

Big Rock Township  
Community Mental Health 708 Board Meeting  
Thursday, June 15, 2023

MINUTES

Board member Ken Rojek called the regular meeting of the Big Rock Township Mental Health 708 Board to order at 7:03 PM on Thursday, June 15, 2023, via conference call.

Members Present: Raquel Case-Enck, Tom Losiniecki, Ted McCannon, Ken Rojek, Joanne Tosch

Members Absent: Judy Blincoe, Brenda Rompf

Also present: Dalila Alegria, INC MHA  
Colleen Baliya, INC MHA  
Ann Montgomery, INC MHA  
Jennifer Long, Conley Outreach

Under Staff Report, Conley Outreach Executive Director Jennifer Long gave the West Towns report on the clients and activities. She stated 54 new clients were served, 196 total contacts were made, and 72 referred out. Activities include distributing community meals, sorting donations, working with clients at the Clothing Exchange Clothes Closet, hosting WTCRT Zoom meetings, Kaneland Coalition meetings, grief support groups, and preparing for Good Grief Day camp in late June.

President Ted McCannon asked for approval of the minutes of the February 23, 2023, meeting. Upon a motion by Rojek and second by Tom Losiniecki, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Operations Manager Colleen Baliya reported on the INC finances for the period of July 1 through April 30, 2023. All tax revenues have been received plus additional funds from Big Rock township, and interest rates are improving. Expenses YTD are \$1,756,971. Overall, Net Income is \$354,580.

Administrative Assistant Ann Montgomery reviewed the unaudited client statistics for the fiscal year through April 30, 2023. She reported that 40 Big Rock Township residents received 84 units of service for that period.

Executive Director Dalila Alegria reviewed the 2022 Tax Extension Report. She reported that the Big Rock levy request was \$26,143 and the extension is \$26,143.

Alegria reviewed the preliminary 2023-2024 budget and noted changes to several items while offering explanations.

Balija presented the approved 2023-24 Allocations. She reported that the INC Board of Directors approved the funding recommendations by the Program Committee. There are 3 new agencies and 8 new programs in FY24.

Under New Business, Alegria shared the recommendation from the INC Board of Directors to the Big Rock Township 708 Board for the proposed 2023 mental health tax levy. The increase would be for the 5% Consumer Price Index (CPI) allowed under the tax cap, plus any additional levy allowed due to new construction. Rojek made the motion to accept the recommendation for the increase to the township board. The motion was seconded by Raquel Case-Enck and passed unanimously. Staff will forward the recommendation to Supervisor Rojek.

Balija presented the 708 Board with the proposed meeting schedule for 2023-24. Due to scheduling conflicts, the board rescheduled FY24 meeting days to Wednesday, and Balija will send out a revised meeting schedule.

Alegria reported that McCannon, Joanne Tosch, and Brenda Rompf terms will expire on June 30, 2023. Tosch graciously agreed to be re-appointed, and McCannon will advise Alegria on his decision to be re-appointed to another 4-year term. Alegria contacted Rompf for her re-appointment. Alegria will request reappointments, if agreed upon, from Supervisor Rojek.

Balija invited 708 board members to participate in the INC MHA Program Committee and Scholarship Ad-hoc Committee. Description of the committees was reviewed. Board members interested in these committees can contact Balija directly.

Under the Liaison Report, Rojek mentioned that there are 2 vacancies with the INC Board of Directors and interested candidates can contact staff.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Case-Enck and, with a second by Losiniecki, it was passed by unanimous vote at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Losiniecki  
Secretary