

**LISLE TOWNSHIP  
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 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 Assessor's office, 4721 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:

Bill Green  
Jim Vondran

Joy Maguire-Dooley  
Lois Biggins

Bill Edson  
David Streich

**Public Comments:**

Lois Biggins, Lisle Township food pantry director, thanked the township trustees for volunteering their time at the recent food drive. The food drive was held at the Jewel food store at Maple Avenue and Illinois 53 in Lisle.

Mrs. Biggins further informed the board that the food drive netted 27 banana boxes of food for the pantry.

**Approval of September 10, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

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

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Budget Hearing – 2014 Amended Budget:**

The Public Hearing for the 2014 amended budget was opened at 7:32 PM.

Supervisor Tarulis noted that the only item that has been amended is line “10-1308-Capital Improvements.” The amount of the change is from \$300,000.00 to \$600,000.00.

There were no public comments.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:34 PM.

**Discuss and Approve the Amended 2014 Budget:**

The board discussed the building improvements, and generally agreed that the enhancements to the food pantry portion of the building were very important. It was stated that these improvements were necessary in order to better serve those in need.

Trustee Young motioned that to approve the 2014 budget as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tams.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

**Discussion of Health Insurance Renewal:**

The supervisor introduced Bill Edson and David Streich of Esser Hayes Insurance Group. They are present to inform the township board of its options regarding health insurance plans for its employees. The gentlemen went through several options for the township given the new healthcare law. The trustees and supervisor each went through their concerns regarding the costs of the existing plan which will have a 17% cost increase if the board does change plans. The plans were discussed from two points of view; these were the impact of the new, higher costs on the residents as well as the employees of the township.

The decision was made to ask the township employees to look at the United HealthCare website provided to them by Esser Hayes. This is so they can investigate if their doctors and hospitals are covered by this company’s network. The board feels that the switch may be worthwhile if the network is a good one.

The board and supervisor asked that Esser Hayes please send information to the supervisor so he and the other elected department heads can provide the information regarding the plans to staff.

One issue that needed to be addressed before October 15 is, would the board be pursuing a course that potentially includes its current policy which is Affordable Care Act (ACA) exempt at its new high cost.

Mr. Tams motioned that the board would not be pursuing its current ACA exempt plan after December 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Trustee Riedy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tams, Riedy, Connell, Tarulis

Nays: None

Present: Young

Absent: None

Motion Passed

The final decision on which ACA compliant policy the board would be pursuing is to be made in the November meeting.

**IMRF ERI Discussion:**

Supervisor Tarulis began the discussion by referring to a document he placed in into the board packets. He went on to say that he did not develop the scenarios in the document nor did he calculate the numbers; the document was provided to him by a member of staff. He reviewed the document and wanted to provide it to the board for their consideration.

The supervisor then went on to say that with the ongoing construction and other township business that he had not had an opportunity to put together a potential impact and cost document for the supervisor's office. He then asked that the issue be tabled until next month when he felt he could be better prepared. Mr. Tarulis further noted that at this time he had no recommendation regarding the adoption of an early retirement incentive.

The board briefly discussed the supervisor's suggestion that the discussion be put off until next month. During the discussion it the general consensus was that the issue should be discussed and voted on tonight, as the issue has been on the agenda for at least three months. The supervisor expressed his concerns with a vote tonight.

Members of the board then engaged in a lengthy and passionate discussion regarding the adoption of an early retirement incentive plan as allowed by IMRF. The board discussed scenarios provided in both the highway department's document and scenarios presented in the document forwarded to the board by the supervisor.

The board discussed that a motion would be needed to productively advance the conversation and potentially resolve the issue this evening. As a result of this portion of the debate, Mr. Tams made a motion that the board adopts an early retirement incentive program. Trustee Young seconded the motion.

The supervisor expressed that he did not believe that the program is guaranteed to save the township a large amount of money. The supervisor then asked if any of the eligible elected officials would take the early retirement incentive. The highway commissioner said that he would need to run the numbers and see if it would be worth his while to participate given the amount of his personal financial commitment. When asked if he was considering taking the early retirement incentive, the assessor stated, "not at this time."

The board with the supervisor continued to discuss the issue and the potential financial implications with various scenarios and their financial impacts on the township and its bottom line. The board asked questions regarding how the different departments would function and speculated on the number of individuals who would participate. This was done using the information it had in hand as well as the number of employees who were eligible and had expressed an interest in participating in an early retirement program.

The supervisor reiterated that while he is not against saving money, he does not see the guaranteed savings he would need to support the issue.

The board members each expressed varying opinions as to how much money it would save if they were to enact an early retirement incentive.

Trustee Tams restated his motion that the board approves an early retirement incentive program beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. The second was by Trustee Young.

Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes: Tams, Connell, Young  
Nays: Riedy, Tarulis  
Absent: None  
Motion Passed

**Discuss and Approve Annual Township Audit:**

Trustee Riedy made the motion to approve the Annual Town Audit for the 2013 fiscal year. The second was by Trustee Connell.

There was a discussion regarding the audit. Specifically, Trustee Young wanted clarification on what he felt may be an inconsistency in the notes regarding a property tax notation.

Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes: Tams, Riedy, Connell, Young, Tarulis,  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Passed

**Draft for Year 2015 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance:**

The supervisor asked that the board to tentatively approve the 2015 budget and its posting. This is so there can be a public hearing on the proposed budget at the next meeting.

Mr. Tarulis then went through some of the lines that changed and reminded the board that the current fiscal year is only nine months.

Trustee Tams asked if the numbers for aid were increased for the upcoming year. The supervisor stated that there was more than enough money budgeted to consider increasing individual aid amounts for needy residents.

Mr. Green then elaborated that the General Assistance budget is designed to have at least a small amount of money left at the end of the year. This is so that the township never has to turn away a qualified individual. Bill then went on to praise Laura Pantaleo and the efforts she makes to see that everyone who qualifies gets help.

Trustee Connell made the motion to tentatively approve and post the 2015 Lisle Townships budget, Trustee Riedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The question was asked if the highway department's budget needed to be tentatively approved and posted as well. The supervisor said that it did not; the highway commissioner could post the budget himself.

**Lobbyist Proposal for DuPage County Townships:**

The supervisor wanted to provide the board with an opportunity to comment on the subject of all of the townships of DuPage combining their resources to pay for lobbyist at a combined cost of \$27,000.00 per year. The supervisor expressed his reservations regarding a lobbyist for townships. It was generally agreed on that it was the board's responsibility to establish and maintain relationships with our local legislators who represent the residents of the township in Springfield.

Following the discussion: Trustee Tams made a motion that Lisle Township not participate in the hiring of a lobbyist. The motion was seconded by Trustee Young. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed.

**Reports of Elected Officials:**

Assessor Trowbridge: No Report

Highway Commissioner Clarke: No Report

Supervisor Tarulis: Reported that the work on the building is progressing better. The masons are done and the carpenters are almost done.

The supervisor also noted that in the audit is the construction company's third pay request (PR #3) for \$ 96,062.26

**Other Business:**

Jim Vondran reported that the TRIAD Car Care Safety Clinic for Seniors was held at the township campus the previous Saturday. The volunteers successfully inspected 33 cars in inclement weather. He complimented the many volunteers who participated and thanked Highway Commissioner Clarke for hosting the event.

**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	\$ 136,516.60
General Assistance Fund	\$ 13,134.60
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 143,247.17

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Connell, second by Trustee Riedy. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Klaeren  
Township Clerk

\*\* The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday November 12, 2014 at 7:30 PM, at the Lisle Township Assessor's building (4721 Indiana Ave, Lisle IL 60532) on the lower level. \*\*