



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 16, 2026**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, March 16, 2026, at the Township of Lyons, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Hoffenberg.

President Hoffenberg asked for the Roll Call.

Commissioner(s) Present: Elyse Hoffenberg; Rev. Jeffrey Clemons; and Al Dorobiala.

Commissioner(s) Absent: Sophia Mallis; Barbara Minneci; and Erin Miller

Staff Present: Mariam Ahmad, Executive Director of Operations & Partnerships, Cathy Pierson Lenke, Executive Director of Community Outreach & Education, and Dr. Emmie Crement, Community Support Specialist

Agency Director(s) Present: N/A

Guest(s) Present: Trustee Candice Mares

Guest(s) via Telephone: N/A

**AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Clemons 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 February 23, were reviewed. A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Clemons to approve the Minutes of February 23, 2026, as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

## **BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:**

President Hoffenberg reported that Candice Mares will represent LTMHC at the Countryside Rotary Club. She will share information about upcoming events at their weekly meetings, which may help increase attendance and create opportunities for future partnerships.

### **Summer Camp Update:**

The search for a summer camp location is ongoing. Village Park Districts have expressed reluctance to partner, as summer camps serve as a revenue source. If a location is not secured, LTMHC will offer camp scholarships for township residents. Summit Park has requested four camp counselors and two maintenance staff. Discussion followed regarding how to equitably distribute interns across the townships.

Elyse invited Emmie to provide an update on Martha, the service dog. Emmie described Martha as calm, intelligent, and gentle, and noted that she continues to undergo training toward certification.

LTMHC co-hosted a Working Moms event with Helping Hand and OptWell. The event included a dedicated space for mothers, as well as childcare, during which children participated in a cooking class. The partnership was well received, although attendance was lower than anticipated.

Emmie also provided an update on the tutoring pilot program in partnership with Brain Freeze. A registration process has been established, and tutoring is available from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Partnerships with School Districts 104 and 109 aim to support children's academic success and help reduce parent anxiety related to students' academic challenges.

Elyse also discussed the possibility of hosting a monthly community meal for families. The event would provide an opportunity for families to gather over a shared meal (e.g., pizza, salad, and ice cream), hear from a guest speaker on relevant family-related topics, and learn about available township resources.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **March 25: Unplanned Road Workshop** – focused on helping residents respond to unexpected life challenges.
- **March 31: *Be the Reason Someone Lives*** – Training for administration of Naloxone to individuals experiencing an overdose. Participants will receive an emergency dose of Naloxone. Training will be facilitated by Live4Lali.
- **April 1, May 6, and June 3: *Beautiful Sounds*** – a sound meditation program.
- **April 15: *Dealing with Difficult People*** – focused on raising awareness of emotional and physical abuse.
- **April 24: *Puppy Yoga*** for staff at Argo High School. Thirty participants registered within one hour. Due to high demand, a second session may be added.
- **May 6, 13, 20, and 27 (4:00–5:30 p.m.): *Self-Reflection and Expression Writing Workshop*** for individuals ages 12 and older.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jonathan Robinson approached President Hoffenberg requesting that all LTMHC meetings be recorded and posted as part of an audio library on the organization’s website to promote transparency. This item will be presented for a vote at the next board meeting.

**TREASURER’S REPORTS:**

Jeffrey Clemons presented the Treasurer’s Report dated March 16, 2026 as follows:

Ending Balance as of January 31, 2026:	\$1,049,528.10
Receipts during February 2026:	\$1,299,412.70
Disbursements during February 2026:	\$ 347,166.46
Ending Balance as of February 28, 2026:	\$2,001,774.34

A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Clemons to approve the Treasurer’s Reports dated March 16, 2026, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, and Al Dorobiala. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:**

Jeffrey Clemons presented a list of thirty (30) Payables totaling \$319,159.80 dated March 16, 2026.

A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Hoffenberg to approve the Monthly Payables dated March 16, 2026, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, and Al Dorobiala. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Clemons and seconded by Dorobiala at 7:07 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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Barbara Minneci  
Secretary