



**TOWNSHIP OF LYONS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
TOWNSHIP HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
6404 JOLIET RD., COUNTRYSIDE, IL 60525
MAY 12, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL: SUPERVISOR Christopher Getty, TRUSTEES Mark Anderson, Miriam Cruz, David Imielski, Candice Mares**
- 4. MOTION TO ENTER PUBLIC HEARING.**

PUBLIC HEARING OF 2026-2027 BUDGETS

- A. PUBLIC HEARING OF THE FINAL PROPOSED 2026-2027 ROAD & BRIDGE BUDGET, COMBINED GENERAL TOWN, GENERAL ASISTANCE, AND SPECIAL POLICE PROTECTION BUDGET.**
- B. DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PROPOSED 2026-2027 ROAD & BRIDGE BUDGET.**
- C. DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PROPOSED 2026-2027 COMBINED GENERAL TOWN, GENERAL ASISTANCE, AND SPECIAL POLICE PROTECTION BUDGET.**
- D. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING.**

RETURN TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. APRIL 14, 2026 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES.**
- 6. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – SUPERVISOR GETTY**
 - A. APPROVAL OF A \$ \$350.00 DONATION TO THE SUMMIT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, 6233 S. ARCHER RD, SUMMIT, IL TO SPONSOR THEIR SUMMER READING PROGRAM TO HELP CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY IMPROVE READING SKILLS.**
 - B. APPROVAL OF A \$750.00 DONATION TO THE LYONS MUSTANGS ATHLETIC CLUB. 4047 LELAND AVE., LYONS, IL TO SPONSOR AND SUPPORT THEIR TREE PLANTING PROGRAM.**
 - C. APPROVAL OF A \$500.00 DONATION TO THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT, 7425 W. WOLF ROAD, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 TO SPONSOR THE INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION IN WALKER PARK.**

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- D. APPROVAL OF A \$1,500.00 DONATION TO THE ILLINOIS & MICHIGAN CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY TO SPONSOR THE AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2026.
- E. APPROVAL OF A \$3,000.00 DONATION TO THE PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION OF COOK COUNTY, IL (POMFCC) A 501(C)(3) NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, P.O.BOX 195, OAK LAWN, IL 60454 TO ASSIST AND AID IN HONORING FALLEN POLICE OFFICERS THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP OF LYONS AND COOK COUNTY.
- F. APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PROPOSED 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR ROAD & BRIDGE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.
- G. APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PROPOSED 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR COMBINED GENERAL TOWN, GENERAL ASSISTANCE, AND SPECIAL POLICE PROTECTION BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

7. CLERK'S REPORT – CLERK HOFFENBERG

- A. BINGO UPDATE - APRIL 21, 2026 30 (+) RESIDENTS ATTENDED
- B. AARP SAFE DRIVER COURSE RECAP - APRIL 28 & 29 18 RESIDENTS ATTENDED
- C. FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS RECAP APRIL 30 23 RESIDENTS ATTENDED
- D. SPRING SHRED EVENT RECAP - MAY 2, 2026 250 VEHICLES SERVED
- E. I-PHONE TECH SUPPORT HELP UPDATE
- F. GAMES & PUZZLES EVENT MAY 14, 2026
- G. REPAIR CAFÉ – MAY 16, 2026 10:00 A.M – 1:00 P.M.
- H. PET PARADE PARTICIPATION REQUEST MAY 30, 2026

8. ASSESSOR'S REPORT – ASSESSOR HYNES

9. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – COMMISSIONER CARR

10. FINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE IMIELSKI

- A. PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR PERIOD ENDING MAY 12, 2026

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

11. BUILDING & MAINTENANCE – SUPERVISOR GETTY

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12. **SENIOR TRANSPORTATION** – TRUSTEE MARES
13. **COMMITTEE ON YOUTH** – TRUSTEE CRUZ
14. **MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION** – CLERK HOFFENBERG
15. **SPECIAL POLICE PROTECTION** – TRUSTEE ANDERSON
16. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. SECURITY CAMERAS UPDATE & DISCUSSION
 - B. WATER BOTTLE FILLER / FOUNTAIN DISCUSSION
 - C. COMMUNITY EQUITY DONATION POLICY DISCUSSION
17. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. ACCOUNTING FIRM DISCUSSION
18. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
19. **ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING – JUNE 9, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 12, 2026
(PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL AT THE MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2026)**

1. The Board of Trustees of the Township of Lyons held its Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 in the Town Hall, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois 60525.

2. Supervisor Getty called the Meeting to order at 6:06 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
Miriam Cruz	Trustee
David Imielski	Trustee
Candice Mares	Trustee

Also, in attendance was Patrick Hynes, Township of Lyons Assessor; Terry Carr, Township of Lyons Highway Commissioner; George Pach, Township of Lyons Deputy Clerk; Arlene Cabana, Attorney with Odelson, Murphey, Frazier, & McGrath, Ltd; Township Employees Ed Ajzyk, Quinn Corcoran, Rose Naseef, Molly Price, and several Township residents.

5. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to enter the Public Hearing Portion of Tonight's Meeting. Supervisor Getty stated that the Public Hearings tonight will be on the 2026-2027 Township of Lyons' Proposed Budgets.

Trustee Imielski moved; Trustee Cruz seconded to approve to enter the Public Hearing Portion of Tonight's Meeting.

Voice Vote in favor by all.

Motion Carried.

6. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve the final proposed 2026-2027 Road & Bridge Budget. Supervisor Getty commented that the final proposed 2026-2027 Road & Bridge Budget was unchanged from the tentative proposed budget.

Trustee Mares moved; Trustee Imielski seconded to approve the final proposed 2026-2027 Road & Bridge Budget.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mares, Imielski, Cruz, Anderson, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

7. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve the final proposed 2026-2027 Combined General Town, General Assistance, and the Special Police Protection Budgets. Supervisor Getty commented that the final proposed 2026-2027 Combined General Town, General Assistance and the Special Police Protection Budgets were unchanged from the tentative proposed budgets.

Trustee Anderson moved; Trustee Imielski seconded to approve the final proposed 2026-2027 Combined General Town, General Assistance, and the Special Police Protection Budgets.

Roll Call: Ayes: Anderson, Imielski, Cruz, Mares, Getty
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

8. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing Portion of Tonight's Meeting and to return to the Regularly Scheduled Township of Lyons' Board of Trustee's Meeting of May 12, 2026.

Trustee Mares moved; Trustee Cruz seconded to adjourn the Public Hearing Portion of Tonight's Meeting and to return to the Regularly Scheduled Township of Lyons' Board of Trustee's Meeting of May 12, 2026

Voice Vote in favor by all.

Motion Carried.

9. Supervisor Getty stated that the Board of Trustees will now return to the May 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

10. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026 pending correction of the Scribner's Error of "April 14, 2024" on the cover page to read "April 14, 2026".

Trustee Imielski moved; Trustee Cruz seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026 pending correction of the Scribner's Error of "April 14, 2024" on the cover page to read "April 14, 2026".

Voice Vote in favor by all.

Motion Carried.

11. Supervisor Getty, before beginning his report, informed all present that it is with deepest sympathy he must announce that former Township of Lyons' Trustee, Donna B. McDonald, has passed away. Services and funeral arrangements were private.

12. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve a \$350.00 sponsorship to the Summit Public Library District, 6233 S. Archer Rd., Summit, IL to sponsor their Summer Reading Program to help children in the community improve reading skills.

Trustee Anderson moved; Trustee Imielski seconded to approve a \$350.00 sponsorship to the Summit Public Library District, 6233 S. Archer Rd., Summit, IL to sponsor their Summer Reading Program to help children in the community improve reading skills.

Roll Call: Ayes: Anderson, Imielski, Cruz, Mares, Getty
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

13. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve a \$750.00 sponsorship to the Lyons Mustangs Athletic Club, 4047 Leland Avenue, Lyons, IL to sponsor and support their tree planting program.

Trustee Mares moved; Trustee Cruz seconded to approve a \$750.00 sponsorship to the Lyons Mustangs Athletic Club, 4047 Leland Avenue, Lyons, IL to sponsor and support their tree planting program.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mares, Cruz, Imielski, Getty
Nays: None
Abstentions: Anderson

Motion Carried.

14. Supervisor Getty, asked for motion to approve a \$500.00 sponsorship to the Pleasant Dale Park District, 7425 W. Wolf Rd., Burr Ridge, IL 60527, to sponsor the Independence Day Fireworks Celebration in Walker Park.

Trustee Cruz moved; Trustee Mares seconded to approve a \$500.00 sponsorship to the Pleasant Dale Park District, 7425 W. Wolf Rd., Burr Ridge, IL 60527 to sponsor the Independence Day Fireworks Celebration in Walker Park.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cruz, Mares, Imielski, Anderson, Getty
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

15. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve a \$1,500.00 sponsorship to the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Civic Center Authority to Sponsor the America 250 Celebration on September 26, 2026.

Trustee Imielski moved; Trustee Cruz seconded to approve a \$1,500.00 sponsorship to the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Civic Center Authority to Sponsor the America 250 Celebration on September 26, 2026.

Roll Call: Ayes: Imielski, Cruz, Anderson, Mares, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

16. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve a \$3,000.00 donation to the Peace Officers Memorial Foundation of Cook County, IL (POMFCC) a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization, P.O.Box 195, Oak Lawn, IL 60454 to assist and aid in honoring fallen police officers throughout the Township of Lyons and Cook County.

Trustee Anderson moved; Trustee Mares seconded to approve a \$3,000.00 donation to the Peace Officers Memorial Foundation of Cook County, IL (POMFCC) a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization, P.O.Box 195, Oak Lawn, IL 60454 to assist and aid in honoring fallen police officers throughout the Township of Lyons and Cook County.

Roll Call: Ayes: Anderson, Mares, Cruz, Imielski, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

17. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve and adopt the final proposed 2026-2027 fiscal year Road & Bridge Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Trustee Imielski moved; Trustee Anderson seconded to approve and adopt the final proposed 2026-2027 fiscal year Road & Bridge Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Roll Call: Ayes: Imielski, Anderson, Mares, Cruz, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

18. Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to approve and adopt the final proposed 2026-2027 fiscal year Combined General Town, General Assistance, and Special Police Protection Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Trustee Imielski moved; Trustee Mares seconded to approve and adopt the final proposed 2026-2027 fiscal year Combined General Town, General Assistance, and Special Police Protection Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Roll Call: Ayes: Imielski, Mares, Anderson, Cruz, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

19. Clerk Hoffenberg reported that the Clerk's Office has been very busy the past month hosting the ever popular events of Senior Bingo, an AARP Safe Driver Course, a Flower Arranging Class, and one of the most successful Spring Shred Event ever, which collected a total of 7,120 lbs. (3.56 tons) of paper. Clerk Hoffenberg stated that upcoming events for those who wish to participate will include a Games & Puzzles afternoon for Seniors on May 14th, a Repair Café on May 15th, and a Paper Shred Event in Bridgeview on June 13th. Clerk Hoffenberg commented that the Clerk's Office as well as the Township of Lyons' Mental Health Office will participate in the 80th Annual Pet Parade in Downtown La Grange on Saturday, May 30th and invited all who wish to participate in walking with the Township to notify Ed in the Supervisor's Office as soon as possible.

20. *Assessor's Report* - Township of Lyons' Assessor, Patrick Hynes, reported that the Assessor's Office is in the last week of filing tax exemptions for residents, that the Cook County Treasurer is in the process of sending out property tax refunds to qualified residents and reminded all present that 2026 is a property tax reassessment year for the Township.

21. *Highway Commissioner's Report* – Township of Lyons Highway Commissioner, Terry Carr, commented that the 2026 Road Resurfacing Program should be complete within the next week, the chipping of branches has started, culverts at eleven homes have been cleaned out, and the Township of Lyons Highway Department is currently working with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to ameliorate major drainage issues at three residences.

22. Finance Committee – Trustee Imielski reported the payment of bills for the period ending May 12, 2026, is as follows:

A. General Town Fund - Trustee Imielski moved; Trustee Cruz seconded to approve the audit of the General Town Fund in the amount of \$227,854.46.

Roll Call: Ayes: Imielski, Cruz, Anderson, Mares, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

B. General Assistance Fund – Trustee Imielski moved; Trustee Anderson seconded to approve the audit of the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$13,974.13.

Roll Call: Ayes: Imielski, Anderson, Cruz, Mares, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

C. Road and Bridge Fund – Trustee Imielski moved; Trustee Mares seconded to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$65,933.99.

Roll Call: Ayes: Imielski, Mares, Cruz, Anderson, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

D. Special Police Fund – Trustee Imielski moved; Trustee Anderson seconded to approve the audits of the Special Police Fund in the amounts of \$8,100.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: Imielski, Anderson, Cruz, Mares, Getty

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

23. Building & Maintenance – NO REPORT

24. *Senior Transportation* – NO REPORT

25. *Committee on Youth* – Trustee Cruz reported that there are just a few more interviews to conduct for the Township of Lyons’ Summer Youth Employment Program. Sixty-seven youth have signed up for the program to date.

26. *Mental Health Commission* – Township of Lyons’ Mental Health Commission President, Elyse Hoffenberg, commented that the Commission has launched a new non-profit suggested by the Illinois Secretary of State called the Lyons Township Clear Initiative with Trustee Cruz being one its founding members; a Township of Lyons’ Community Social Worker has been hired; a Commission supported children’s Summer Camp called Camp You-Thrive to be housed at Hope Church in La Grange Highlands will begin soon for children 6-12 years of age with youth aged 13-14 given the potential to be junior counselors; Leadership Academy participants from Park Junior High in La Grange, Heritage Middle School in Summit and Lyons Township High School in La Grange will be graduating from the program in the next few days; a Lunch & Learn Presentation in conjunction with NAMI on Mindfulness was held and the next one will be on June 18; the Beautiful Sounds workshop has been going strong; a Movers & Shakers Breakfast was held; Dr. Emmie Crement attended a panel conversation at the Hideaway in the city on the one year anniversary of Corina’s Law; a community conversation will be held next Monday on depolarizing held in conjunction with Braver Angels; a Youth Mental Health First Aid Training will be held on June 6 at the Brookfield Library; a Play Café Magazine is debuting; the Annual Mental Health Grant Reviews are beginning and the Annual Mental Health Budget is being discussed.

27. *Special Police Protection* – Trustee Anderson reported that for the month of April 2026, there were 307 premise checks, sixty-seven assigned premise checks, twelve school premise checks and two traffic stops. Trustee Anderson also stated that this is National Police Week.

28. *Old Business*

- ***Security Camera Update & Discussion*** – After a thorough review and discussion of the two proposals that had been submitted, one from Griffon Systems and one from Hyper IT, the Township of Lyons’ Board of Trustees came to a consensus to have Griffon Systems draw up a contract.

- *Water Bottle Filler / Fountain Discussion* – After a thorough review and discussion of the two proposals that had been submitted, one from Morning, Noon & Night Plumbing and one from R. Difoggio & Sam Plumbing & Sewer, the Township of Lyons' Board of Trustees came to a consensus to have R. Difoggio & Sam Plumbing & Sewer draw up a contract.
- *Community Equity Donation Policy Discussion* – Via an extensive discussion of Trustee Mares' Community Equity Donation / Sponsorship Proposal, the Township of Lyons Board of Trustees asked if the Township Attorney, Arlene Cabana, could update the 2011 Donation Policy that had set a limit of donations for community events currently at \$750.00 to be raised to \$3,300.00 per community in any fiscal year. Trustees did note that this is an idealized sum based on the current budget if divided up amongst the seventeen municipalities that compose the Township of Lyons. Trustees did note that the amount per community should / could be increased depending upon the situation and need of the community, but that any request for an increase in funding to any one community, beyond the \$3,300.00 suggested limit would have to be brought before the Township of Lyons' Trustees for approval. The trustees also suggested that the new policy should have guidelines that the community that is asking for monetary assistance would need to follow. Township Attorney Cabana agreed to draft such a proposal to bring before the Board.

29. *New Business* – Supervisor Getty stated that now that the new budget has been approved, he will start advertising for a part-time accountant.

30. *Public Comment* – The following individuals spoke during the Public Comment portion of the Township of Lyons' Regular Board Meeting on May 12, 2026. Supervisor Getty stated that all public comments would be taken under advisement from the Board of Trustees and that no discussion would be taken up on any of the items brought forward tonight.

- Township of Lyons Resident, George Pach, commented that he would like to see a donation request submission deadline included in the new donation policy of at least two to four weeks before the Board Meeting which would approve it, lest it be for an emergency purpose. Mr. Pach stated that getting the request later than that does not give the Board enough time to research the group which is asking for the donation nor to review the request.

- Township of Lyons Resident, Rose Naseef, thanked the Board for considering installing a Water Bottle Filler / Fountain in the building.
- Township of Lyons Resident, Mike Sochacki, wondered why only two proposals and not three were obtained for additional security cameras; why the Board approved donations tonight over the \$750.00 donation policy guidelines which were set in 2011; reminded the Board that he believes that the Township of Lyons should get paid back from the Village of Lyons when the Village uses Senior Transportation buses for their Village events which are not Township initiated and supported; and asked if more river rock might be able to be put down on the road in front of his house to prevent water ponding during heavy rains.
- Trustee Imielski asked Attorney Cabana if she could add into the new donation guidelines discussed tonight that the Board of Trustees would be able to approve donation amounts over the \$750.00 maximum for non-profits by majority vote.

31. *Adjournment* – Supervisor Getty asked for a motion to adjourn the Township of Lyons Regular Board Meeting of May 12, 2026.

Trustee Imielski moved; Trustee Cruz seconded to adjourn the Township of Lyons Regular Board Meeting of May 12, 2026 at 7:11 p.m.

Voice Vote in favor by all.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elyse Hoffenberg

Clerk, Township of Lyons