



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COMMITTEE AGENDA**

PUBLIC AID APPEALS COMMITTEE
Brookens Administrative Center, Meeting Room 4
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana
Monday, March 25, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.

CHAIR: Al Kurtz

MEMBERS: Pam Borowski, Bernard Magsamen, James Rusk

ITEM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. September 25, 2012 Minutes
- b. November 28, 2012 Minutes

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**VI. PUBLIC AID APPEAL FROM CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP REGARDING
APPELLANT #02.72**

- a. Oath, Testimony, & Receipt of Evidence from Appellant
- b. Oath, Testimony, & Receipt of Evidence from Township
- c. Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4) to Consider Evidence or
Testimony Presented in Open Hearing to This Quasi – Adjudicative Body
- d. Announcement of Decision

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

(Oath Script: Please raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear and affirm to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth to the best of your ability?)

Please note that parties to a case heard by the Public Aid Appeals Committee receive only the agenda attachments relevant to their case, in order to protect the privacy rights of any other parties who may have their case heard before the committee.

1 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
2 **COMMITTEE MINUTES**
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5 **PUBLIC AID APPEALS COMMITTEE**

6 **Tuesday, September 25, 2012**

7 **Brookens Administrative Center, Meeting Room 4**

8 **1776 E. Washington St., Urbana**
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11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pam Borowski, Bernard Magsamen, James Rusk, C. Pius Weibel

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13 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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15 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Carol Elliott (Cunningham Township Supervisor), Fred Grosser
16 (Attorney for Cunningham Township), Ranae Wolken (Administrative
17 Assistant)
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19 **CALL TO ORDER**

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21 Weibel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
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23 **ROLL CALL**

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25 Wolken called the roll. Borowski, Magsamen, Rusk, and Weibel were present at the time of
26 the roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.
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28 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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30 **OMNIBUS MOTION** by Rusk to approve the minutes of September 22, 2010 and August 8,
31 2012; seconded by Borowski. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**
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33 **AGENDA/ADDENDUM**

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35 **MOTION** by Rusk to approve the agenda for the meeting; seconded by Magsamen. **Motion**
36 **carried with unanimous support.**
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38 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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40 There was no public participation.
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42 **PUBLIC AID APPEAL FROM CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP**
43 **REGARDING APPELLANT #02.12**
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45 **Receipt of Evidence from Appellant and Township**
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47 Appellant was under the impression he could attend school in place of workfare. School
48 started in August but before then he worked at Habitat for Humanity. Borowski asked if he had
49 contacted the township to notify them he was attending school. He did not.
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51 Rusk asked what date school began. The Appellant stated school started on August 27th.
52 Weibel asked what type of classes the Appellant attended. Appellant 2.12 said they were G.E.D.
53 classes.

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55 Weibel swore in the witnesses. Amy Wolf, Caseworker said her first contact with Appellant
56 2.12 was during the intake appointment where she explained workfare program consisted of 29 hours
57 per month at an agency based on need. She said he was aware that he needed to provide written
58 documentation that he attended school.

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60 Bridgette Butler, Workfare Coordinator, said they had contacted him twice in July letting him
61 know that he was required to attend the Workfare.

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63 Carol Elliott, Cunningham Township Supervisor testified that although Appellant 2.12 had
64 agreed to do the workfare in August, he did not.

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66 **MOTION** by Magsamen to accept exhibits presented and place on file; seconded by
67 Borowski. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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69 **MOTION** by Borowski to enter into Closed Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(4) to
70 Consider Evidence or Testimony Presented in Open Hearing to This Quasi – Adjudicative Body;
71 seconded by to accept the township’s statement of facts into evidence; seconded by Magsamen.
72 **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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74 The committee entered into Closed Session at 9:59 a.m. The committee resumed Open
75 Session at 10:04 a.m.

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77 Announcement of Decision

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79 **MOTION** by Borowski to uphold the Cunningham Township’s decision to find Appellant
80 #02.12 ineligible for general assistance benefits based on previous warnings and the Appellant
81 #02.12 failure to comply; seconded by Magsamen. **Motion carried by roll call vote with**
82 **unanimous support.**

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84 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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86 There was no other business.

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88 **ADJOURNMENT**

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90 The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

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92 Respectfully submitted,

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94 Kay Rhodes
95 Administrative Assistant

1 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
2 **COMMITTEE MINUTES**
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5 **PUBLIC AID APPEALS COMMITTEE**
6 **Wednesday, November 28, 2012**
7 **Brookens Administrative Center, Meeting Room 4**
8 **1776 E. Washington St., Urbana**
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11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bernard Magsamen, James Rusk, C. Pius Weibel
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13 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Carol Elliott
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15 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Pam Borowski (City of Champaign Township Supervisor), Kay
16 Rhodes (Administrative Assistant), Matthew Roeschley (Attorney for
17 the City of Champaign Township)
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19 **CALL TO ORDER**
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21 Weibel called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
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23 **ROLL CALL**
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25 Rhodes called the roll. Magsamen, Rusk, and Weibel were present at the time of the roll call,
26 establishing the presence of a quorum.
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28 **AGENDA/ADDENDUM**
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30 **MOTION** by Rusk to approve the agenda for the meeting; seconded by Magsamen. **Motion**
31 **carried with unanimous support.**
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33 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
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35 There was no public participation.
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37 **PUBLIC AID APPEAL FROM THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN TOWNSHIP**
38 **REGARDING APPELLANT #01.11**
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40 **Receipt of Evidence from Appellant and Township**
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42 Weibel swore in Appellant #1.11. Appellant said the Statement of Facts made it sound as if he
43 was irrational and that was not the case. Appellant said he spent a lot of time getting together the
44 requested paperwork only to learn he did not qualify. Appellant did not understand why he was not
45 told he did not qualify in the first place.
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47 Weibel asked the Appellant to clarify what he considered unfair. Appellant stated the
48 caseworker told him he would probably qualify, so he took the time to collect the necessary
49 paperwork only to be denied.
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53 Weibel swore in the Assistant Attorney for the City of Champaign Township, M. Roeschley
54 and the City of Champaign Township Supervisor, P. Borowski. Borowski stated the first time she
55 met Appellant #1.11 was when he brought in some of the paperwork and the caseworker was not in
56 at that time. Borowski stated she showed Appellant a copy of the law that says if an applicant has
57 record of either of these felonies, they are considered ineligible for General Assistance. Borowski
58 informed Appellant he had the right to appeal and he did.

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60 Roeschley cited the section of the Public Aid Code (305 ILCS 5/1-10) Drug Convictions:
61 *Persons convicted of ...a Class X felony, or a Class 1 felony,...shall not be eligible for cash*
62 *assistance provided under this Code.*

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64 A copy of the General Assistance Questionnaire, which, was filled out by the Appellant, was
65 entered into evidence. At the bottom of the form in large bold letters, it states... ***if you answered YES***
66 ***to any of the following questions, then you are ineligible for General Assistance-Transitional***
67 ***Assistance.***

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69 Appellant #1.11 reiterated again that if the Township already knew that he was ineligible why
70 they had him gather the necessary paperwork. Borowski responded that she was not present the first
71 time Appellant visited the office for assistance. Borowski said her office always asks if an applicant
72 has a felony conviction. Borowski said since she was not present she could not say that the
73 caseworker did this. Borowski stated that they still give out the application even when the applicant
74 states they have a felony. Borowski said if the Appellant could get his record expunged then he
75 could be eligible.

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77 **MOTION** by Rusk to enter into Closed Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(4) to Consider
78 Evidence or Testimony Presented in Open Hearing to This Quasi – Adjudicative Body; seconded by
79 to accept the township’s statement of facts into evidence; seconded by Magsamen. **Magsamen,**
80 **Rusk, and Weibel voted in favor of the motion.**

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82 The committee entered into Closed Session at 4:21 p.m. The committee resumed Open
83 Session at 4:23 p.m.

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85 Announcement of Decision

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87 **MOTION** by Rusk to uphold the City of Champaign Township’s decision to find Appellant
88 #01.11 ineligible for general assistance benefits based on a Class 1 Felony conviction; seconded by
89 Magsamen. **Magsamen, Rusk, and Weibel voted in favor of the motion. Appeal denied.**

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91 OTHER BUSINESS

92 There was no other business.

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94 ADJOURNMENT

95 The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

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97 Respectfully submitted,
98 Kay Rhodes
99 Administrative Assistant