

**LISLE TOWNSHIP
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MAY 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Township Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Mullen at 7:30 p.m. It should be noted that because of the COVID 19 Pandemic and the State of Emergency declared by Illinois Governor Jay Pritzker this meeting was held both in person and virtually. The board’s virtual interaction utilized the Zoom platform to conduct the meeting. Following the meeting a recording will be available to the public via YouTube. Lisle Township residents were able to provide public comment via Google form on the internet prior to the meeting or during public comment portion of the meeting.

Roll Call:

Physically Present:

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

Present Electronically:

Trustee Tony Signorella
Clerk Robert Klaeren

Absent: None

Others Present:

Donna Wanke	Bill Green	Debbie Pawlowicz
Dianne Hewitt	Chuck Clarke	Jean Page
Lisa Rose	Mike Tams	Christi McGovern
Joy Dooley	Carolyn Vondran	Jim Vondran
Autumn Giest	Kim White	Kerry Klaeren
Andrew Vondran	John DeCanto	Paula Garcia
Jason Heidenfelder		

Public Comments:

The supervisor explained that public comment was made available via a Google Form prior to the meeting or by the public in person or virtual attendance. There were no comments in the Google Form.

The Supervisor then offered those present at the meeting in person or via ZOOM if they had any comment they would like to make.

Paula Garcia introduced herself, then went on to note that the Food Pantry Garden had a good group of volunteers this year and that work had begun. The committee hopes to produce more food than ever before for those in need this year.

Approval of the April 13th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Riedy made the motion to approve Approval of the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes: Motion was seconded by Trustee Chatman.

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

Approval of the March 23rd, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Signorella made the motion to approve the March 23, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes: Motion was seconded by Trustee Riedy

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

Discussion and Potential Action on Resolution Establishing A Policy to Post Videos of Board Meetings:

Trustee Chatman made a motion to pass the resolution establishing a policy to post the videos of Lisle Township Board meetings. The motion was seconded by Trustee Allen.

The Supervisor noted that the capability to record meetings is now possible at no cost to the Lisle Township Taxpayer since the video equipment necessary was paid for by Cares Act funding. Furthermore, all of the meetings since April of 2020 had been recorded and posted on YouTube.

Assessor Trowbridge asked to be recognized then read a prepared statement in opposition of the specific resolution.

Following the statement Clerk Klaeren requested that Assessor Trowbridge provide the clerk's office with copy of the written statement for the official minutes. The assessor agreed to provide the document. (Attachment A)

The board discussed the potential implications posed by the assessor's statement. It then decided that the potential unintended consequences noted by the assessor were worth investigating.

Trustee Chatman withdrew her motion.

Review and Potential Action to Release Executive Meeting Minutes:

The supervisor began by noting that she had forwarded the executive meeting minutes to the members of the board for the meetings which are still embargoed. Mrs. Mullen then noted that there were two which she felt should still be embargoed because they deal with ongoing potential litigation These are the executive meeting minutes of December 11,2019 and January 8, 2020. The rest of the minutes are settled lawsuits or settled employment matters that she recommends be released.

Supervisor Mullen then made a motion to release executive meeting minutes for; 6-14-2017; 7-6-2017, 7-19-2017, 1-10-2018, 2-14-2018, 3-14-2018, 7-29-2020, 8-11-2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Riedy.

Noting that some of the embargoed minutes were regarding an employee of the highway department, the supervisor asked if the highway commissioner wanted to comment. The highway commissioner noted that he believed that the actions they took in the matter were thorough and complete he does not feel that there is a reason to not release them.

It was noted by the supervisor that the other minutes were regarding the tax objections which were settled, as well as an appointment to vacant office.

Trustee Chatman noted that when she was on the school board that executive minutes which included the name of a student or employee remained embargoed. Trustee Chatman said that she is not comfortable releasing minutes with employee names. The supervisor noted that the minutes addressed rumors that were out in the public already and that releasing the minutes demonstrate that the board took the matter seriously and addressed it thoroughly.

The supervisor explained that the minutes were not up for their six-month review. It was the intent to review all and any remaining embargoed minutes from the current board's term. The highway commissioner then asked considering Trustee Chatman's concerns and greater experience regarding the potential implications of the release if he could reverse his earlier statement. This will allow him to discuss the potential implications with more experienced members of other boards as well as counsel regarding the matter.

Supervisor Mullen then amended her motion to exclude the minutes from 1-10-2018 and 3-14-2018 from the release, the amended motion was seconded by Trustee Riedy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Riedy, Chatman, Allen, Signorella, Mullen

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

Presentation of Recognition of Service Awards:

Finance Director Bill Green noted that the past four years have passed very quickly and that he has asked an individuals to speak to the commitment of all of those leaving Lisle Township Government.

Joy Maguire spoke to honor Former Trustee Mike Tams.

Joy spoke to Mike's honesty and commitment. She noted that he always was willing to both sides of an issue and did his homework before casting a vote.

Andrew Vondran spoke to the commitment of recently retired Assistant to the Supervisor, Jim Vondran; his father.

Drew spoke to his father's commitment to the residents of Lisle Township. He noted that his father was a role model to him growing up. His devotion to the holiday program, the car care clinic as well as other duties was always apparent.

Donna Wandke spoke on behalf of State Representative, Janet Yang Rohr spoke to honor Sean Allen.

Donna spoke of his commitment to the community and his efforts to serve those in need. She noted that he was a dedicated official and was proud to know him.

Jason Heidenfelder spoke to honor the commitment of Trustee, Kathy Chatman.

Jason spoke to Kathy's commitment to Benedictine University and Lisle Township. He noted her dedication to all her endeavors, noting that she has made the community more accessible to many.

Retired Highway Commissioner, Chuck Clarke spoke to honor Trustee, Mike Reidy.

Chuck noted that Mike Riedy really worked hard and that his heart was always in it. He always had the best interest of Lisle Township residents in mind.

Bill Green spoke to the dedication of Trustee Tony Signorella.

Bill said that Tony really stepped in and made a tremendous effort in his short time on the board. He really appreciated that whenever he was needed Tony eagerly stepped up.

Tony noted that he really appreciated the opportunity to be on the board. He enjoyed being able to take the votes to help people

Kim White Executive Director of the Career & Networking Center spoke to honor Clerk, Bob Klaeren.

Kim noted that she and Bob worked together when he was on the CNC Board. She always appreciated the efforts Bob made to make the community better.

DuPage County Board Commissioner, Paula Garcia spoke to honor Supervisor Mary Jo Mullen.

Paula Noted that Mary Jo's commitment to the community was present long before she was elected to Supervisor. Mary Jo has worked hard for the people of Lisle Township, and leaves it a better place.

Reports of Elected Officials:

Highway Commissioner Young-

Commissioner Young spoke to the report he sent out regarding the refurbishment of the highway department building exterior. He explained that the cost is greatly dependent on the highway department's staffs ability to remove the current exterior skin itself. If an outside firm should be required to remove the skin the costs will be greater.

He closed by thanking the board and asking that it spread its ability to work together beyond the township level of government.

Assessor Trowbridge-

Assessor Trowbridge read a prepared statement thanking the board for working across party lines with the sole consideration of its residents. He said that he felt it was an example that should be followed by other government bodies.

Clerk Klaeren-

Clerk Klaeren noted that he enjoyed his time on the board. He noted that he got involved not to run for office but to fight the Meijer development and the manner by which it was passed.

Supervisor Mullen-

Supervisor Mullen noted that the township had a successful care clinic and shred day in recent weeks.

The supervisor went on to thank everyone at the township She then wished the new board the friendships and successes she has come to enjoy the past four years.

Other Business:

Joy Maguire wanted to thank Supervisor Mullen and wish her luck in her new endeavor as a Village of Lisle Trustee.

Audit of Expenditures:

Motion by Trustee Allen to go to audit of expenditures, second by Trustee Chatman.

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

The following total expenditures in each fund were reviewed:

Town Fund	\$ 105,138.92
General Assistance Fund	\$ 3,229.44
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 39,691.15

Motion by Trustee Signorella to approve the audit of the expenditures, and it was seconded by Trustee Chatman.

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

Executive Session: None

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Riedy; it was second by Trustee Allen.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:44P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pawlowicz for Bob Klaeren

Township Clerk

Attachment: Attachment A, Assessor Trowbridge's Statement