

**LISLE TOWNSHIP
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2013

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 Charles Clarke
Trustee Michael Tams
Trustee Michael Riedy
Trustee Ed Young
Clerk Robert Klaeren
Assessor John Trowbridge

Present Electronically: None

Absent: None

Others Present:

Jim Vondran
Tony Fuscone
Bill Green

Public Comments:

None

Approval of October 9, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Young motioned for the approval of the minutes from the October 9th meeting. Trustee Tams seconded the motion.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Truth-in-Taxing Hearing:

Supervisor Tarulis called the Truth-in-Taxing Hearing to order at 7:32 PM.

The supervisor explained that the reason we needed to have such a hearing tonight was that last year the township cut the amount of taxes levied for both the Town Fund and General Assistance fund by 50%. The township was able to continue to offer services to the residents at half the tax rate for last year because it had sold a piece of real estate and spent down some of its reserves by putting off some building improvements. He then explained that with the reserves were spent down to an appropriate level and that the township needs to reestablish the tax levy to a level that will allow it to continue to offer services to the residents of the township.

The supervisor also made a point of reminding the board and audience that when the tax levy was cut last year he very publically stated that taxes would need to be returned to previous levels after the one year.

Trustee Young asked if the Township lost the increase allowed under the tax cap for the previous taxing year.

Supervisor Tarulis confirmed that, yes; the township had forfeited the amount of the tax increase allowed by the tax cap for the last year.

The Supervisor then asked if the board or audience had any further questions before the hearing was closed.

No questions were asked nor statements made.

The Supervisor then closed the Truth-in-Tax Hearing at 7:35.

Approval of Township Levy Ordinance:

Trustee Young then made a motion to pass Lisle Township Ordinance 2013-3 for the purpose of establishing a property tax levy for the tax year 2013 collectable in 2014 in the amount of \$2,491,250.00.

The Motion was seconded by Trustee Riedy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tams, Riedy, Young, Tarulis,

Nays: None

Absent: Connell

Motion Passed

Approval of Road District Levy Ordinance:

The Supervisor asked for a motion on the ordinance and then any discussion to follow.

Trustee Young made a motion to pass Lisle Township Highway Tax Levy in the amount of \$3,067,000.00.

The Motion was seconded by Trustee Tams.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tams, Riedy, Young, Tarulis,

Nays: None

Absent: Connell

Motion Passed

Report of Elected Officials:

Assessor Trowbridge:

Mr. Trowbridge informed the board that the new high efficiency lighting had been installed in his offices. He went on to mention that the lighting went in very quickly and efficiently assuring the board that was very little disruption to the operations of his office during the installation. Also, the new lighting fixtures are much brighter than those previously installed.

Highway Commissioner Clarke:

Highway Commissioner Clarke told the board that a member of the Bloomington Township Board of Trustees had a heart attack while traveling to attend the TOI (Township Officials of Illinois) event downstate.

He also told the board that the highway department staff was very busy with leaf pick up. They hope to have leave pick up completed by Thanksgiving. When the highway department is finished with leaf pick up they will then complete the process of preparing the department's trucks for the winter season. This includes reinstalling plows and salt boxes on the trucks.

Several members of the board then acknowledged an email sent to the township by an appreciative taxpayer regarding the leaf pick up program and what a good job the highway department does when it is working to clean them up.

Report of Elected Officials(cont):

Supervisor Tarulis:

The Supervisor began his report by mentioning that the township had switched to a new cleaning service November 1. He said that the ladies who previously cleaned the township were not able to compete on price. He went on to say that the township was very complimentary to the previous service and informed them that the switch was purely financial.

The new service is Jani King and they will clean the offices twice a week instead of once a week. The carpeting was also just cleaned by Service Master and they power washed the food pantry floor.

An exterminator needed to be called because a mouse or two were seen by a member of the assessor's staff. The exterminator was called within one to two days of the sighting and no additional mice have been seen since that visit.

The architect who was approved at the October meeting recently brought in some drawings for the supervisor and appropriate staff to review. He was provided with some feedback by those who he was meeting with and then went back to revise the drawings to incorporate the feedback.

The architect offered to attend this meeting but since his revised drawings weren't yet completed the Supervisor advised him to wait. The architect will likely attend the December meeting. The Supervisor told the board that the architect felt that his attendance at board meetings during the concept phase was probably the most crucial. This timing is important so that he did not get too far into the process without the board first approving the concept.

The supervisor said that the two concepts the architect had for the front entrance were interesting and that he liked them. Mr. Tarulis felt that the changes to the food pantry entrance were more straight forward.

Trustee Riedy interjected that one of the days he was at the township he observed township residents out in the elements waiting for the pantry to open. He expressed his hope that the concepts would provide our food pantry clients more protection from the weather.

Supervisor Tarulis assured Trustee Riedy that the overhang would be extended significantly and that he was in communication with the village regarding zoning and building code ordinances with this issue in mind.

The Supervisor said that the day to day operations of the township are running well. He also mentioned that Bill Green was transitioning from the Access DuPage program to the Enroll DuPage program to implement Obamacare.

The Highway Commissioner asked if the township is still considering a shredding day. Mr. Green replied that there is a company in Aurora called Rock Tenn Document Destruction, and that if the Supervisor, Assessor and Highway commissioner's office wanted they could take a truck load there any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Report of Elected Officials:

Trustee Tams asked if the township was doing a holiday program for the less fortunate residents this year and if they still needed sponsors for families. He offered to sponsor his family as they enjoyed the experience when they participated in the past.

The supervisor said that the program is being offered and there is still a need for more sponsors. Lois Biggins is running the program and that the program is only for families in need with children under 12.

Trustee Riedy added that he wanted to compliment Lois Biggins on the very good job she does running the food pantry and how efficiently it seemed to run the day he observed its operation. He also toured the highway department and paid compliments to that crew.

Trustee Young asked if this was the first year there was a garden for the food pantry. The supervisor said it was; then Trustee Young expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Tarulis for doing the lion's share of the work in planting, caring for and harvesting the food that went to pantry clients.

Supervisor Tarulis then added that there was now a computer terminal in the townships lobby for FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) inquiries. The purpose of the terminal is to better provide access to township documents that are already on our website.

In closing the supervisor mentioned that the Christmas lunch for township staff, volunteers and officials is at Algauers on December 20th at noon.

Other Business:

None

Audit of Expenditures:

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

The following total expenditures in each fund were reviewed:

Town Fund	\$ 49,194.33
General Assistance Fund	\$ 15,008.70

Road & Bridge Fund

\$318,284.79

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tams, Riedy, Connell, Young, Tarulis,

Nays: None

Absent: Connell

Motion Passed

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Young, second by Trustee Riedy. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Robert Klaeren', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Klaeren
Township Clerk

** Next regular meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at the Lisle Township office **