a monetary donation on behalf of the Township of Lyons has been made to St. John of the Cross and to the Western Springs Garden Club.

23. *Public Comment* –NONE

24. *Adjournment* – Trustee Kelly moved; Trustee McDonald seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.
Voice Vote in favor by all.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Porfirio

Clerk, Township of Lyons