

**LISLE TOWNSHIP
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2016

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 Ed Young
Assessor John Trowbridge
Trustee Michael Tams
Trustee Michael Riedy
Trustee Jerome Buch
Trustee Kathy Chatman
Clerk Robert Klaeren

Present Electronically: None

Absent: None

Others Present:

Rachel Ossyra
Chuck Kern
Jim Vondran
Bill Green

Ride DuPage Update:

After a very brief discussion, Supervisor Tarulis asked the board if they objected to moving the "Ride DuPage Update" agenda item up this evening as a courtesy to the supervisors of Wheatland and Naperville Townships. Hearing no objections he asked the supervisors to begin.

Both Rachel Ossyra, Naperville Township Supervisor and Chuck Kern, Wheatland Township Supervisor introduced themselves. Then, Supervisor Kern began his remarks by informing the board that he inherited the Ride DuPage program when he was elected supervisor in 2013 and that he feels it is a needed program and that Wheatland Township would like to continue the program. He said that it was suspected that Wheatland Township's ridership was light when compared with Naperville or Lisle Township's ridership, but that the reports from PACE did not allow them to prove it. Approximately one year ago, they began receiving reports from PACE that would allow them to begin to better determine ridership. They then went through the process

of determining who on their users' list actually participates in the program, this pairing of the list brought the list of riders from over 1000 to 105. Once they determined who their riders were, they began the work of determining the how many rides these riders were taking. This work determined that for the calendar year 2015 that Wheatland Township's Residents accounted for 13.28 % of the program's rides and are paying for 1/3 of the cost.

Mr. Kern said that when Wheatland signed on to the program agreeing to fund it at the 1/3 per township arrangement they could not have anticipated that their ridership would only account for 13% of the ridership. Furthermore, he informed the board that this program accounts for 10% of the Wheatland Township budget, so it is very important that they only be financially responsible for the appropriate amount. He then told the board that once they had determined these facts late last year, Wheatland informed the other partners that they would like to renegotiate the contract to something that was equitable. Wheatland then began to have meetings with Naperville Township, and that Naperville Township did quite a bit of work on the numbers as well to determine their ridership. Naperville Township then agreed with Wheatland's numbers and to this date Mr. Kern said that he does not feel that he has heard anyone disputing the numbers. As recently as two weeks ago (April 19) there was a meeting at Lisle Township between the three partner townships and he felt that the issue was nailed down and that the Wheatland Township share was 14%. Mr. Kern then expressed his concern that Lisle Township may be leaving the program based on comments made by Supervisor Tarulis the previous evening at a meeting of the Naperville City Council. Mr. Tarulis then interjected that the board may not be aware of the comments he made the previous evening. Mr. Kern said that Wheatland Township has probably paid \$100,000.00 more that it should have since joining the program. Mr. Kern then told the board that he felt that we were all business partners in this program, and that while he was not a witness to the meeting, he was very concerned and wanted to share the history of what was transpiring with entire board.

Supervisor Ossyra then spoke; conveying that at an April 4th meeting between the parties at the City of Naperville in the engineering transportation department. It was agreed that the parties and their teams would assemble and go through the numbers, then the parties would live by the results. The results would be shared via email and that an email was sent on April 19th. Then the City of Naperville converted what the number meant in terms of percentages, then dollars for each of the parties. The Naperville email then asked that the parties confirm the amounts so that it could contact PACE and have the allocation portion of the Ride DuPage contract modified to reflect the new percentages. Supervisor Ossyra then said that the rest of the parties were waiting for a response from Lisle Township.

Supervisor Ossyra then stated that it was this lack of response as well as Mr. Tarulis' comments the night before that prompted her and Supervisor Kern to come to tonight's meeting and make their comments in public.

Mr. Riedy then asked a question regarding the nuances of some of the finances as they related to the City of Naperville, who is the administrator of the program. His question was answered by Supervisor Ossyra.

Mr. Tams then asked a question of Mr. Vondran regarding Lisle Township's analysis. Mr. Vondran first described how they have been asking PACE for the last several years to add to its report a column listing the name of the township which registered each rider. The townships have not received this reporting change. He then stated that determining the township residence of each rider was the bulk of the work that had been done. In 2015, there were approximately 3,500 rides per month among the three townships in the partnership.

Supervisor Ossyra then interjected that for the two months the parties agreed to review and live by, Lisle Township's riders accounted for 48% of the rides, and that Naperville Township's riders were 38% (she noted that 1.5% of this was DuPage Township's number since they administer the registration of City of Naperville residents who live in DuPage Township), with the remaining 14% being Wheatland Township's share.

Mr. Vondran stated that he questions the metric utilized as a basis for analyzing costs; he said that the criteria was number of rides, which did not account for length of rides, and thus the costs. He stated that he voiced this concern in both the January and April meetings. He expressed his concern that the program cost is based on mileage, and that a large number of short distance rides by one rider could be financially comparable to another rider's few rides that total a greater number of miles.

Supervisor Ossyra said that the issue of methodology was discussed in the meeting; but that the data regarding length of rides was unavailable from PACE and that is why number of rides was being used. Mr. Vondran replied that the data [mileage and cost] are in the reports from PACE.

Trustee Tams then said that he appreciated the input, but he was concerned that just the number of rides did not adequately align with the cost of the program to each partner, and he felt that it was important to best align the cost with the amount each township pays.

Supervisor Tarulis then said that the methodology is not the only issue, and expressed his reluctance to enter into any agreements with the City of Naperville at this time. It is his opinion that the way the city had dealt with the Naperville Township Road District and its commissioner has caused him to doubt them as a sincere partner. The supervisor then interjected that it had been a long standing agreement that Naperville and Lisle Townships be equal partners and pay the same amount. The supervisor then told the board that he had asked Mr. Vondran to contact PACE to see if Lisle Township could perhaps have a direct agreement with PACE, and that it was his understanding that if Lisle Township did look into own its agreement that the costs of the program for the other townships might go down proportionately because the riders for the exiting township would no longer be in the program.

Mr. Kern then asked if he could comment on Mr. Tarulis' remarks. He was given the floor; first he expressed that as a city of Naperville resident he has some issues with the city as well; but he felt that this was principally a business agreement between the townships. He further feels that it is the townships that determine how things work. With that said, if Lisle Township decides that they want to get out of the current agreement, please communicate that to the other partners.

Supervisor Tarulis said that he doubted PACE's ability to quickly provide the information he would need to make a quick determination. He then expressed a willingness to make a deal with the parties for at least the rest of the year. He then proposed a few different breakdowns, such as 40%, 40%, and 20% for Lisle Township, Naperville Township, and Wheatland Township, respectively.

Naperville Township Supervisor Ossyra then asked for any proposal he had in writing so that she could share it with her board.

The issue was discussed between the supervisors and the Lisle Township board for a few more minutes with the conclusion being that that all parties need time to determine the correct course and the issue was tabled for the evening.

Public Comments: None

Approval of April 12th, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Riedy motioned for the approval of the minutes from the March 9, 2016 regular board meeting. Trustee Buch seconded the motion.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

4721 Indiana Building:

Since the last meeting when the board authorized the use of an architect, a few drawings for repairing the existing structure were received earlier in the day.

The only other note was that the township's insurance carrier has declined the claim on the building.

The assessor mentioned that he is still waiting for a proposal from his current temporary landlord to use the space on a permanent basis.

Reports of Elected Officials:

Assessor Trowbridge:

He has purchased some used office furniture to replace some of what is effected by the mold in the 4721 building.

Highway Commissioner Young:

The Prentice Storm Water Project final engineering drawing have been approved and construction is likely to begin in mid-June. The streets have all been swept and this process went smoothly.

Supervisor Tarulis:

The supervisor asked that the board review information he placed in the board packet regarding the Freedom of Information Act.

The Letter Carriers' food drive is this Saturday, and he asked the board to please come and assist in sorting the donated food items.

Other Business: None

Audit of Expenditures:

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

The following total expenditures in each fund were reviewed:

Town Fund \$78,688.21

General Assistance Fund \$5,867.12

Road & Bridge Fund \$60,753.42

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tams, Riedy, Buch, Chatman, Tarulis,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Riedy second by Trustee Buch. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Klaeren

Township Clerk