

CMHB, Moraine Township Minutes of Board Meeting June 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair David Paushter at the Moraine Township Office located at 800 Central Ave, Highland Park.

The following Board Members were in attendance in person: Chair David Paushter, Members Nora Barquin, Zach Duenow, Kari Guhl, Allison Levin, Desmond Raftery, Heather Schwartz, and Daniel Yohanna.

Also present: Moraine Township Supervisor Nancy Chausow Shafer and Administrator Sanela Abazovic.

Approval of Minutes:

- Member Schwartz moved, seconded by Member Yohanna, the approval of minutes from the regular board meeting of May 12, 2025. **The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Public Comment:

- There was no public comment.

Presentation:

- **NICASA Behavioral Services – Elizabeth Thielen, Senior Director**
Provided comprehensive overview of gambling addiction and the ‘Are You Really Winning’ campaign.

Approval of Bills:

- Member Duenow moved, seconded by member Schwartz, the approval of bills from May 13 to June 9, 2025 in the amount of \$8,827.00.
Voting Aye by roll call vote: Chair Paushter, Members Barquin, Duenow, Guhl, Levin, Raftery, Schwartz, and Yohanna. Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**

Financial Reports:

- Administrator Abazovic reviewed Levy & Replacement Tax distributions received from Lake County and the State of Illinois, respectively.
- Administrator Abazovic reviewed the CMHB bank account balance by month for the current year.

Action Items:

- Motion by Member Levin to approve the updated CMHB Meeting Calendar, seconded by Member Yohanna. **The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

- Motion by Member Yohanna to approve the loan repayment of \$100,000 per the Intergovernmental Agreement between Moraine Township and CMHB dated December 11, 2024, seconded by Member Levin. Voting Aye by roll call vote: Chair Paushter, Members Barquin, Duenow, Guhl, Levin, Raftery, Schwartz, and Yohanna. Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**

Chair's Remarks:

- Chair Paushter proposed gathering contacts from other various mental health boards in Illinois for benefit of our Board to learn what works best in each community.

Program Updates/Committee Reports:

Bylaws: Members Yohanna and Levin

- Member Yohanna submitted CMHB Bylaws to attorney for review. No response back yet.

Communications/Website: Member Duenow

- Member Duenow circulated a draft of what the CMHB website could look like in terms of design/function/information.

Intellectual/Developmental Disability: Members Raftery and Schwartz

- Member Raftery will continue his research on expanding the components of additions and including it on the website.

Strategic Planning: Members Levin and Schwartz

- Members Schwartz and Levin presented a 1 year Strategic Plan for the Board. A new list of committees was provided for Board Members to join. Each member chose two committees with two members on each panel. Each committee will address those specific agendas to report on each upcoming meeting.

Potential Speakers: Member Barquin

- Member Barquin provided a hand-out for Board Members to share with potential speakers to create an overview of managing expectations for both the Board and speakers.

Executive Session

None.

Old Business:

- Discussion was continued on filling the empty Board Member position, recommendations should be sent to Supervisor Shafer at super@morainetownship.org
- Member Barquin provided a hand-out for Mental Health Focus Group questions to determine what are the true needs of the community.

New Business:

- Discussion was had on creating a Finance Committee.

Staff Report:

None.

Adjournment:

Member Raftery moved, seconded by Member Duenow, adjournment of the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Kari Guhl

Kari Guhl, CMHB Secretary