



**TOWNSHIP OF LYONS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
TOWNSHIP HALL COMMUNITY ROOM  
6404 JOLIET RD., COUNTRYSIDE, IL 60525  
DECEMBER 10, 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 28, 2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
  - B. NOVEMBER 12, 2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- 5. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – SUPERVISOR GETTY**
  - A. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LYONS' FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2025 BY G.W. & ASSOCIATES, PC., 311 S. HALSTED ST., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60441 NOT TO EXCEED \$33,500.00.
  - B. ORDINANCE 2024-01 – ADOPTION OF THE 2024 GENERAL TOWN FUND LEVY, GENERAL ASSISTANCE LEVY, MENTAL HEALTH LEVY, AND SPECIAL POLICE LEVY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LYONS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
  - C. ORDINANCE 2024-02 – ADOPTION OF THE 2024 ROAD DISTRICT LEVY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LYONS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
  - D. APPROVAL OF A THREE YEAR PROPOSAL FOR LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE STARTING THE 2025 SEASON FROM BEARY LANDSCAPING, 4627 ELM AVE, BROOKFIELD, IL 60513.  
APRIL 1, 2025 – NOVEMBER 30, 2025 CONTRACT \$2,400.00  
APRIL 1, 2026 – NOVEMBER 30, 2026 CONTRACT \$2,400.00  
APRIL 1, 2027 – NOVEMBER 30, 2027 CONTRACT \$2,520.00
  - E. APPROVAL OF AN HVAC SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE HEAT ENGINEERING CO., 6500 JOLIET RD, COUNTRYSIDE IL 60525 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 24, 2024 THROUGH OCTOBER 25, 2025 AT AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$3,976.00.
  - F. REVIEW OF SPECIAL POLICE MONTHLY REPORTS FROM COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE LIEUTENANT, FREDERICK NOWACZYK

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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. WARM CLOTHING DRIVE RECAP
  - B. TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 13, 2024
  - C. APPROVAL OF THE 2025 CALENDARS – ANNUAL BOARD MEETINGS PER THE O.M.A.
    - i. TOWNSHIP OF LYONS REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS
    - ii. TOWNSHIP OF LYONS MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETINGS
  
7. **FINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE KELLY**
  - A. PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 10, 2024
    - i. **GENERAL TOWN FUND**
    - ii. **GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND**
    - iii. **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**
    - iii. **SPECIAL POLICE FUND**
  
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**
  - A. ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024 WE TOOK POSSESSION OF A 2024 FORD E-350 TEN PASSENGER BUS DELIVERED FROM SOUTHERN BUS & MOBILITY. THIS IS OUR 4<sup>TH</sup> VEHICLE FOR THE SENIOR TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.
14. **NEW BUSINESS**
15. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
16. **ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.**

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DECEMBER 10, 2024  
(PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL AT THE MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2025)**

1. The Board of Trustees of the Township of Lyons held its Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 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:

<b>Christopher Getty</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
<b>Mark Anderson</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>Colleen H. Kelly</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>Donna B. McDonald</b>	<b>Trustee</b>

Also, in attendance was Patrick Hynes, Township of Lyons Assessor; Sean McDermott, Township of Lyons Highway Commissioner; George Pach, Township of Lyons Deputy Clerk; Liz Shine, Attorney with Odelson, Murphey, Frazier, & McGrath, Ltd; Quinn Corcoran, Senior Transportation Director; Sherrie Marrotta, Finance Assistant; Township Employees Ed Ajzyk, Carrie Bernardoni, Molly Price, Kathy Rosenbeck, Mary Van Allen, and several Township residents.

5. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2024 as presented.

Trustee Kelly moved; Trustee Anderson seconded to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2024 as presented.

Voice Vote in favor by all.

Motion Carried.

6. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2024 as presented.

Trustee McDonald moved; Trustee Anderson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2024 as presented.

Voice Vote in favor by all.

Motion Carried.

7. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve the proposal for audit financial services for the Township of Lyons' fiscal year ending February 28, 2025 from G.W. & Associates, PC., 311 S. Halsted St., Chicago Heights, IL 60441 not to exceed \$33,500.00.

Trustee McDonald moved; Trustee Kelly seconded to approve the proposal for audit financial services for the Township of Lyons' fiscal year ending February 28, 2025 from G.W. & Associates, PC., 311 S. Halsted St., Chicago Heights, IL 60441 not to exceed \$33,500.00.

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

Motion Carried

8. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01 adopting the 2024 General Town Fund Levy, General Assistance Levy, Mental Health Levy, and Special Police Levy for the Township of Lyons, Cook County, Illinois.

Trustee Anderson moved; Trustee McDonald seconded to approve Ordinance 2024-01 adopting the 2024 General Town Fund Levy, General Assistance Levy, Mental Health Levy, and Special Police Levy for the Township of Lyons, Cook County, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried

9. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02 adopting the 2024 Road District Levy for the Township of Lyons, Cook County, Illinois.

Trustee McDonald moved; Trustee Kelly seconded to approve Ordinance 2024-02 adopting the 2024 Road District Levy for the Township of Lyons, Cook County, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried

10. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve a three-year contract proposal for Landscape Maintenance beginning with the 2025 season from Beary Landscaping, 4627 Elm Ave., Brookfield, IL 60513 in the following amounts:

April 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025 contract not to exceed \$2,400.00.

April 1, 2026 – November 30, 2026 contract not to exceed \$2,400.00.

April 1, 2027 – November 30, 2027 contract not to exceed \$2,520.00.

Trustee McDonald moved; Trustee Anderson seconded to approve the three-year contract proposal for Landscape Maintenance beginning with the 2025 season from Beary Landscaping, 4627 Elm Ave., Brookfield, IL 60513 in the following amounts:

April 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025 contract not to exceed \$2,400.00.

April 1, 2026 – November 30, 2026 contract not to exceed \$2,400.00.

April 1, 2027 – November 30, 2027 contract not to exceed \$2,520.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

11. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve an HVAC Service Contract from The Heat Engineering Company, 6500 Joliet Rd., Countryside, IL 60525 for the period beginning October 24, 2024 through October 25, 2025 at an annual fee of \$3,976.00.

Trustee Anderson moved; Trustee McDonald seconded to approve the HVAC Service Contract from The Heat Engineering Company, 6500 Joliet Rd., Countryside, IL 60525 for the period beginning October 24, 2024 through October 25, 2025 at an annual fee of \$3,976.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

12. Supervisor Getty deferred to Cook County Sheriff's Police Lieutenant, Frederick Nowaczyk, to explain what the various headings at the top of the October and November 2024 reports on the Township of Lyons' Special Police Protection Patrols for the unincorporated areas in the Township of Lyons meant and what they encompass.

13. Supervisor Getty asked Sheriff Nowaczyk if he was aware of complaints from parents near Pleasantdale School about drivers stopping and dropping off their children on both sides of Laurel Ave which inhibits emergency and non-emergency vehicles an ingress and egress from that area before and after school. Sheriff Nowaczyk acknowledged that the Sheriff's Department does know about the complaints and is presently collaborating with the school for a solution to the problem. Sheriff Nowaczyk stated that letters have gone out to the parents of children at the school and that enforcement of the neighborhood parking regulations will soon begin.

14. Clerk Hoffenberg mentioned that the Clerk's Office sponsored a highly successful warm clothing drive in collaboration with St. Francis Xavier Church in La Grange. An entire large box of new / gently worn coats, boots, and other winter weather clothes was collected and donated.

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

16. Clerk Hoffenberg stated that the Repair Café will return on January 18, 2025 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Knife sharpening will be available and an I-CASH representative from the State of Illinois' Treasurer's Office will be on hand to check for any lost or forgotten monies which may be due to residents in attendance.

17. Clerk Hoffenberg asked for a motion to approve the 2025 Township of Lyons' Annual Calendar of Board Meetings per the OMA. Clerk Hoffenberg stated that the Calendar Dates seeking approval are for the Township of Lyons' Regular Board Meetings which meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each calendar month and the Township of Lyons' Mental Health Commission Meetings with are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month except July, August & September. Clerk Hoffenberg noted that the Regular Board Meeting in November 2025 will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> due to Veteran's Day on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Kelly moved; Trustee Anderson seconded to approve the 2025 Township of Lyons' Annual Calendar of Board Meetings per the OMA.

Voice Vote in favor by all.

Motion Carried.

18. *Finance Committee* – Supervisor Getty reported the payment of bills for the period ending December 10, 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 \$209,954.27.

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 \$10,236.27.

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 \$461,155.28.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kelly, McDonald, 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 Fund in the amount of \$7,920.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

19. *Building & Maintenance* – Supervisor Getty stated that nothing of major importance had taken place but thanked the Board of Trustees for renewing the HVAC contract with The Heat Engineering Company for the next calendar year.

20. *Senior Transportation* – Trustee Kelly commented that Senior Transportation has acquired a new bus and deferred that news for Supervisor Getty to report on later in the meeting under “Old Business.”

21. *Committee on Youth* –NO REPORT

22. *Mental Health Commission* – Township of Lyons’ Mental Health Commission President, Elyse Hoffenberg, reported that the Commission is “closing in” on hiring a Full-time licensed Social Worker for the Village of Bridgeview who would be able to begin by the end of January 2025. The Mental Health Commission will revisit the appointment in 6 months at which time they will decide whether to extend the service to the communities of Justice and Bedford Park. The goal of the Lyons Township Mental Health Commission is to provide each community within the Township of Lyons with its own Social Worker.

23. *Special Police Protection* – Trustee Anderson reported that for the month of October 2024, ten officers provided 198 hours of additional contracted patrol for the unincorporated areas of the Township of Lyons.

24. *Old Business* - Supervisor Getty stated that on Friday, December 6, 2024 the Township of Lyons’ Senior Transportation Department took possession of a new lease-to-purchase 2024 Ford E-350 passenger bus from Southern Bus Mobility, 12945 Koch Lane, Breese, IL 62230. Supervisor Getty commented that this makes the 4<sup>th</sup> bus which will be in service for Township of Lyons’ senior residents.

25. *New Business* - NONE


26. *Public Comment* – Township Resident Mike Sochacki, 8701 Wolf Rd., Willow Springs, IL 60525 addressed the board with questions regarding the levies which were approved earlier during tonight’s meeting. All his questions were answered satisfactorily.



27. Township Resident Grace Szczypta of 6431 Laurel, La Grange Highlands, addressed the Board of Trustees regarding problems that she has been having with water retention and incessant flooding on her property even during periods of moderate rainfall. Ms. Szczypta stated that her sump pump runs nonstop and that she still gets water in her basement continually. Ms. Szczypta noted that the 65<sup>th</sup> Street Culvert is covered with soil and looks as if it has not been maintained for years. Ms. Szczypta believes that the block that she lives on needs to be connected to Willow Spring's Storm Water main line. Ms. Szczypta requested that the 65<sup>th</sup> St. culvert at least be inspected and replaced if necessary. Township of Lyons' Road Commissioner, Sean McDermott, stated that he will speak with her further after the Board Meeting, promised a site check, and will propose what mitigation measures will / may be necessary to alleviate the retention and flooding issues.

28. *Adjournment* – Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to adjourn the Township of Lyons Regular Board Meeting of December 10, 2024.  
Trustee Kelly moved; Trustee McDonald seconded to adjourn the Township of Lyons Regular Board Meeting of December 10, 2024 at 6:36 p.m.  
Voice Vote in favor by all.  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elyse Hoffenberg  
Clerk, Township of Lyons