

**LISLE TOWNSHIP  
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2017**

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

Roll Call:

Physically Present:

Supervisor Mary Jo Mullen  
Assessor John Trowbridge  
Highway Commissioner Ed Young  
Trustee Michael Riedy  
Trustee Kathy Chatman  
Trustee Sean Allen  
Clerk Robert Klaeren

Present Electronically: None

Absent: Trustee Michael Tams

<u>Others Present:</u>	Gerry Galloway	Jim Vondran	Michael Alore
	Bill Green	Kevin Oyakawa	Gerald Cassioppi
	Marceline Ricker	Diane Hewett	Jax West
	Rick Tarulis	Nancy Tarulis	Geri Jender
	Harry Wildfevor	Paula Garcia	Gail Clark
	Raza Siddqui	Becky Rudolph	

Public Comments:

Marceline Ricker: Ms. Ricker introduced herself as a 41-year resident of Lisle Township and she said that she was pleased to see some democrats on the board for a shakeup. Then she expressed her hope that things don't get shaken up to much, as they are they are running pretty well.

Paula Garcia: Ms. Garcia informed the board that she was taking over the food pantry garden. She then said that she had a few questions for the highway commissioner since the garden is on the highway department's property. The highway commissioner invited her to call or stop by his office, and he would be more than happy to address them.

Becky Rudolph: Ms. Rudolph said that she had few questions regarding the appointment of new legal counsel for the township board. Her questions were: What was the process used to choose new counsel, was there an RFP? She then asked that since this was the firm also representing Naperville Township and the highway departments are about to merge would it create a conflict?

**Approval of May 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

Trustee Riedy motioned for the approval of the minutes from the May 10, 2017 regular board meeting. Trustee Chatman seconded the motion.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of Prevailing Wage Ordinance; Township offices:**

Trustee Riedy made a motion to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance, Ordinance Number 2017-2 for the township offices. Trustee Chatman seconded.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of Prevailing Wage Ordinance; Highway Department:**

Trustee Riedy made a motion to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance for the highway department, highway department Ordinance Number 1-2017. Trustee Chatman seconded the motion.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Discuss and Approve Resolution 2017-02, IMRF:**

Supervisor Mullen explained that this was a resolution which declared which positions are eligible to receive IMRF benefits. She further noted that there were no changes.

The board had a few questions which were answered by Bill Green (township finance director). He noted to the board that the original dates for all of the positions to become eligible was January 1, 1959. He also noted that IMRF had asked all elected boards to reaffirm who is eligible.

Trustee Chatman made a motion to pass resolution 2017-2, IMRF. The motion was seconded by Trustee Riedy.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Discuss and Approve CERT Agreement:**

Trustee Riedy made the motion to approve the CERT (Citizen's Emergency Response Team) intergovernmental agreement for one year. Trustee Chatman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Riedy, Chatman, Allen, Mullen

Nays: None

Absent: Tams

The motion passed.

**Discuss and Approve Ride DuPage Paratransit Partnership Agreement:**

The Board discussed the agreement with Supervisor Mullen noting that the only change to the agreement was this year's percentage of responsibility for Lisle Township. It changed from 42% last year to 44% this year. Trustee Chatman asked if the methodology of how the rate was determined was equitable for the residents of Lisle Township, noting that this was an issue in the past. Mr. Jim Vondran (Assistant to the Supervisor) described the methodology as acceptable but the parties continue to fine tune it.

Trustee Chatman motioned for the approval of the Ride DuPage Partnership agreement; it was seconded by Trustee Riedy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:, Riedy, Chatman, Allen, Mullen

Nays: None

Absent: Tams

Motion Passed

**Discuss and Concur Appointment of the Law Firm of Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. as Township Attorneys and Continuing the Right of the Highway Commissioner to Retain His Own Independent Counsel:**

Trustee Riedy began the discussion by expressing his concern that Odelson & Sterk was the law firm retained by Naperville Township. His primary concern was that Lisle Township has a lot of dealing with Naperville Township, including the recently cancelled intergovernmental agreement. He also asked that the issue be tabled until there was a full board, and that the agenda reflect an item to appoint a township attorney. Further, he would like to see several firms given the opportunity to apply. His final point was to reiterate that the township bids out everything and that he would like to see more options.

Trustee Chatman said that she would have an issue spending a lot of money on attorneys who were not from DuPage County. She also agreed with Trustee Riedy's concerns with regard to conflict of interest with Naperville Township. She concluded that she would also like it to be tabled until the next meeting when other attorneys might be considered, but since there are representatives from Odelson & Sterk in attendance, the board should listen to what they have to say.

Supervisor Mullen said that one of the primary reasons she had picked Oldenson & Strerk because they do work for both Democratic- and Republican-led governmental bodies. She felt they very qualified and that they could be a good compromise for the board. She stated that it is under the supervisor's role to appoint counsel, however there is concurrence. Supervisor Mullen said that she would put the matter off to the next month so that the full board could be present. She then expressed appreciation that the board wanted to hear from the representatives in attendance.

Supervisor Mullen then introduced Elizabeth Shine of Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. Ms. Shine then said that she had been with the firm for 10 years and that she had been doing township law since she started. Prior to her joining the firm, she worked for the Cook County Board of Review. They have represented Worth Township, Orland Township, Township of Lyons, and now Naperville Township.

Ms. Shine then said that if a conflict arose that she would recommend that the township seek outside counsel. She felt that the supervisor could easily find another firm to hire in the case of any conflict.

Highway Commissioner Young asked if Ms. Shine had brought it to the attention of Supervisor Mullen the potential conflict due to her firm's representation of Naperville Township's Road District. Ms. Shine said that she did believe it was discussed, then assured the highway commissioner that he had his right to his own legal counsel.

The board then asked questions regarding contracts and potential conflicts between Naperville and Lisle Townships should they arise. Ms. Shine said that the board could just find another attorney to deal with that specific issue.

Trustee Chatman made a motion to table any discussion regarding the appointment of township attorneys until the July meeting. Trustee Riedy seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Discuss and Approve Plan to Resolve Pending Litigation:**

The supervisor requested this issue moved until after the executive session, if needed.

Trustee Chatman made a motion to table the issue until after executive session; Trustee Riedy seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Reports of Elected Officials:**

Highway Commissioner Young:

The commissioner began his report by formally informing the board that the Naperville Township Highway Department had ended its intergovernmental agreement with Lisle Township. He added that they did not get much notice. Naperville Township called on the Friday before Memorial Day and that he was off that day. They separately contacted their former employees who then worked for the Lisle Highway department to report to work on the Tuesday following Memorial Day at Naperville Township Road District's facility. The intergovernmental agreement had a 120 day cancelation clause which the Naperville Road District was not honoring.

Trustee Chatman then asked if this was the same agreement that that they (Naperville Township) initiated. Commissioner Young went into how the agreement was initiated and the way it had worked. He then told the board that the two highway commissioners had a meeting to discuss how to begin to merge the two townships. This was because of the referendum that merges the township road districts in that takes affect 4 years. He did not hear from Naperville Township again until they called their employees back on the Friday before Memorial Day.

The highway commissioner said that he will have to put a roof on his building this year because it is leaking.

Assessor Trowbridge:

Mr. Trowbridge informed the board that he will have to vacate the space he has been renting by the first of January. He only learned of this in the past 10 days and is beginning to explore what is available for him and his staff.

Supervisor Mullen:

Supervisor Mullen started by thanking the entire staff of the supervisor's office for the past month. She then made special note of both Jim Vondran's and Bill Green's efforts to bring her up to speed during the transition period.

The supervisor then thanked Cheryl and Paula (Garcia) for taking on the challenge and responsibility of the pantry garden. Noting how they had not only worked to get volunteers but donations as well. The donors included: College of DuPage, The Growing Place, and Woldhuis.

Supervisor Mullen said that she intended to engage the community more and expects to have established a social media presence and have a Facebook page up and going within 10 days. This is in an effort to keep the community better informed of the township's activities and programs.

**Other Business:** None

**Audit of Expenditures:**

A motion was made by Trustee Riedy to audit expenditures. It was seconded by Trustee Allen. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed.

The following total expenditures in each fund were reviewed:

Town Fund	\$ 61,425.53
General Assistance Fund	\$ 7,712.59
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 60,523.57

A motion was made by Trustee Riedy to approve the audit of the expenditures. It was seconded by Trustee Allen.

Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes: Riedy, Chatman, Allen, Mullen,  
Nays: None  
Absent: Tams,  
Motion Passed

**Executive Session:**

Trustee Chatman made a motion to go to executive session to discuss pending litigation at 8:20 PM. The motion was seconded by Riedy.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Supervisor Mullen called the regular meeting of the Lisle Township Board 10:26 PM.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Riedy. It was seconded by Trustee Allen. Voice vote, all present in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Klaeren  
Township Clerk