

**LISLE TOWNSHIP
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Township Clerk Robert Klaeren called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Lisle Township Assessor's Office, 4721 Indiana Avenue, Lisle Illinois.

1. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag:

2. Introduction of Elected Officials:

Supervisor Richard Tarulis- Present
Highway Commissioner Charles Clarke- Present
Assessor John Trowbridge- Present
Trustee Michael Riedy- Absent
Trustee Sharon Connell- Present
Trustee Michael Tams- Present
Trustee Ed Young- Present
Clerk Robert Klaeren- Present

3. Election of Moderator: Motion by Ed Young to nominate Jamie Lowe as the Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting. Second by Rick Tarulis. No further nominations were offered. Mr. Jamie Lowe was elected Moderator by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk Klaeren administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Lowe.

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

4. Appointment of Sergeant-at-Arms and Parliamentarian: Moderator Lowe appointed John Trowbridge as the Sergeant at Arms, and Rick Tarulis as Parliamentarian for the annual meeting.

5. Approval of April 16 , 2013 Annual Town Meeting Minutes: Motion by Rick Tarulis to approve the April 10, 2012 Annual Town Meeting minutes. Second by Ed Young. Voice vote, all in favor, motion passed.

6. 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 each Township and Road District fund.

7. General Assistance/Food Pantry Reports: Jim Vondran, Assistant to the Supervisor. Mr. Vondran reported that the General Assistance budget has been consistent for the past several years. Mr. Vondran then explained a bit of how LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) works.

Mr. Vondran then provided a brief report on the food pantry and extended a thank you to the volunteers as well as other organizations that assist with donations of food and paid for necessary equipment. These organizations included: Jewel Food Stores and Friends for Lisle Township.

8. Highway Department Report-Charles B Clarke: Mr. Clarke began his report by introducing his highway crew. Mr. Clarke then thanked them for their very hard work during this past winter which was one of the areas worst in years.

The highway department crew was called on 48 times during this past winter to salt and plow the roads. Mr. Clarke further noted that 18 of these times were over the weekend and they always came through. The crew was even called out during both Christmas and New Year's Day.

9. Assessor's Report-John D. Trowbridge II: Mr. Trowbridge introduced himself and then introduced his staff members who were in attendance.

The assessor then reported that he has seen a rebound in the housing market. The number of home sales has begun to rise. This was based on the fact that in Lisle Township in 2002 through 2005 home sales averaged 3200 per year, in 2010 home sales were in the 1200 range, and in 2013 home sales were back over 2000.

The assessor noted that even though assessments dropped 3.8% during this past year property tax rates are going up 7-9 %.

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

10. Supervisor's Report-Richard J. Tarulis: Mr. Tarulis thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Tarulis began by describing the handicap accessibility of the supervisor's building, as it is currently configured; as challenging. He then noted that the township had been given a grant to purchase a wheelchair lift. He then went through some of the challenges faced by the food pantry's clients, then said that he would like to improve the food pantry entrance to include a waiting area where those waiting for assistance would be protected from the elements.

Mr. Tarulis expects that with the board's approval he hopes to have the construction of the chair lift and improved food pantry entrance done before winter.

Mr. Tarulis also reported that he and his staff continue to look for ways to cut costs but that it was getting more challenging as most operational areas have already been reviewed and any savings had already been realized.

11. Public Comments from Registered Voters of Lisle Township:

Mike Tams complimented the highway department and its crew for all of its hard work this past winter. He heard a number of compliments and no complaints during what he was sure was a difficult time.

12. Set Next Town Meeting for 2014: Motion by Rick Tarulis to set the next town meeting for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Motion seconded by Ed Young. Motion passed by a voice vote.

13. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Ed Young, second by John Trowbridge. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Klaeren
Township Clerk