



**TOWNSHIP OF LYONS**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**TOWNSHIP HALL COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**6404 JOLIET RD., COUNTRYSIDE, IL 60525**  
**NOVEMBER 12, 2024 – 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**
  
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. OCTOBER 8, 2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
  
- 5. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – SUPERVISOR GETTY**
  - A. APPROVAL OF A \$100.00 DONATION TO THE VILLAGE OF WILLOW SPRINGS, 1 VILLAGE CIRCLE, WILLOW SPRINGS, IL 60480 FOR THE VILLAGE'S COMMUNITY TREE TRIM.
  - B. APPROVAL OF A \$200.00 INCREASE TO THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE RENT BENEFIT FROM THE CURRENT MONTHLY BENEFIT OF \$400.00 TO \$600.00.
  - C. APPROVAL OF THE 2025 PAID HOLIDAYS FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES
  - D. RESOLUTION 2024-07 APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ERIN MILLER TO POSITION OF TOWNSHIP OF LYONS MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF LOU GALE WHICH WILL TERMINATE ON DECEMBER 31, 2026.
  
- 6. CLERK'S REPORT – CLERK HOFFENBERG**
  - A. REPAIR CAFÉ RECAP SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024
  - B. AARP SAFE DRIVER COURSE RECAP OCTOBER 29 & 30, 2024
  - C. WARM CLOTHING DRIVE NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 24, 2024
  - D. TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 13, 2024

**Public comment can be sent prior to the board meeting via e-mail to [ehoffenberg@lyonsts.com](mailto:ehoffenberg@lyonsts.com) by 3 p.m. day of meeting and will be read during the public meeting.  
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**7. FINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE KELLY**

**A. PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

- i. GENERAL TOWN FUND**
- ii. GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND**
- iii. ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**
- iii. SPECIAL POLICE FUND**

**B. DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATION OF THE 2024 TOWN FUND LEVY, GENERAL ASSISTANCE LEVY, MENTAL HEALTH LEVY, SPECIAL POLICE LEVY, AND THE ROAD & BRIDGE LEVY.**

**C. SETTING THE TOWNSHIP OF LYONS' 2024 TAX LEVY APPROVAL & ADOPTION DATE.**  
(recommended date: December 10, 2024 at Regular Board Meeting)

**8. BUILDING & MAINTENANCE –**

**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**

**A. APPROVAL TO SWITCH THE TOWNSHIP'S DENTAL, VISION, AND LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES TO METLIFE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2024.**

**B. APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A NEW LEASE-TO-PURCHASE BUS FROM SOUTHERN BUS & MOBILITY, 12945 KOCH LANE, BREESE, IL 62230, FOR A 2024 FORD E-350 PASSENGER BUS FOR \$107,694.00.**

**15. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 10, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.**

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NOVEMBER 12, 2024  
(PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL AT THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2024)**

1. The Board of Trustees of the Township of Lyons held its Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 in the Town Hall, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois 60525.

2. Supervisor Getty called the Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

3. Supervisor Getty called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also, in attendance was Patrick Hynes, Township of Lyons Assessor; Liz Shine, Attorney with Odelson, Murphey, Frazier, & McGrath, Ltd; Quinn Corcoran, Senior Transportation Director; Jazmin Lopez, Mental Health Executive Director; Sherrie Marrotta, Finance Assistant; Township Employees Ed Ajzyk, Anna Erickson, Molly Price, Kathy Rosenbeck, Mary Van Allen, and several Township residents.

5. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024 as presented.

Trustee McDonald moved; Trustee Anderson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024 as presented.

Voice Vote in favor by all.

Motion Carried.

6. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve a \$100.00 donation to the Village of Willow Springs, 1 Village Circle, Willow Springs, IL 60480 for the Village's Community Tree Trim.

Trustee Kelly moved; Trustee McDonald seconded to approve a \$100.00 donation to the Village of Willow Springs, 1 Village Circle, Willow Springs, IL 60480 for the Village's Community Tree Trim.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

7. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve a \$200.00 increase to the General Assistance Rent Benefit from the current monthly benefit of \$400.00 to \$600.00. Supervisor Getty stated that this request to increase the General Assistance Rent Benefit is the result of an advisement from the Township Officials of Illinois to bring the Township of Lyons' rent benefit in line with other Townships within the State of Illinois.

Trustee Anderson moved; Trustee McDonald seconded to approve a \$200.00 increase to the General Assistance Rent Benefit from the current monthly benefit of \$400.00 to \$600.00.

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

Motion Carried

8. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve the 2025 list of paid holidays for Full-time employees.

Trustee Anderson moved; Trustee Kelly seconded to approve the 2025 list of paid holidays for Full-time employees.

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

Motion Carried

9. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07 approving the appointment of Erin Miller to the position of Township of Lyons Mental Health Commissioner to fill the unexpired term of Lou Gale which will terminate on December 31, 2026.

Trustee McDonald moved; Trustee Anderson seconded to approve Resolution 2024-07 approving the appointment of Erin Miller to the position of Township of Lyons Mental Health Commissioner to fill the unexpired term of Lou Gale which will terminate on December 31, 2026

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

Motion Carried

10. Clerk Hoffenberg reported that a successful Repair Café was held on Saturday, October 19, 2024 and that the next Repair Café will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Township of Lyons' Community Room.

11. Clerk Hoffenberg stated that the AARP Safe Driving Course held on October 29 & 30, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. each day was highly successful. Clerk Hoffenberg commented that seventeen people completed the 2-day course which should result in an automobile insurance reduction for the attendee.

12. Clerk Hoffenberg mentioned that the Clerk's Office is sponsoring a warm clothing drive in collaboration with St. Francis Xavier Church in La Grange. New or Gently Worn coats, boots, and other winter weather clothes will be accepted through November 24, 2024.

13. Clerk Hoffenberg commented that a Toys for Tots Collection Box is now located outside of the Clerk's Office through December 13, 2024. Clerk Hoffenberg stated that only new and unwrapped toys can be donated. Plush toys cannot be accepted.

14. *Finance Committee* – Supervisor Getty reported the payment of bills for the period ending November 12, 2024, is as follows:

A. *General Town Fund* - Trustee Kelly moved; Trustee McDonald seconded to approve the audit of the General Town Fund in the amount of \$304,913.04.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kelly, McDonald, 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 \$8,570.27.

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

Motion Carried.

**C. *Road and Bridge Fund* - Trustee Kelly moved; Trustee McDonald seconded to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$113,913.40.**

**Roll Call: Ayes: Kelly, McDonald, Anderson, Getty**

**Nays: None**

**Motion Carried.**

**D. *Special Police Protection Fund* – Trustee Kelly stated that there were no payables from the period ending November 12, 2024 for the Special Police Fund.**

**15. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to determine the 2024 General Town Levy, General Assistance Levy, Mental Health Levy, Special Police Levy, and the Road & Bridge Levy. Supervisor Getty stated that the General Town Levy, Mental Health Levy, Special Police Levy, and the Road & Bridge Levy each show a proposed 3% increase while the General Assistance Levy shows a 10% decrease which will result in a 2.6% increase in the Total 2024 Levy for the Township of Lyons. Supervisor Getty commented that with 44,732 tax parcels within the Township of Lyons the average annual cost to the taxpayer is an increase of \$3.64. Trustee McDonald moved; Trustee Anderson seconded to determine the 2024 General Town Levy, Mental Health Levy, Special Police Levy, and the Road & Bridge Levy at a proposed 3% increase while the General Assistance Levy will be determined at a 10% decrease resulting in a 2.6% increase in the Total 2024 Levy for the Township of Lyons.**

**Roll Call: Ayes: McDonald, Anderson, Kelly, Getty**

**Nays: None**

**Motion Carried**

**16. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to set the Township of Lyons' 2024 Tax Levy Approval and Adoption Date as December 10, 2024 at the 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting so that the Clerk can hang the Levy for 20 days and be able to publish it in the newspaper of local record no less than seven days nor longer than fourteen days before the date of adoption per state statute.**

**Trustee McDonald moved; Trustee Kelly seconded to set the Township of Lyons' 2024 Tax Levy Approval and Adoption Date as December 10, 2024 at the 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting.**

**Voice Vote in favor by all.**

**Motion Carried.**

17. *Building & Maintenance* – Supervisor Getty stated that on November 7 & 8 the parking lot was power-washed and restriped and that on November 20, three Autumn Blaze Maple Trees and two Red Jewel White Flowering Crabapple Trees will be planted on the grounds of the Township of Lyons' Administrative Offices.

18. *Senior Transportation* – Trustee Kelly commented that she will defer the Senior Transportation report to Supervisor Getty to give under New Business on the agenda.

19. *Committee on Youth* –NO REPORT

20. *Mental Health Commission* – Township of Lyons' Mental Health Executive Director, Jazmin Lopez, reported that after the Township of Lyons' Mental Health Commission learned about the tragic deaths of two Summit residents, one being a 16 year-old Argo High School Student, the Commission was able to bring together NAMI Metro Suburban, Pillars Community Health, and Youth Crossroads to offer bilingual support to those affected at the Summit Public Library on the evenings of November 5<sup>th</sup> through November 8<sup>th</sup>.

21. Executive Director Lopez stated that the Fall 8-week FAST program held at Graves Elementary School in Summit will come to completion on Thursday, November 14 and the next cycle will begin in January 2025 for Summit and Willow Springs seventh graders and their families.

22. Executive Director Lopez commented that a Youth Mental Health First Aid Class will be held at the Bedford Park Community Center on Thursday, November 21 which will teach adults how to assist adolescents. Executive Director Lopez stated that more information can be found regarding this program at [www.MHCLT.org](http://www.MHCLT.org).

23. *Special Police Protection* – NO REPORT

24. *Old Business* – NONE

**25. *New Business*** – Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve a switch in the Township’s Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance policies to MetLife effective December 1, 2024. Supervisor Getty stated that this switch in insurance providers will give greater coverage at a lesser price for its carriers.

Trustee Anderson moved; Trustee Kelly seconded to approve a switch in the Township’s Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance policies to MetLife effective December 1, 2024.

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

**Motion Carried**

**26.** Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to move forward with a new lease-to-purchase 2024 Ford E-350 passenger bus for \$107,694.00 bus from Southern Bus Mobility, 12945 Koch Lane, Breese, IL 62230 for Senior Transportation. Supervisor Getty stated that financing would be provided through Huntington Bank.

Trustee McDonald moved; Trustee Kelly seconded to approve moving forward with a new lease-to-purchase 2024 Ford E-350 passenger bus for \$107,694.00 bus from Southern Bus Mobility, 12945 Koch Lane, Breese, IL 62230 for Senior Transportation.

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

**Motion Carried**

**27. *Public Comment*** – Township Resident Mike Sochacki, 8701 Wolf Rd., Willow Springs, IL 60525 addressed the board with questions regarding the next Repair Café in January 2025, the 2024 Township of Lyons Levy, and the change in the Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance Carrier for Township Employees. All questions were satisfactorily answered by the respective person in charge of those items.



**28. *Adjournment*** – Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to adjourn the Township of Lyons Regular Board Meeting of November 12, 2024.  
Trustee Kelly moved; Trustee McDonald seconded to adjourn the Township of Lyons Regular Board Meeting of November 12, 2024 at 6:27 p.m.  
Voice Vote in favor by all.  
Motion Carried.

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Elyse Hoffenberg  
Clerk, Township of Lyons**