



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2025

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, September 15, 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; Hon Russell W. Hartigan; Al Dorobiala; William Seith; Steve Palmer, Barbara Minneci; and Erin Miller.

Commissioner(s) Absent: N/A

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

Agency Director(s) Present: N/A

Guest(s) Present: Adrian Moons, Del Galdo Law Group.

Guest(s) via Telephone: N/A

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Hartigan 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 June 16, were reviewed. A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Mallis to approve the Minutes of June 16, 2025, as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:

Board President Elyse Hoffenberg informed the Commission that the committee is in the process of updating the bylaws. She requested that everyone on the board review the

current bylaws and note any changes they would like to suggest. The committee will then review the suggestions

PRESENTATION BY MARIAM AHMAD & CATHY PIERSON LENKE:

Mariam updated the board on two community events organized by the Commission. The first was the Summit Barbecue, which attracted 75 residents to the Summit Park District in collaboration with Justice, Bedford, and Bridgeview Park District. The event brought together seniors from surrounding suburbs for socializing, gardening (planting native plants at Summit Garden), and a healthy dance exercise led by Humana, all topped off with a delicious barbecue.

The second event took place at the Justice Park District, where over 30 seniors from nearby areas gathered for an Ice Cream Social. Attendees enjoyed treats, played games, and participated in a mental health and wellness talk led by Humana.

Cathy provided an update to the Commission on several upcoming programs set to launch in the next few months, starting with the FAST program, Grief Connections (which will be hosted at Lyons Township), and Youth Mental Health First Aid Training.

Over the summer, Cathy coordinated the Summer Camp Scholarship program, helping students from Lyons Township attend summer camps, totaling \$7,997.20. She also facilitated a De-Escalation Training Part 2, which was attended by 12 participants. Additionally, Cathy introduced the Commission to a new youth leadership program that will be available to Lyons Township, which she believes will greatly benefit the youth in the community.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Girl Scout Troop 56922 – Sponsorship to the troop was given in the amount of \$7,531.83 to assist with activities the troop will be participating this year.

Approval of Community Service Dog for Bridgeview

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Minneci to approve the service dog for the Village of Bridgeview Fire Department. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, William Seith, Steve Palmer, Al Dorobiala, Erin Miller, and Barbara Minneci. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Reassignment of Board Liaison Positions- Board President Elyse Hoffenberg asked the commissioners to email Mariam Ahmad with their top three choices of agencies where they would like to serve as liaison.

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer's Report dated July 21, 2025, as follows:

Ending Balance as of May 31, 2025:	\$3,048,432.58
Receipts during June 2025:	\$ 42,003.04
Disbursements during June 2025:	\$ 353,239.96
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2025:	\$2,737,195.66

A **MOTION** was made by Seith and seconded by Hartigan to approve the Treasurer's Reports dated July 21, 2025, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, 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 Forty (40) Payables totaling \$339,150.70 dated July 21, 2025.

A **MOTION** was made by Minneci and seconded by Hartigan to approve the Monthly Payables dated July 21, 2025, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, 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 August 18, 2025, as follows:

Ending Balance as of June 30, 2025:	\$2,737,195.66
Receipts during July 2025:	\$ 9,040.71
Disbursements during July 2025:	\$ 321,329.64
Ending Balance as of July 31, 2025:	\$2,424,906.73

A **MOTION** was made by Seith and seconded by Clemons to approve the Treasurer's Reports dated August 18, 2025, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, 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-seven (27) Payables totaling \$330,421.02 dated August 18, 2025.

A **MOTION** was made by Clemons and seconded by Seith to approve the Monthly Payables dated August 18, 2025, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, 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 September 15, 2025, as follows:

Ending Balance as of July 31, 2025:	\$2,424,906.73
Receipts during August 2025:	\$ 30,223.38
Disbursements during August 2025:	\$ 330,470.47
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2025:	\$2,124,659.64

A **MOTION** was made by Clemons and seconded by Minneci to approve the Treasurer’s Reports dated September 15, 2025, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, 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 Thirty (30) Payables totaling \$345,958.49 dated September 15, 2025.

A **MOTION** was made by Clemons and seconded by Hartigan to approve the Monthly Payables dated September 15, 2025, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, 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 Dorobiala at 6:53 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. The meeting was adjourned.

Elyse Hoffenberg
Commission President

Hon. Russell W. Hartigan
Secretary