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The minutes of the 1st annual meeting of the town of DuPage (changed to Lisle in 1851), April 2nd, 1850

At the first annual meeting of the legal voters of the town of DuPage, in the county of DuPage and the state of Illinois, held at the house of Edward Doens in said town of DuPage on the second day of April AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty: the meeting was called to order by George Roush whereupon Isaac Clark was elected moderator of said meeting by yeas and nays. The moderator having been duly sworn into office, as the law provides. Leduthum Hatch was elected clerk of said meeting by yeas and nays.

Proclamation was now given that the polls were open and the meeting proceeded to ballot for a Supervisor, a Town Clerk, an Assessor, a Collector, an Overseer of the poor, three Commissioners of the highways, two Constables, and two Justices of the Peace.

On motions, it was voted by yeas and nays that the next annual town meeting be held at the courthouse in Naperville.

On motions, it was voted by yeas and nays that the Town Clerk be empowered to purchase necessary books for his use as Town Clerk.

The following named persons were elected as overseers of highways. The vote being taken by yeas and nays.

Horrace Prescott	William Vickers
Sam Reeds	Jake Hatch
Ethan Griswaold	George Starringen
John L Cleveland	Lewis Ellsworth
John Olney	Anthony Luther

The following preamble and by-laws were then adopted: The vote being taken on each article separately by yeas and nays

Ordinances

Whereas the sovereign authorities of the state of Illinois , having empowered the town of DuPage, in the county of DuPage and state aforesaid by any act to provide for Township and county organization in the said state of Illinois (approved February 12th, 1850) to make such rules and regulations for ascertaining the sufficiency of all fences within the town aforesaid for impounding

animals, for determining the times and manner in which, cattle, horses, mules, asses, hogs, sheep or goats shall be permitted to go at large, and what animals shall not be permitted to go at large. And also for imposing such penalties (not exceeding ten dollars) on persons offending against any rule or regulation established by the said town of DuPage except such as relate to the keeping and maintaining fences as they may think broken. And also to apply such penalties when collected in such manner as the inhabitants thereof may deem most conducive to the interests of the town aforesaid.

Be it therefore ordained by the people of DuPage in the county and state aforesaid in town meeting assembled:

1. That from and after this the 2nd day of April AD 1850. That such persons as shall from time to time be constituted the fence viewers of the towns aforesaid shall be the sole judges and arbiters of what constitutes a good and sufficient fence.
2. Cattle, May go at large; That it should be lawful for any person or persons being the owner or owners or having the care or possession of any cattle, horses, mules, asses or goats to allow them or any of them to go at large within the said town of DuPage from and after the first day of April until the first day of November in each year, except until such as are herein after prohibited.
3. Sheep, That it shall be lawful for any person or persons, being the owner or owners or having the care or possession of any sheep to allow or either of them to go at large within the said town of DuPage from and after the first day of April until the first day of November in each year. Provided that this article shall not be so construed as to require any person persons to fence in any manner against any sheep, within the town aforesaid, or release the owner or owners thereof in any degree from all such damage as they shall do to any person or persons within the township aforesaid.
4. Bulls should not go at large, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, being the owner or owners of any bull or bulls or having the care or possession of any bull or bulls over the age of ten months to allow them or either of them to go at large within the said town of DuPage. And or the conviction of the same such person or persons shall pay a penalty of five dollars for each offense which sum shall be paid for the use and benefits of the town aforesaid.
5. Stud Colts or Horses shall not go at large. That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, being the owner or owners of any or having the care or possession of any stud colts or horses over the age of eighteen months to allow such colt or horse to go at large within the said town of DuPage. And or the conviction of the same such person or persons shall pay a penalty of ten dollars for each offense which sum shall be paid for the use and benefits of the town aforesaid.
6. Rams, that it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, being the owner or owners of any or having the care or possession of any ram or rams over the age of six months to allow such ram or rams to go at large within the said town of DuPage. From and after the fifteenth day of July until the fifteenth day of November in each year. And on the conviction of the same such person or persons shall pay a penalty of five dollars for each offense which sum shall be paid as aforesaid.

7. Swine, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, being the owner or owners of any or having the care or possession of any swine to go at large within the said town of DuPage. And if any such person or persons permit any hog, boar, pig or pigs to go at large as aforesaid, any person being a resident of the said town of Dupage on making complaint before any justice of the peace having jurisdiction of the same, shall recover as in an action of debt before such justice of the peace, one dollar and cost of suit for each offense.
8. Monies, how appropriated, That all moneys which shall accrue from time to time from or through any violations of the ordinances aforesaid shall be appropriated for the benefit of a town common school library and divided as near as as may be among the several school districts in the said town of DuPage. According to the number of children under the age of twenty-one years of age.

At the close of the election by ballot, the presiding officer proceeded to count the votes. Which counts showed that the following named persons received the number of votes annexed to their respective names for the following described offices, to wit

Supervisor

Amasa Morse	106
John Thompson	40

Town Clerk

James Hatch	84
John Stanley	67

Assessor

Jeduthun Hatch	104
A S Barnardo	44
Lewis Ellsworth	1

Overseer of the poor

John Olney	92
Amasa Morse	1
Luther Hatch	1

Collector

C K Howard	68
Elijah Root	64
John Graves	12
CK Parmalee	1

Commissioner of Highways

Joseph Boldget	91
John Rhame	85
Ethan Grigswolde	92
CK Parmalee	59
Soloman Mentz	60
Josiah Strong	59

Constable

Anthony Smith	89
J Cleaveland	62
Elijah Root	73

Justice of the Peace

Alonzo Chatfield	91
George Roush	143
Pomroy Goodrich	58
Jonas Adams	1

The above statement was publicly read by the clerk of the meeting and the moderator publicly declared the persons who had received the highest number of votes to be duly elected to the several offices for which they had been balloted for.

Certified by Isaac Clark, Moderator of the town meeting, April 2, 1850