

**LISLE TOWNSHIP
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Township Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Tarulis at 7:30 p.m. at the Lisle Township office, 4711 Indiana Avenue, Lisle, IL.

Roll Call:

Physically Present:

Supervisor Richard Tarulis
Highway Commissioner Charles Clarke
Assessor John Trowbridge
Trustee Michael Tams
Trustee Michael Riedy
Trustee Sharon Connell
Trustee Ed Young
Clerk Robert Klaeren

Present Electronically: None

Absent: NONE

Others Present:

Frank Keller	Anna Hatfield	Edward Hatfield
Janet Keller	Donna Schreiber	Bill Green
Jane McGuffey	Rich Weigel	Joy Maguire-Dooley
Barbara Richardt	Jim Vondran	

Public Comments:

Donna Schreiber conveyed the fact that she had reviewed her tax bill and that \$76.48 of this bill went to the township. She then explained that she removed 26% of this for the operation of the assessor's office leaving \$56.60 for the supervisor's office to operate and provide aid to the poor. She then stated that she calculated that \$2.00 of the \$56.60 went to aid the indigent. She said that if someone had given money to a charity that they would expect more than 3% would go to the purpose of the organization.

Mrs. Schreiber then went on to state that when they returned last month to ask if the board had any questions regarding the presentation she made at the Public Comments portion of July's meeting that she and others were surprised that the board had no questions. She went on to state that she had reviewed the minutes of the July meeting earlier in the day. Mrs. Schreiber then read a portion of the minutes, stating that she now knew why no one had any questions for the group. Her assertion was that the minutes inadequately conveyed the power of the earlier presentation

and was responsible for the lack of questions. She then said that she could understand how the board felt that they had done a good job because at the July meeting the supervisor had stated that the township now provides larger amounts for those it serves. Mrs. Schreiber closed her statement by saying that they had showed the board their numbers of how much was given. This was done using the information available to them; this information included prior township audits and other public documents. She then challenged the board to "show us" that the township was doing more because they don't see it in the numbers they have.

The supervisor then stated that the board is unprepared to respond to the demand for multiple reasons. His reasons included that no one from the organization asked to have this topic put on the agenda. Because of this he and his staff have no information prepared to answer her specific questions and that he felt blindsided. Another reason provided by the supervisor was since the increased aid was implemented last year that he had not received the townships audit to determine the impact of the increased amounts provided to the poor. He felt that until the current audit was done and accepted by the board he could not determine if and how much additional aid the township could afford to give out.

Mrs. Schreiber then provided a spreadsheet documenting how much the organizations she is speaking for, the St. Vincent DePaul Societies at St. Scholastica, St. Joan of Arc and St. Margaret Mary, gave to the poor. She told the board that once they review the spreadsheets they will see that they have increased aid, but that they do not believe the township has from the data they have.

The supervisor then stated that the township cannot give out money to those who do not qualify for aid under the guidelines.

Richard Weigel then interjected that the even when people qualify they typically only receive \$200.00 per month in rental assistance when a one bedroom apartment in the area is \$600.00 - \$800.00. The poor often come to them for additional aid and that they give all the money that they have. His assertion is that if the township can give more, which he believes it may be able to, it should. He and the others would like the board to consider increasing aid by increasing the amounts we provide and by adjusting the qualifications to receive aid.

Mrs. Connell and Mr. Tams then asked a few clarification questions. Mr. Weigel addressed them and went through their process to qualify aid recipients.

The supervisor would like to have the group ask for this item to be placed on the agenda of a future meeting. He further stated that the public comments portion of the meeting was not the place to get into a detailed discussion regarding any issue. That an issue as complicated as this requires preparation to be properly addressed.

The conversation continued between the board and Mr. Weigel and Mrs. Schreiber regarding the issue, then Trustee Young offered to work with the organizations to review the numbers in the near future.

The supervisor once again asked that the groups assembled request to be put on a future agenda.

Approval of August 13, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Tams motioned for the approval of the minutes from the August 13th meeting. Trustee Riedy seconded the motion.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

IMRF ERI Discussion:

The highway commissioner submitted a letter that his department would realize significant savings in his department if ERI was enacted. Due to the fact that he would not hire a full time replacement for one of his workers who has indicated he would take advantage of the plan.

The assessor then stated his office saved a lot of money last time an ERI program was enacted, This time he had not yet completed a detailed analysis to determine what the potential savings would be for his department should ERI be passed.

The supervisor had not prepared numbers for the meeting so the item was tabled.

No action was taken.

Discussion of Health Insurance Renewal:

There was a discussion as to the history of program changes and deductible increases in the past. These discussions are precipitated by the projected 17% increase in next year's premium.

Construction Status/Change Orders/Pay Request # 2:

Mr. Vondran provided the board with an update on the construction of the new wheel chair lift and entrance, as well as the improvements to the food pantry. The project is moving along but there have been some delays. These delays included material not arriving and a few issues with underground electrical lines that were not previously documented which needed to be relocated.

Motion by Trustee Connell to approve the 2nd payment request for \$ 90,906.50. Seconded by Trustee Young.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tams, Riedy, Connell, Young, Tarulis,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

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Motion Passed

Discuss and Approve Township Audit:

The supervisor stated that this item was put on the agenda prior to receipt of the audit .He then stated since the audit was only received just prior to the meeting that he did not feel it was fair to ask the board to vote on it.

The item was tabled to the October meeting.

Reports of Elected Officials:

Assessor Trowbridge: No Report

Highway Commissioner Clarke: He is continuing to work to resolve an issue that involves a builder, the Village of Downers Grove, and residents near 59th and Eleanor just east of Interstate 355.

Supervisor Tarulis: He mentioned a good article regarding the job club had been passed out to the board. He had also received and distributed the latest report from Clarke Environmental regarding mosquito infestation.

Other Business:

Jim Vondran brought two upcoming events to the attention of those in attendance.

The Triad is presenting its Healthy Wealthy and Wise Conference for Seniors; the purpose of this event is to assist seniors in navigating today's healthcare maze, awareness and prevention of fraud, scams, and cyber-attacks. This event will be held at the Naperville Municipal Center, Friday, September 12th.

The Naperville and Lisle Townships Triad is holding its Fall Car Care Safety Clinic for Seniors, hosted by the Lisle Township highway department at the Lisle Township campus on October 4th from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Audit of Expenditures:

Motion by Trustee Young to audit expenditures. Second by Trustee Reidy. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed.

The following total expenditures in each fund were reviewed:

Town Fund	\$ 138,689.89
General Assistance Fund	\$ 12,908.41
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 651,778.23

Motion by Trustee Young to approve the audit of the expenditures. Seconded by Trustee Connell.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tams, Riedy, Connell, Young, Tarulis,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Riedy, second by Trustee Tams. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Klaeren
Township Clerk

** Next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday October 8, 2014 at 7:30 PM, at the Lisle Township Assessors Building (4721 Indiana Ave, Lisle IL 60532) on the lower level **