

708 Community Mental Health Board Finance Committee Minutes

729 S McLean Blvd Elgin, IL

Finance Committee Meeting of October 11, 2023

The Finance Committee meeting of the Elgin Township Community Mental Health Board was called to order by Committee Chair Mike Warren at 5:31 PM. Amanda Teachout led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mike Warren, Farrah Stephen, Amanda Teachout, and Andrew Sosnowski (5:33). Not present, Trustee Liaison Alex Lopez

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Stephen moved to approve the agenda and Ms. Teachout seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Committee Chair's Report: Mr. Warren shared that the Needs Assessment had been received, the timeline is tight and the Finance Committee must leave the meeting with a recommended levy amount of the whole Community Mental Health Board. The timeline stated is that the recommendation must be submitted to the tax assessor by October 31 and the Trustee Liaison Lopez will present the recommendation to the Township Board in early November. A Truth in Taxation hearing will be held before mid-December. The Funding will occur in the second half of 2024. The Finance Committee will continue to meet to support the Planning Committee and build a responsible fiscal structure.

Approval of September 27, 2023, Minutes: Ms. Stephen moved to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2023, Minutes and Ms. Teachout seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Member Comments: None.

Discussion of Draft Administrative Budget: Mr. Warren noted that large cuts had been made as requested. The budget included the extra time for the consultant, a possible grant writer and legal representation.

Consideration of Recommended Levy for Community Mental Health Board-Mr. Warren thanked Suzanne Rozycki for the chart she created that broke down yearly dollar amount for various potential levies. Mr. Warren shared that people on the Mental Health Board want to be effective and he felt the number levied should be significant. He recommended 1.29 million. Mr. Sosnowski stated he wanted to be deliberate and after assessing the needs of the community and listening to the providers, he felt the Mental Health Board should consider a number closer to 1.3 million or 1.4 million. Ms. Stephen stated that she agrees with Mr. Sosnowski. Ms. Teachout stated she thought a number closer to 1.8 would be preferable. Mr. Sosnowski stated the Board could build trust with the taxpayers and increase the number over time. Mr. Sosnowski moved to consider the amount of 1.4 million dollars and Ms. Stephen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Maureen Manning, and Elgin Township resident and Executive Director of the Community Crisis Center urged the Board to levy the full amount and expressed her dismay at the Finance Committee for seeking a lower than allowed number.

Announcements: The 708 Board Meeting is planned for October 18 at 7 pm. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for November 29 at 5:30.

Adjournment: Ms. Teachout moved to adjourn at 6:44 PM and Ms. Stephen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Teachout.

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Amanda Teachout/Secretary

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Date