

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, April 6, 2015

1:30 PM

Conference Room C, 10th Floor

Lake County Public Aid Committee

1. Roll Call

Chair Lawlor called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Present 3 - Cheri Neal, Aaron Lawlor and Diana O'Kelly

Absent 2 - Anne Flanigan Bassi and Patricia Jones

Excused 1 - Dan Venturi

Others present:

Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office

Jen Fielder, Lake Villa Township

Philipp Libenson, Appellant

Deborah Severson, Court Reporter

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Board Office

Dan Venturi - Lake Villa Township

2. Chair's Remarks

Chair Lawlor reviewed the procedural rules for hearing Mr. Philipp Libenson's request.

3. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

4. New Business**4.1 [15-0391](#)**

Hearing on the appeal of a decision by the General Assistance Office of Lake Villa Township to terminate a general assistance case.

Mr. Philipp Libenson, appellant, was sworn in. Mr. Libenson provided his statements as to why he should be eligible for general assistance, including denial of unemployment and Veteran's assistance. Mr. Libenson indicated a doctor's note was required in lieu of participating in the Community Work Program but he was unable to afford the doctor's biweekly copays for such note. He reported to work in accordance with the work scheduled provided by the office but after two hours, he realized he was unable to do the work tasked to him and informed the office that he was unable to stay. He indicated that he then received a letter that he was disenrolled from the program.

Mr. Dan Venturi, Lake Villa Township, was sworn in. Mr. Venturi questioned Mr. Libenson regarding inconsistencies in his application and the difficulty in verifying such information. Mr. Libenson indicated he is on medication and does not recall much information including whether he signed the application before him, who resides in the single family house with him, and the timing of when his bank account was closed.

Member Neal inquired whether Mr. Libenson applied for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Mr. Libenson indicated he had but there is a delay between the filing of the application and meeting SSI. His doctor has nothing to do with SSI.

Chair Lawlor indicated that the Committee would take the testimonies of Mr. Libenson and Mr. Venturi under advisement and would render a decision within seven days.

Discussion ensued and the consensus of the the Committee was that Mr. Libenson did not submit the required verification documents within 45 days of Lake Villa Township receiving the request for assistance.

A motion was made by Member O'Kelly, seconded by Member Neal, to deny Mr. Libenson's request for general assistance based upon failure of the appellant to provide within 45 calendar days of the date of application information or verification necessary for a determination of eligibility.

Aye 3 - Member Neal, Chairman Lawlor and Alternate O'Kelly

Absent 2 - Member Flanigan Bassi and Member Jones

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair

Lake County Public Aid Committee