

**LISLE TOWNSHIP  
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER: Township Clerk Richard Tarulis called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Lisle Township Assessor's office, 4721 Indiana Avenue, Lisle, IL.

1. Election of Moderator: Motion by Chuck Clarke to nominate Gerry Cassioppi as the Moderator of the Annual Meeting. Second by Bob Klaeren. Motion by Joe Heneghan to nominate Anna Simeon as the Moderator. Second by Melissa Urda. Voice vote results unclear. Voting by show of hands were 32 in favor of Cassioppi, 33 in favor of Simeon.

Clerk Tarulis administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Simeon.

Motion by Bob Klaeren to set the Moderator's salary at zero. Second by Joe Kagann. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed.

2. Appointment of Sergeant-at-Arms and Parliamentarian: Moderator Simeon appointed Bob Klaeren as the Sergeant at Arms and Rick Tarulis as the Parliamentarian for the Annual Meeting.

3. Approval of April 12, 2011 Annual Town Meeting Minutes: Motion by Carol Redell to approve the April 12, 2011, Annual Town Meeting minutes. Second by John Huff. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed.

4. Report from Township Clerk: Township Clerk Tarulis read the financial statements for the past fiscal year, including beginning balance, income, expenses and ending balance for each Township and Road District fund.

5. Vote to Add Advisory Question of Public Policy to be Placed on November 6 Ballot: Motion by Ben Liu to make more information available prior to the meeting. Second by Judy Bloom. Voice vote, motion failed.

Motion by Liz Martinez to limit all comments to two minutes. Second by John Huff. Voice vote, motion passed.

Steve Alesch read the question submitted by petition, for the voters at this meeting to determine whether it should be placed on the November 6, 2012 ballot:

"Should the United States Constitution be amended to clearly state that only individual persons, and not corporations, associations, or any other organizational entities, are entitled to the rights enumerated in the Constitution?"

Mr. Alesch discussed the U.S. Supreme Court case of Citizens United which allowed unlimited financial contributions to super-PACs. He noted the costs of elections are up 1,600% in recent years. The question is intended to end corporate personhood.

Liz Martinez questioned whether the question would apply to unions as well.

Paul Sjoldal referred to a website for the American Bankers on how to own legislators.

Carol Redell supports the referendum question because the Supreme Court is not perfect.

Mike Costello said there has to be a stop to the excessive money in elections.

Bob Bowers supports the referendum.

John Russell supports.

Rick Tarulis noted the poor wording of the question, and said no one he has spoken with, including attorneys, understood what the question was about.

Nate Piesch supports.

Melissa Urda said the Constitution is based on one person – one vote. Corporations are not people.

Larry Spencer noted that many people are not voting.

Joe Heneghan noted the question is advisory, and although it is not perfect, it is good enough.

Ben Liu questioned the cost of putting the question on the ballot.

Motion by Patti Voras to close comments. Second by Mike Tams. No vote taken.

Mike Tams said the question doesn't specify what section of the Constitution should be amended, and wondered what rights were being taken away.

Steve Alesch said the intent would be to add another section to the Bill of Rights, which applies to people only. The next amendment would be #27.

Motion by John Huff to close questions and comments. Second by Scott Belfor. Voice vote, motion passed.

Vote by show of hands whether to place the advisory question on the ballot in November:

Ayes – 36

Nays – 26

Abstain – 1. Motion passed.

6. General Assistance/Food Pantry Report: Ms. Lois Biggins reported that the food pantry is open three days per week. About 125 eligible families receive approximately 15 – 20 pounds of meat and can goods each month. All residents are eligible to receive bread, vegetables, and

food donated by restaurants. About 30 – 40 families receive food each day that the food pantry is open. The food pantry is staffed by volunteers. Ms. Biggins thanked several of the volunteers who were present. She also thanked the Friends of Lisle Township for raising funds to supplement food purchases from the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

7. Report from Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Mike Dow was ill, so Superintendent John Quinn gave a report. The Highway Department inspected ash trees in the right-of-ways, and found that 395 out of 517 trees are infected by emerald ash borers. They have purchased treatment to inject in the non-infected trees. The cost is about \$25 per tree. The brush pickup and paving schedules will remain the same this year. Mr. Quinn introduced the staff of the Road District, and thanked them for their hard work.

8. Report from Assessor: Assessor John Trowbridge introduced his staff and complimented them on doing a great job. The real estate market is still declining, but taxing districts are still levying the same amounts in taxes. There is a tremendous amount of housing inventory available.

Ben Liu questioned how many employees live in the township. Mr. Trowbridge answered none. Mr. Liu also questioned how the tax bills go up when the assessments are not. Mr. Trowbridge explained the tax bills are based on the tax levies of the taxing bodies.

9. Report from Township Supervisor: Supervisor Clarke thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He introduced the staff who work in his office, and thanked them for another year of excellent service. Mr. Clarke noted that this year's budget is the same as last year, and the township abated 3% of the tax levy this year. Ben Liu questioned how many employees live in the township. Mr. Clarke answered four.

10. Approval of Sale of Property: Supervisor Clarke described how the township purchased a house on Sleight Street in Naperville in 1978 with grant funds, for the purpose of leasing the home to a not-for-profit organization as a home for abused and neglected teenage girls. The Town Board has decided that it doesn't want to be in the real estate business any longer. The statutes contain a procedure to sell real estate, and the electors must approve the sale prior to seeking offers.

Motion by Mike Loftus to sell the house on Sleight Street, in accordance with the statutes. Second by Mike Costello.

Vote by show of hands. Motion passed. The Township Clerk shall prepare a proper form of Resolution for signatures.

11. Public Comments from Registered Voters of Lisle Township: John Huff thanked the Township officials for doing a good job.

12. Set Next Annual Town Meeting Date: Motion by Bob Klaeren to set the next annual town meeting for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at the Township Assessor's building. Second by Lois Biggins. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed.

13. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Patti Voras. Second by Chuck Clarke. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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