

**Elgin Township  
Mental Health Board  
729 S. McLean Blvd.  
Elgin, IL 60123  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 15, 2021**

Pursuant to Illinois Executive Order 2020-07 and 2020-33 signed by Governor Pritzker on March 16, 2020 and April 30, 2020, respectively, some members of the Township Mental Health Board are lawfully attending this meeting via video conferencing.

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Franklin Ramirez (special meeting requested by two Mental Health Board Members, Karen Beyer & Danise Habun

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members present: Franklin Ramirez, President  
Karen Beyer, Vice President  
Kate McCormack  
Danise Habun  
Suzanne Rozycki  
Misty Javan  
Shirley Bassett

Quorum established.

- II. Recognize Public Comments:
  - A. Maureen Manning, Crisis Center: Astonished that County would attempt to overturn the will of the people (67% approved referendum) especially in the current situation of so many mental health needs in the community
  - B. Lorie Baker, AID: Dismayed that with 100 plus person waiting list for people with intellectual disability to get services, the County would rule to negate the outcome of the referendum vote.
  - C. Ed Hunter, Hospital Chaplain: Mentioned that in speaking to Elgin's Salvation Army Captains, they stated the need for advocacy for the vulnerable is quite serious.
  - D. Joann Hartmann, Senior Services: All in support of what had been articulated by others. Also, denying services to most vulnerable will not be well received by the public.
  
- III. Discussion of Kane County Tax Extension and its implications
  - A. The Kane County Clerk, Jack Cunningham, has informed Elgin Township Supervisor that the tax extension will not be made for the Elgin Township Mental Health Board. This was done in agreement with the State's Attorney Civil Division approval.

- B. The issue as stated was the wording in the referendum does not comply with PTELL
- C. Three options:
  - 1. Sue for immediate court decision on whether the referendum was compliant (before May 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - 2. Sue for court decision and if successful send out additional tax bill this year.
  - 3. Sue for court decision and, if successful, collect taxes in 2022.
- D. Only entity with “standing” can sue for resolution. There is clarity needed as to whether the Elgin Township Mental Health Board would meet the qualification for “standing”.
- E. Motion was made by Danise Habun: I move that the Elgin Township Mental Health Board pursues finding an answer to the question on whether the Elgin Township Mental Health Board has standing to pursue litigation to reverse the Kane County Clerk’s decision regarding tax extension for May 2020 tax bills. Motion was seconded by Shirley Bassett Motion was unanimously approved.
- F. Karen agreed to contact Bloomingdale Township to obtain specifics regarding their referendum since it has been recently approved.

#### IV. Recess

- A. Suzanne Rozycki moved to recess this meeting and resume at 6 pm at the Township Offices, 729 S. McLean Blvd, Elgin, IL. 60123. on April 22 at 6 pm. Karen Beyer seconded. Unanimous approval. Meeting recessed at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Rozycki  
Secretary