

MINUTES

TOWN OF THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: October 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Feinen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. following the reading of a proclamation declaring Pride Fest Week for 2025.

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Vanna Pianfetti Robert Pollett
Kathy Shannon Davion Williams
Shauna Clayborn Matthew Gladney
William Kyles Chairperson Feinen

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Michael Foellmer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kyle Patterson, Township Supervisor
Thomas Yu, Township Attorney
Charlene Murray, Interim Executive Director,
Strides Shelter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- September 30, 2025 Special Township Meeting

Board Member Pianfetti, seconded by Board Member Gladney, moved to approve the minutes. There was no Board Member discussion. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF CHECKS WRITTEN – ALL FUNDS, August 2025:

August showed the total for the Town Fund was \$259,922.12; General Assistance Fund was \$28,814.61; Shelter Fund was \$27,268.20; Social Security Fund was \$1,778.95; and IMRF was \$11,833.27. Total expenditures for the month of August 2025 were \$329,617.15. Board Member Pianfetti, seconded by Board Member Gladney, moved to approve the expenditures, and place them on file. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes. Motion carried.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Strides Study Session

Staff Presentation: Director Murray and Supervisor Patterson's presentation of Strides included the following topics:

- Purpose
- Our Story So Far
- Challenges and Lessons
- Discussion Topics
 - Operational Strengthening
 - Fund Development & Financial Planning
 - Improved Safety & Security
 - Enhanced Program Impact
 - Community Building & Community Trust
- Measuring

Action Recommended: Strides Leadership Team is seeking provision of insight, feedback and collaboration from the Town Board.

Board Member Technical Questions: Board Members' technical questions included prioritizing areas of concern; inclusion of community members and business owners on the steering committee; definition of doners; limitation of beds served vs. bed expansion; staff reductions; asbestos determination; outreach to other governmental entities; timeline for filling Executor Director position on a permanent basis; and community outreach regarding reduction of Strides capacity.

Public Input: The following members of the audience spoke regarding the Strides Shelter:

- Jeff Brokish, Champaign
- Jan Erkert, Champaign
- Wayne Wager, Champaign
- Kayliegh Loseman, Champaign

Board Member General Discussion: Board Members' comments included appreciation to staff for the presentation; inclusion of local business owners; a continued request for updates on meetings with community agencies; communication with business owners in the shelter area; concerns with staff reductions; ability to utilize the Community Foundation of East Central Illinois as a charitable resource; ability to support all residents with limited capacity; timeline of revisioning process; closure alternatives; contingency planning for winter months; shelter location; funding gap; donation of in-kind services; acknowledgment of community members and business owners in the audience; ability of Supervisor to provide answers to questions; and a request for a status update at the November 4, 2025, Town Board meeting.

Poll: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

TOWN BOARD AND TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT: Town Board Members' comments included appreciation to Township staff; and a request for an update to the Strides Revisioning: Benchmark document, incorporating input from the Strides subcommittee.

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Town Meeting will be held on November 4, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: Board Member Pianfetti, seconded by Board Member Gladney, moved to adjourn. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Shannon Myers
Town Clerk