



TOWNSHIP OF LYONS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
TOWNSHIP HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
6404 JOLIET RD., COUNTRYSIDE, IL 60525
DECEMBER 12, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL: SUPERVISOR Christopher Getty, TRUSTEES Colleen H. Kelly, Mark Anderson, Donna B. McDonald, Gary B. Crossman**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. NOVEMBER 14, 2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

5. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – SUPERVISOR GETTY**
 - A. APPROVAL OF A \$2,000.00 DONATION TO THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE, 7800 ARCHER RD., JUSTICE, ILLINOIS 60458 FOR THEIR HOLIDAY FOOD PROGRAM.

 - B. APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LYONS' FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2024 BY G. W. & ASSOCIATES, PC, 311 S. HALSTED ST., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 NOT TO EXCEED \$32,300.00.

 - C. RESOLUTION 2023 – 08 – AMMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LYONS, COOK COUNTY, IL RE: PERSONAL DAYS.

 - D. ORDINANCE 2023 – 02 – ADOPTION OF THE 2023 LEVY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LYONS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

 - E. ORDINANCE 2023 – 03 – ADOPTION OF THE 2023 LEVY FOR THE ROAD DISTRICT, TOWNSHIP OF LYONS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

 - F. IMRF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR 2024.

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by 3 p.m. day of meeting and will be read during the public meeting.
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6. **CLERK'S REPORT - CLERK HOFFENBERG**
 - A. REPAIR CAFÉ RECAP SATURDAY, NOVEMBER. 18, 2023

7. **FINANCE COMMITTEE - TRUSTEE KELLY**
 - A. **PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 12, 2023**
 - i. **GENERAL TOWN FUND**
 - ii. **GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND**
 - iii. **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**
 - iii. **SPECIAL POLICE FUND**

8. **BUILDING & MAINTENANCE - TRUSTEE CROSSMAN**
9. **SENIOR TRANSPORTATION - TRUSTEE KELLY**
10. **COMMITTEE ON YOUTH - TRUSTEE McDONALD**
11. **MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION - CLERK HOFFENBERG**
12. **SPECIAL POLICE PROTECTION - TRUSTEE ANDERSON**
13. **OLD BUSINESS**
14. **NEW BUSINESS**
15. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
16. **ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 9, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 12, 2023
(PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL AT THE MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2024)**

1. **The Board of Trustees of the Township of Lyons held its Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 in the Town Hall, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois 60525.**

2. **Supervisor Getty called the Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.**

3. **Supervisor Getty called for the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for Township Resident John Lopez to lead it.**

4. **Clerk Elyse Hoffenberg called the Roll, and the following were present:**

Christopher Getty	Supervisor
Mark Anderson	Trustee
Colleen H. Kelly	Trustee
Donna B. McDonald	Trustee (absent)
Gary B. Crossman	Trustee

Also, in attendance was Patrick Hynes, Township of Lyons Assessor; Sean McDermott, Township of Lyons Highway Commissioner; Elizabeth Shine, Attorney with Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier, McGrath, Ltd; Jazmin Lopez, Township of Lyons Mental Health Administrative Assistant; Sherrie Marrotta, Finance Assistant; Township Employees Joe Bonomo, Molly Price, Kathleen Rosenbeck, and several Township residents.

5. **Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023 as presented.
Trustee Crossman moved; Trustee Anderson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023 as presented.
Voice Vote in favor by all.
Motion Carried.**

6. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve a \$2,000.00 donation to the Village of Justice, 7800 Archer Rd., Justice, IL 60458 for their annual Holiday Food Program.

Trustee Kelly moved; Trustee Crossman moved to approve a \$2,000.00 donation to the Village of Justice, 7800 Archer Rd., Justice, IL 60458 for their annual Holiday Food Program.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kelly, Crossman, Anderson, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried

7. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve audit financial services for the Township of Lyons' Fiscal Year ending February 29, 2024 from G.W. & Associates, PC, 311 S. Halsted St., Chicago Heights, IL 60411 in an amount not to exceed \$32,300.00.

Trustee Anderson moved; Trustee Crossman seconded to approve audit financial services for the Township of Lyons' Fiscal Year ending February 29, 2024 from G.W. & Associates, PC, 311 S. Halsted St., Chicago Heights, IL 60411 in an amount not to exceed \$32,300.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: Anderson, Crossman, Kelly, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried

8. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-08 amending the Personnel Policy of the Township of Lyons, Cook County, IL Re: Personal Days. Supervisor Getty stated that due to a new state statute that will take effect on January 1, 2024, the number of Personal Days must be increased to five annually for each employee. Supervisor Getty stated that the number presently allowed according to the Township of Lyons' Personnel Policy is two.

Trustee Anderson moved; Trustee Crossman seconded to approve Resolution 2023-08 amending the Personnel Policy of the Township of Lyons, Cook County, IL Re: Personal Days from two to five days annually for each employee.

Roll Call: Ayes: Anderson, Crossman, Kelly, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried

9. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-02 Re: Adoption of the 2023 Levy for the Township of Lyons, Cook County, Illinois. Supervisor Getty stated that across the board, the 2023 Levy for the Township of Lyons, on average, will increase by less than two percent.

Trustee Crossman moved; Trustee Kelly seconded to approve Ordinance 2023-02 Re: Adoption of the 2023 Levy for the Township of Lyons, Cook County, Illinois.

Roll Call: Ayes: Crossman, Kelly, Anderson, Getty
Nays: None

Motion Carried

10. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-03 Re: Adoption of the 2023 Levy for the Road District, Township of Lyons, Cook County, Illinois. Supervisor Getty stated that the 2023 Levy for the Road District of the Township of Lyons will increase by 1.4 percent.

Trustee Anderson moved; Trustee Crossman seconded to approve Ordinance 2023-03 Re: Adoption of the 2023 Levy for the Road District, Township of Lyons, Cook County, Illinois.

Roll Call: Ayes: Anderson, Crossman, Kelly, Getty
Nays: None

Motion Carried

11. Supervisor Getty for the record, informed all present that the IMRF Employer Contribution Rate for 2024 has tripled. The 2024 rate will rise from the present 2.62 percent to 6.64 percent effective January 1, 2024. Supervisor Getty also reported that the current IMRF Employer Contribution Fund for the Township of Lyons is 100% funded.

12. Clerk Hoffenberg reported that the Repair Café held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Township of Lyons' Community Room was a phenomenal success. Clerk Hoffenberg commented that another Repair Cafe will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Knife sharpening will once again be provided under the auspices of Wiliam "Bill" Storm.

13. *Finance Committee* – Trustee Kelly reported the payment of bills for the period ending December 12, 2023, is as follows:

A. *General Town Fund* - Trustee Kelly moved; Trustee Crossman seconded to approve the audit of the General Town Fund in the amount of \$189,010.91.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kelly, Crossman, Anderson, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

B. *General Assistance Fund* – Trustee Kelly moved; Trustee Anderson seconded to approve the audit of the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$26,378.08.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kelly, Anderson, Crossman, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

C. *Road and Bridge Fund* - Trustee Kelly moved; Trustee Crossman seconded to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$519,492.37. Trustee Kelly commented that this amount included payment #2 to Copenhaver Construction in relation to the Acacia Acres Flood Relief Project.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kelly, Crossman, Anderson, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

D. *Special Police Protection Fund* – Trustee Kelly moved; Trustee Anderson seconded to approve the audit of the Special Police Protection Fund in the amount of \$7,720.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kelly, Anderson, Crossman, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

14. *Building & Maintenance* – Trustee Crossman reported that patching, painting and new updated lighting installation was completed in the back stairwell and that FSS Technologies is scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2023 to replace and lower the Fire Alarm Pull Stations to be in compliance with new fire codes and to add a defibrillator tamper door to the fire alarm system.

15. *Senior Transportation* – Trustee Kelly reported that Senior Transportation has taken possession of their new bus and that they are assisting Meals on Wheels with the delivery of Holiday Meals.

16. *Committee on Youth* –NO REPORT

17. *Mental Health Commission* – Mental Health Commission President, Elyse Hoffenberg, deferred the report to Jazmin Lopez, the Executive Director Pro-tem of the Township of Lyons' Mental Health Office.

18. Township of Lyons' Mental Health Executive Director Pro-tem, Jazmin Lopez stated that the commission in partnership with BEDS Plus Care presented to the community a program on homelessness and housing insecurity at the La Grange Library on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

19. Mental Health Executive Director Pro-tem Lopez reported that the commission in partnership with Pillars Community Health and The Loft at Eight Corners facilitated a Teen Mental Health training on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at the La Grange Public Library.

20. Mental Health Executive Director Pro-Tem Lopez informed the Board of Trustees that the commission has hired Mariam Ahmad as the new Executive Administrator who will begin on Monday, December 18, 2023. Executive Director Pro-tem, Lopez stated that Ms. Ahmad is bilingual and brings to the position a wealth of knowledge in finance, human services, and community outreach.

21. *Special Police Protection* – Trustee Anderson commented that for the month of October 2023, ten officers provided an additional 193 hours of additional contracted patrol for the unincorporated areas of the Township of Lyons.

22. *Old Business* –NONE

23. *New Business* – NONE

24. *Public Comment* – Township Resident Mike Sochacki, 8701 Wolf Rd., Willow Springs, IL 60525 addressed the Board of Trustees with several questions including if the Special Police Protection referred to during tonight’s Board Meeting included / meant the Indian Head Park Police Department in regard to who patrols the unincorporated areas of Willow Springs; How the Board decided what community would receive additional funds for Holiday Meals; and why residents in his area of the Township were not informed from the Township of Lyons, via a mass mailing or informational handbill, that certain residences were improperly assessed by the Cook County Assessor. Supervisor Getty and the Township of Lyons’ Assessor, Patrick Hynes, were able to answer his questions.

25. *Adjournment* – Trustee Kelly moved; Trustee Crossman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.
Voice Vote in favor by all.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elyse Hoffenberg

Clerk, Township of Lyons