

**LISLE TOWNSHIP
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2018

Call to Order: Township Clerk Robert Klaeren called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Lisle Township Office, 4711 Indiana Avenue, Lisle Illinois.

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag: Presentation of the Colors by Girl Scout Daisy Troop 55647, led by Nina Sanchez and Troop 55759, led by Tamara Rotelli.

Girl Scout Daisy Troop Members: Rayne Tarasewicz, Sadie Shields, Sophia Stratton, Olivia Bosco, Alexis Crow, Natalie Santora, Aubrey Marek, and Audrey Martin.

Introduction of Elected Officials:

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

Election of Moderator: Motion by Debbie Breihan to nominate Paula Garcia as the Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting. Second by Daniel Hebreard. No further nominations were offered. Paula Garcia was elected Moderator by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk Klaeren administered the Oath of Office to Paula Garcia.

Motion by Mike Tams to set the Moderator's salary at zero. Second by Ed Young. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Appointment of Sergeant-at-Arms and Parliamentarian:

Liz Chaplin nominated Steve Winz to be Sergeant-at-Arms. Motion seconded by Jax West.

Ed Young nominated Tim Connell as the Sergeant-at-Arms, motioned seconded by Michael Tams.

There was a vote by show of hands; Tim Connell was appointed sergeant-at-Arms by a vote of 22-17.

Liz Chaplin Nominated Dan Hebreard to be Parliamentarian, the motion was then seconded by Kaiya Iverson.

Frank Fletcher Brocheck nominated Rick Tarulis parliamentarian; the motion was seconded by Sharon Connell.

There was a vote by show of hands; Dan Hebreard was appointed Parliamentarian by a vote of 25-20.

Approval of April 11, 2017 Annual Town Meeting Minutes: Motion by Gerry Galloway to approve the April 12, 2016 Annual Town Meeting minutes. Second by Janice Anderson. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Report from Township Clerk.: Township Clerk Klaeren read the financial statements for the past fiscal year, including beginning balance, income, expenses and ending balance for both the Township and Road District funds.

Report from Township Supervisor: Township Supervisor Mullen began her report by thanking the staff for all their efforts in the past year.

Supervisor Mullen then thanked all of the food pantry volunteers for all of their efforts and dedication. She especially wanted to note that the pantry garden volunteers; Paula Garcia, Sheryl Fonner, and the rest of the volunteers who worked so hard to provide fresh vegetables for food pantry clients.

The supervisor then thanked Friends for Lisle Township which purchases the food needed by the pantry clients:

The supervisor then noted two upcoming events in the township: the first was the Triad Car Care Safety Clinic, and the second was a resident paper-shredding event.

Supervisor Mullen then described that the township, in addition to its long-time services would be involved support of Teens In Crisis moving forward.

General Assistance/Food Pantry Reports: Laura Pantaleo introduced herself as the administrator of the township's General Assistance programs. Laura then described the type of aid the township provides directly, and she also assists those in need by putting them in touch with complimentary programs run by other agencies, as well as charitable organizations such as the Salvation Army. Mrs. Pantaleo finished by telling those in the room that the township helps to administrate programs such as LIHEAP and Ride DuPage.

Charlie Biggins then provided a brief report on the food pantry and extended a thank you to the volunteers. Charlie also thanked the pantry garden volunteers without whose assistance, the food pantry would not have the 1,400 pounds garden fresh vegetables that were grown in the garden last summer and fall.

The next item was to explain that the food pantry had recently implemented client choice. This allows clients to take the items they will use instead of being provided food that they might not eat or conflicts with their beliefs. The Lisle Township Food Pantry was among the first to implement this program in the area.

Mr. Biggins finally noted that the holiday program was able to assist 86 families this past season and that 227 children received gifts from donations.

Highway Department Report - Ed Young: Highway Commissioner Young began his report by introducing his highway crew who were in attendance.

Mr. Young noted that it had been an interesting year. One event that was particularly challenging was the weather microburst in Steeple Run. The highway department spent \$10,000.00 dollars on clean-up costs from this one weather event alone.

He then went on to describe some expenditures which are necessary, the first being a new roof needed on the highway department building, and that he would be purchasing a new 9800 Series Peterbilt truck to replace a 17 year-old truck.

Mr. Young closed by noting an award the township highway department received a "Low Salt Award" from the conservation society.

Assessor's Report - John D. Trowbridge II: Assessor Trowbridge introduced himself and his staff members who were in attendance. He explained that his staff consisted of six full-time and two part-time employees, four of whom have been with the township for at least 23 years. He then thanked them for the great work they do.

The assessor then described a change to the Senior Freeze Exemption which changed the eligibility of seniors who made less than \$55,000.00 to less than \$65,000.00.

In closing, he once again thanked his staff for all their hard work over the past year.

Approval and Disposal of Surplus Property: There is one capital item to be disposed, a 2011 Ford E-150 van used to pick up food for the Food Pantry.

Jim McCluskey made a motion to dispose of the van. The motion was seconded by Janice Anderson. The Motion passed by voice vote.

Presentation and Potential Action for Long-Term Solutions for Assessor's Office:

Supervisor Mullen then narrated a slide presentation with the state of the issue and plans to hold no fewer than three public meetings in the coming months for input and comments. She assured the residents in attendance that the process would be transparent. Then she invited all to pay attention to the township's website and social media to keep informed of when the public meetings would be held as well as for updates on the matter. The slide presentation will be filed as an attachment to the minutes of this meeting.

Supervisor Mullen assured all in attendance that the entire board was in agreement that no action would be taken without the public input; which would likely be in the form of a Special Town Meeting.

Public Comments from Registered Voters of Lisle Township: Former township supervisor Rick Tarulis criticized the Supervisor and Board of Trustees regarding the increase of legal expenses and the settlement of 16 year-old tax objections. He expressed his confidence that the township would have prevailed if the cases hadn't been settled.

Mr. Tarulis then leveled criticism towards the current township supervisor regarding the number of hours she is at the township.

Jax West commented that Mr. Tarulis' comment were due to the fact that he had lost the election to Supervisor Mullen.

Julie Tillotson then noted that she was very happy with the current supervisor's efforts.

Set Next Town Meeting for 2019: Motion by John Huff to set the next town meeting for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. Riedy. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by John Huff, second by Mike Riedy. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Klaeren
Township Clerk

Attachment: Slide Presentation