

**AGENDA  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2021  
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER – PRESENTATION OF COLORS
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. READING OF PUBLIC NOTICE AS PUBLISHED IN DESPLAINES VALLEY NEWS AND LA GRANGE SUBURBAN LIFE NEWSPAPERS
4. ENTERTAINMENT OF A MOTION TO NOMINATE A MODERATOR.  
REQUEST FOR A SECOND (3) TIMES IF ONLY ONE NOMINATION.
5. ENTERTAINMENT OF A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS  
REQUEST FOR A SECOND, CALL FOR A VOICE VOTE.
6. SWEARING IN OF MODERATOR
7. ENTERTAINMENT OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2019.  
REQUEST FOR A SECOND, CALL FOR A VOICE VOTE.
8. ENTERTAINMENT OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CANCELLATION OF THE 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC.
9. ENTERTAINMENT OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL TOWN REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 AS PRESENTED IN BOOKLET FORM.  
REQUEST FOR A SECOND, CALL FOR A VOICE VOTE.
10. ENTERTAINMENT OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL TOWN REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 AS PRESENTED IN BOOKLET FORM.  
REQUEST FOR A SECOND, CALL FOR A VOICE VOTE.
11. NEW BUSINESS
12. OLD BUSINESS – ADVISORY QUESTION OF PUBLIC POLICY

i.) "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?"

ORIGINALLY PLACED ON THE 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AGENDA FOR VOTE BY THE TOWNSHIP ELECTORS BUT SINCE THE 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WAS NOT HELD LAST APRIL DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, WAS PASSED BY TOWNSHIP OF LYONS RESOLUTION 2020-12 WHICH PROVIDED FOR AND REQUIRED THE SUBMISSION OF THIS ADVISORY QUESTION TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LYONS, COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION.

ADVISORY RERERENDUM WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LYONS BY A VOTE OF 33,077 (65.35%) YES TO 17,542 (34.65%) NO

13. ENTERTAINMENT OF A MOTION TO SET THE NEXT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DATE ON THE SECOND TUESDAY IN APRIL OF 2022 WHICH IS APRIL 12, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. AT SEATGEEK STADIUM, 7000 S. HARLEM AVE., BRIDGEVIEW, IL 60455  
REQUEST FOR A SECOND, CALL FOR A VOICE VOTE.

14. RETIREMENT OF COLORS
15. ENTERTAINMENT OF A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.  
REQUEST FOR A SECOND, CALL FOR A VOICE VOTE.
16. ADJOURNMENT

In Re the Matter of: )  
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Township of Lyons Annual )  
Town Meeting )  
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

April 13, 2021

7:00 p.m.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the Township of Lyons Board of Trustees Meeting, held at SeatGeek Stadium, 7000 South Harlem Avenue, Bridgeview, Illinois, before Pamela L. Cosentino, Certified Shorthand Reporter for the State of Illinois.



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1 A P P E A R A N C E S:

2 CHRISTOPHER GETTY, Supervisor Township of Lyons

MICHAEL PORFIRIO, Township Clerk

3 SERGIO RODRIGUEZ, Moderator

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1 CLERK PORFIRIO: It being 7:00, I'd like to call  
2 this Annual Town Meeting of the Township of Lyons to  
3 order.

4 Everyone, please rise for the presentation of  
5 colors.

6 (Whereupon, the Colors were presented  
7 and the Pledge of Allegiance is  
8 honored.)

9 CLERK PORFIRIO: Everyone could be seated.

10 Troop 13 and Mr. Cargie (phonetic), thank you  
11 very much for the presentation of Colors and your time  
12 this evening.

13 Thank you to the Village of Bridgeview for  
14 welcoming us to SeatGeek Stadium in this beautiful  
15 facility. I know Trustee Jim Cecott from the Village  
16 of Bridgeview is here. Thank you, Trustee Cecott.

17 Welcome everybody. Just to explain why we  
18 are here this evening, every township in the State of  
19 Illinois is meeting this evening at 7:00, 1900 Central  
20 Standard Time, in their respective facilities. Not as  
21 many are as cool as the Second Star Club here at  
22 SeatGeek Stadium, but here in the Township of Lyons, we



1 City of Countryside, City of Hickory Hills, Burr Ridge,  
2 LaGrange, Riverside, Justice. And then we also have  
3 LaGrange Highlands.

4           Anyone here from any of our unincorporated  
5 areas in the township?

6           Almost all a good diverse group of all our  
7 different geographic municipalities. So, again, thank  
8 you for joining.

9           To go on with the business, the Notice of  
10 this public meeting was published in the March 18th  
11 addition of the Des Plaines Valley News and the  
12 LaGrange Suburban Life. Those also posted at the  
13 Township of Lyons, Township Hall, at SeatGeek Stadium,  
14 and at the Justice-Willow Springs Water Commission.

15           MR. GEORGE PACH: I'd like to make a motion.

16           CLERK PORFIRIO: Yes.

17           When you make a motion, please stand, state  
18 your name, spell your last name and your address or at  
19 least your town.

20           MR. GEORGE PACH: George Pach, P-a-c-h, 4411 Elm  
21 Avenue, Lyons, Illinois 60534.

22           I would like to make a motion to dispense

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1 with the reading of the Public Notice that was  
2 published in the paper, the Des Plaines Valley News as  
3 well as the LaGrange Suburban Life on March 18th.

4 MR. BRIAN JUNGELS: I'll second the motion.  
5 Brian Jungels, J-u-n-g-e-l-s, 4608 Warsaw Avenue,  
6 Lyons, Illinois 60534.

7 CLERK PORFIRIO: There's a motion to second.

8 All in favor, "aye"?

9 (Chorus of "ayes".)

10 CLERK PORFIRIO: Any nays?

11 (No response.)

12 CLERK PORFIRIO: Thank you.

13 Well, now that I don't have to read that  
14 notice, I don't know what I'm going to do.

15 The next would be the entertainment of a  
16 motion to nominate a moderator for tonight's meeting.

17 Is there a motion to nominate a moderator for  
18 tonight's meeting?

19 MR. PATRICK HYNES: I'd like to make a motion.  
20 Patrick Hynes, 3940 Forest Avenue, Western Springs,  
21 Illinois, 60558.

22 I'd like to nominate Mayor Sergio Rodriguez



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1 as moderator.

2 CLERK PORFIRIO: Thank you.

3 Is there a second?

4 MS. ELYSE HOFFENBERG: I'd like to second. Elyse  
5 Hoffenberg, 1030 Stone Avenue, LaGrange, Illinois.

6 CLERK PORFIRIO: There's a motion to second to  
7 nominate Mayor Sergio Rodriguez of Summit as tonight's  
8 moderator.

9 Are there any other nominations? Are there  
10 any other nominations? Are there any other  
11 nominations?

12 All those in favor?

13 (Chorus of "ayes".)

14 MS. CATHLEEN ROSENBECK: I'd like to make a motion  
15 to close nominations. Cathleen Rosenbeck,  
16 R-o-s-e-n-b-e-c-k, 6810 Joliet Road, Indian Head Park.

17 MS. BARBARA MINNECI: I'd like to second that  
18 motion. Barbara Minneci, M-i-n-n-e-c-i, 10832 Chaucer  
19 Drive, Willow Springs, Illinois, 60480.

20 CLERK PORFIRIO: All those in favor to close  
21 nominations?

22 (Chorus of "ayes".)

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1 CLERK PORFIRIO: Mayor Rodriguez, you won in a  
2 landslide. Welcome up.

3 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

4 CLERK PORFIRIO: You'll be sworn in as moderator.

5 (Whereupon, the Moderator was  
6 duly sworn.)

7 CLERK PORFIRIO: Thank you, Mayor.

8 Here is a microphone if you need it.

9 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Good evening.

10 First item, I would like to entertain a  
11 motion to approve the Minutes of the last township  
12 annual town meeting on April 9, 2019.

13 MR. KYLE LEONARD: I'd like to make a motion. Kyle  
14 Leonard, L-e-o-n-a-r-d, 4350 Fishermans Terrace, Lyons,  
15 Illinois.

16 I'd like to make a motion to approve the  
17 Meetings Minutes of the last township annual town  
18 meeting of April 9, 2019.

19 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Is there a second?

20 MR. IVICA LAZICH: I'd like to second that motion.  
21 Ivica Lazich, L-a-z-i-c-h. I'm at 7847 West 45th  
22 Place, Lyons, Illinois, 60534.

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1 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Any discussion?

2 None being, all in favor say "aye"?

3 (Chorus of "ayes".)

4 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Any opposed say "nay"?

5 (No response.)

6 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Motion passes.

7 Next item, I will entertain a motion to  
8 approve the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Town  
9 Meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

10 MR. NORBERTO CISNEROS JR: I'd like to make that  
11 motion. Norberto Cisneros Jr, C-i-s-n-e-r-o-s, 4032  
12 Konrad Avenue, Lyons, Illinois 60534.

13 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Is there a second?

14 MR. JORGE TORRES: I would like to second that  
15 motion. Jorge Torres 7703 45th Place, Lyons, Illinois,  
16 60534.

17 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Is there any discussion?

18 None being, all in favor say "aye".

19 (Chorus of "ayes".)

20 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Any opposed say "nay"?

21 (No response.)

22 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: The ayes have it. Motion

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1 passes.

2 I will entertain a motion to approve the  
3 Annual Town Report, which includes the supervisor's  
4 financial report for fiscal year 2019/2020 as presented  
5 in booklet form.

6 MR. TITO RODRIGUEZ: I'd like to make that motion.  
7 Tito Rodriguez, 3911 Shakespeare, Lyons, Illinois.

8 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Is there a second?

9 MS. CABALLERO: I'll second it. Demi Caballero,  
10 C-a-b-a-l-l-e-r-o, 7741 45th Place, Lyons Illinois.

11 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Any discussion?

12 None being, all in favor say "aye"?

13 (Chorus of "ayes".)

14 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Any opposed say "nay"?

15 (No response.)

16 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: The ayes have it. Motion  
17 passes.

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19 Annual Town Report, which includes the supervisor's  
20 financial report for fiscal year 2020/2021 as presented  
21 in booklet form.

22 MR. JOE BONOMO: I'd like to make a motion. Joe

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1 Bonomo, B-o-n-o-m-o, 8733 Willow Boulevard, Willow  
2 Springs, 60480.

3 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Is there a second?

4 MR. TED TALA: I'd like to second that motion. Ted  
5 Tala, T-a-l-a, 7851 45th Street Lyons, Illinois, 60534.

6 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Any discussion?

7 None being, all in favor say "aye"?

8 (Chorus of "ayes".)

9 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Any opposed say "nay"?

10 (No response.)

11 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: The ayes have it. Motion  
12 passes.

13 Is there any other new business?

14 Mayor Getty?

15 SUPERVISOR GETTY: Thank you, Mayor Rodriguez.

16 Good evening, everyone. Thank you very much  
17 for being here. My name is Christopher Getty. I'm  
18 supervisor of the Township of Lyons, 4630 Crackow  
19 Avenue, Lyons, Illinois 60534.

20 I wanted to bring to everyone's attention two  
21 individuals this evening. The first individual has  
22 been a dedicated public servant of the Township of

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1 Lyons for many years. He has successfully served four  
2 terms in office. I'm not seeing him.

3 Mr. Thomas Garrette, where are you at? Tom  
4 Garrette standing here. If we can give Tom some  
5 recognition.

6 (Round of applause.)

7 SUPERVISOR GETTY: For 16 years Tom Garrette  
8 faithfully served as the Township Trustee. I don't  
9 think there was ever a meeting I ever recall him  
10 missing. Very dedicated to his duties. And he's done  
11 just a fantastic job. He decided not to run for  
12 another term. I know if he would have run, he would  
13 have been reelected.

14 But we wish you the absolute best in your  
15 future endeavors, Tom.

16 TRUSTEE GARRETTE: Thank you.

17 SUPERVISOR GETTY: The next individual I'd like to  
18 draw some attention to is a predecessor of mine, also  
19 served as the township supervisor in the Township of  
20 Lyons. After serving as township supervisor, he went  
21 on to become a judge in the Cook County court system  
22 and successfully did that for many years. In 2020, he

1 decided to retire. And I want to honor the former  
2 supervisor, former judge of Cook County, Mr. Pat  
3 Rogers, everyone.

4 (Round of applause.)

5 SUPERVISOR GETTY: I'll give you the floor, your  
6 Honor.

7 MR. PAT ROGERS: My name is Pat Rogers,  
8 R-o-g-e-r-s, 4919 Woodland, Western Springs.

9 I learned a couple of lessons this evening,  
10 folks. If Mayor Getty or Mike decide to tell you to  
11 show up a little early, I would advise you to show up a  
12 little early. When I got here, they told me I was  
13 going to make a couple of comments about some elected  
14 officials, and I thanked them profusely for giving me  
15 enough of time to prepare.

16 I, too, want to recognize Tom Garrette. He  
17 served on a board that I was the supervisor for a  
18 number of years. Was always a reliable vote once you  
19 were able to explain exactly what it was you were  
20 attempting to accomplish. He did serve the residents  
21 of the Township of Lyons extremely well. I missed him  
22 when I left the board. And I want to personally thank

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1 him for his support while I was there.

2 So thank you very much, Tom. Thank you.

3 (Round of applause.)

4 MR. PAT ROGERS: Now, I was also asked to speak  
5 about another candidate who is near and dear to my  
6 heart, and that is Assessor Barbara Weyrick who has  
7 announced that she was not seeking re-election this  
8 last election. Barb was with the Township since 1989,  
9 and she and I met probably in 1990 when we were trying  
10 to get together a combined slate, and that was the  
11 first time that the township had attempted to do that  
12 under one-party banner.

13 And that was interesting because for those of  
14 you who are not familiar with the township government,  
15 unlike other local governments where you run staggered  
16 terms, in other words, if you have six trustees, three  
17 run in one two-year stance and then three run in the  
18 other, so you always have a little bit of continuity.

19 Township government does not work that way.  
20 And in 1992, when we were elected, other than Barb  
21 Weyrick as the assessor, there was no continuity at  
22 all. And although the transition was somewhat



1 seamless, we relied on the folks that were there before  
2 us, Barb Weyrick and the township attorney,  
3 Ed King.

4           So Barb and I were campaigning, going to find  
5 out exactly where those 17 towns were at, and with  
6 regards to those LaGrange Highlands, it's pretty  
7 important for folks that are running for office to  
8 understand, there's 6,000 -- or there were 6,000; I  
9 can't tell you tonight how many there are -- but there  
10 were 6,000 votes in that unincorporated area. You  
11 couldn't win the township without that area, but you  
12 could lose it if you didn't have it. So it's important  
13 for that area to produce, and we were fortunate enough  
14 to do it.

15           Now, Barb Weyrick has served over at Lyons  
16 Township first as the deputy assessor, employee, then  
17 deputy assessor, under, I think his name was Vince  
18 McInerney, if I recall correctly; and then she ran and  
19 wound up being the township assessor.

20           And for those of you that are not familiar  
21 with township government, each of those elected  
22 officials are elected officials that are in control and

1 responsible for their various budgets. And Barb,  
2 although I went to law school, was very astute on a  
3 case that emanated out of Lyons Township, which was  
4 Painter versus the Township of Lyons in which the  
5 appellate court ruled that the assessor's office had  
6 the right and the freedom and the responsibility to  
7 conduct business on its own.

8           When Barb, not that she needed that support,  
9 but once she had that legal support, she never once,  
10 never once in all of the years that I was out there,  
11 ever hesitated to come in and let me know, number one,  
12 she was the assessor, but, number two, more  
13 importantly, this is what needed to be done and this  
14 was the legal responsibility.

15           So that was a lesson that I learned fairly  
16 early in my career as supervisor. And I can tell you  
17 tonight as I stand here, never once again did she have  
18 to come in and let me know that. I took it to my  
19 heart, and I listened to what she said, because she had  
20 the responsibility to do it.

21           With regard to how she conducted business in  
22 that office, Barb had everyone that came in that office

1 sign in and that was the name that she had. She had a  
2 list. She had a wonderful list of folks that had  
3 visited the township. And based upon the fact that she  
4 always had an outstanding staff with her, most, not all  
5 because you're dealing with property taxes, but most  
6 folks that walked out of there were convinced they were  
7 served properly, they were happy with the results, and  
8 then those folks were contacted later on, sometimes two  
9 years, sometimes four years depending, and it probably  
10 was the most reliable list of folks that we made an  
11 effort, a concerted effort to contact.

12 As a result of her success in doing that, I  
13 was fortunate enough to be reelected four times. I'm  
14 not quite sure I would have been elected the first time  
15 if it wasn't for Barb Weyrick. So personally I want to  
16 thank her for her support.

17 And I remember once when I was on the bench  
18 somebody had made a lengthy argument, and I said  
19 "brevity would be rewarded." So I'm going to make sure  
20 that I follow those rules tonight. Brevity will be  
21 rewarded. I just want to thank Barb for her service to  
22 the township. I love you. Good job. Thank you.

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1           MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: We move on to old business.  
2 Under "Old Business," I would like to read into the  
3 record the advisory question of public policy which was  
4 placed on the November 3, 2020, general election ballot  
5 via Resolution 2020-12.

6           The advisory question states: "Shall the  
7 U.S. Congress pass legislation to place a carbon fee on  
8 fossil fuel producers, where the collected revenue is  
9 given equitably to American households, incentivizing  
10 businesses and consumers to reduce climate-disrupting  
11 emissions, encourage the transition to clean energy,  
12 and protect our economic well-being."

13           The advisory question of public policy was  
14 approved by the Township of Lyons electorally on  
15 November 3, 2020, voting "Yes," 33,077 to "No," 17,542.

16           At this time I would like to entertain a  
17 motion to set the next Annual Township Meeting on  
18 Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at SeatGeek  
19 Park.

20           MS. ELYSE HOFFENBERG: I would like to make  
21 that motion to set the next Annual Town Meeting date on  
22 the second Tuesday in April of 2022, which is April 12,

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1 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Elyse Hoffenberg, LaGrange, 1030  
2 South Stone.

3 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Is there a second?

4 MR. PATRICK HYNES: I'd like to second that motion.

5 Patrick Hynes, 3940 Forest Avenue, Western Springs,  
6 Illinois 60558.

7 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Any discussion?

8 None being, all in favor say "aye"?

9 (Chorus of "ayes".)

10 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: All opposed say "nay"?

11 (No response.)

12 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: The ayes have it. Motion  
13 passes.

14 At this time retirement of colors. If  
15 everybody can please rise.

16 (The Colors were retired.)

17 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you very much. You can  
18 all take a seat.

19 Last item on the agenda, I will entertain a  
20 motion for adjournment.

21 TRUSTEE KELLY: Motion to adjourn.

22 Colleen Kelly, 8507 S. 82nd Court in Hickory Hills,

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1 Illinois 60457.

2 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Is there a second?

3 MS. SHAKENA KIRKSEY-MILLER: I'd like to second.

4 Shakena Kirksey-Miller, 4904 Grand Avenue, McCook,

5 Illinois.

6 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Any discussion?

7 None being, all in favor say "aye"?

8 (Chorus of "ayes".)

9 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: Any opposed say "nay"?

10 (No response.)

11 MODERATOR RODRIGUEZ: The ayes have it.

12 Thank you, everyone. Have a good evening.

13 (Whereupon, at 7:23 p.m., the

14 above-entitled cause was

15 adjourned to Tuesday, April 12,

16 2022, at 7:00 p.m.)

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2 COUNTY OF C O O K )  
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4 I, PAMELA L. COSENTINO, being first duly  
5 sworn on oath says that she is a court reporter doing  
6 business in the City of Chicago; that she reported in  
7 shorthand the proceedings given at the taking of said  
8 meeting and that the foregoing is a true and correct  
9 transcript of her shorthand notes so taken as  
10 aforesaid and contains all the proceedings given at  
11 said meeting.

12 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I have hereunto set my  
13 verified digital signature this 7th day of May, 20.

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PAMELA L. COSENTINO, CSR



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