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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COMMITTEE MINUTES

PUBLIC AID APPEALS COMMITTEE

Friday, June 26, 2015

**Brookens Administrative Center, Putman Meeting Room
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patsi Petrie, Chair
Bernard Magsamen, Andy Quarnstrom, James Rusk, Bryan Wrona

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Cole (Ludlow Township Caseworker), Kay Rhodes
(Administrative Assistant), James Quinlan (Ludlow Township
Supervisor)

CALL TO ORDER

Petrie called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Rhodes called the roll. Magsamen, Quarnstrom, Petrie, Rusk, and Wrona were present at the time of the roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.

AGENDA/ADDENDUM

MOTION by Quarnstrom to approve the agenda for the meeting; seconded by Rusk. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OMNIBUS MOTION by Magsamen to approve the minutes of October 29, 2014 and February 26, 2015; seconded by Quarnstrom. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

**PUBLIC AID APPEAL FROM LUDLOW TOWNSHIP
REGARDING APPELLANT #3.20**

Oath, Testimony, & Receipt of Evidence from Appellant 3.20

Petrie asked Appellant 3.20 to present his oath and testimony regarding his appeal. Appellant presented evidence regarding a scheduled court appearance which had caused the Public Aid Appeal Committee to reschedule the hearing.

Appellant testified that he had missed his scheduled meeting with Ludlow Township because he had an emergency with a terminally ill family member for which he is the caretaker. The family member was taken to the emergency room via ambulance causing the appellant to miss his meeting.

Appellant testified that he came into the township office the next day and talked to Caseworker Cole and Mr. Quinlan, the Ludlow Township Supervisor. Appellant testified that the discussion became heated and he left the township office. Appellant testified that he had a behavioral disorder for which he receives treatment, which added to the heated level of the discussion.

Wrona asked if the appellant had presented evidence of the ambulance trip to the township office. The appellant testified that he did not, but could do so. Appellant testified that the situation would not have escalated had he not felt disrespected by the Township Supervisor Quinlan.

Rusk confirmed that the appellant had not presented the requested proof to the township for a legitimate reason for missing his scheduled meeting.

The appellant apologized for his actions on the day in question.

Oath, Testimony, & Receipt of Evidence from Township

Petrie asked the township to present its oath and testimony regarding the appeal. Quinlan testified that he did not intend to insult the appellant when he referred to him as a “young man”. Quinlan testified that from his perspective, the case would not have reached this point had the appellant not left the initial meeting so abruptly.

Quinlan testified that the appellant did not come in to the township office until a week after he missed his scheduled meeting. Quinlan stated that his office had no recourse but to terminate benefits. Quinlan testified that had the appellant at least called the township office to explain the circumstances, his benefits would more than likely have been continued.

Cole testified that she had asked the appellant twice to bring something in showing that his family member was taken by ambulance for emergency treatment and she received nothing. Rusk summarized that the appellant had three opportunities to present the required proof to the township; April 21, April 29 and at today’s hearing.

MOTION by Quarnstrom to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4) to consider evidence or testimony presented in open hearing to the Quasi-Adjudicative Body; he further moved the following individual remain present: the Recording Secretary; seconded by Wrona. **Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.** Petrie, Rusk, Wrona and Quarnstrom voted in favor of the motion. The committee entered into closed session at 9:25 a.m.

The committee resumed open session at 9:27 a.m. After consideration of the testimony and evidence presented by the township and the appellant, the committee ruled in favor of the township.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Wrona to adjourn; seconded by Rusk. **Motion carried with unanimous support.** The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Rhodes
Administrative Assistant