



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 16, 2025**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, June 16, 2025, at the Township of Lyons, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Hoffenberg.

President Hoffenberg asked for the Roll Call.

Commissioner(s) Present: Elyse Hoffenberg; Rev. Jeffrey Clemons; Sophia Mallis; Al Dorobiala; William Seith; Steve Palmer, Barbara Minneci; and Erin Miller.

Commissioner(s) Absent: Hon Russell W. Hartigan

Staff Present: Mariam Ahmad, Executive Administrator; and Cathy Pierson Lenke, Program Manager.

Agency Director(s) Present: Shelly Lustrup, NAMI.

Guest(s) Present: Adrian Moons, Del Galdo Law Group; and Ross Dziallo, Lyons Township intern.

Guest(s) via Telephone: N/A

**AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A **MOTION** was made by Clemons and seconded by Palmer to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Agenda was approved.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 19, were reviewed. A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Clemons to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2025, as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

**BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:**

Board President Elyse Hoffenberg shared with the commission her concerns regarding the decline in the number of Lyons Township residents being served by Pillars Community

Health. She noted that she had contacted the agency to hold them accountable and to explore whether there is anything the Township can do to help address the issue.

**PRESENTATION BY ROSS DZIALLO:**

Ross presented a proposal for a Therapy Dog Grant Program, developed by the Township of Lyons interns. The goal of the program is to reduce stress and anxiety, particularly among first responders—of whom 1 in 3 experience PTSD, depression, or anxiety. The program also aims to provide broader benefits to the community, including support for students in elementary, middle, and high schools.

The estimated first-year cost of the program is approximately \$6,300, covering the purchase of the puppy, training, insurance, and general pet care. After the first year, the annual cost is projected to decrease to about \$2,250.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**N/A**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Resolution No. 2025-02 Ratifying and Confirming All Actions Taken During FY25**

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Minneci, to approve Resolution No. 2025-02 as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, William Seith, Steve Palmer, Al Dorobiala, Erin Miller, and Barbara Minneci. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer's Report dated June 16, 2025, as follows:

Ending Balance as of April 30, 2025:	\$3,371,900.39
Receipts during May 2025:	\$ 17,549.21
Disbursements during May 2025:	\$ 341,017.02
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2025:	\$3,048,432.58

A **MOTION** was made by Seith and seconded by Clemons to approve the Treasurer's Reports dated June 16, 2025, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, William Seith, Steve Palmer, Al Dorobiala, Erin Miller, and Barbara Minneci. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:**

Sophia Mallis presented a list of Twenty-five (25) Payables totaling \$309,634.33 dated June 16, 2025.

A **MOTION** was made by Clemons and seconded by Mallis to approve the Monthly Payables dated June 16, 2025, as presented; Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey

Clemons, Sophia Mallis, William Seith, Steve Palmer, Al Dorobiala, Erin Miller, and Barbara Minneci. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**A MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mallis and seconded by Seith at 6:48 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. The meeting was adjourned.

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Elyse Hoffenberg  
Commission President

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Hon. Russell W. Hartigan  
Secretary