

**LISLE TOWNSHIP  
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2017**

**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:**

**Introduction of Elected Officials:**

Supervisor Richard Tarulis- Present  
Highway Commissioner Ed Young- Present  
Assessor John Trowbridge- Present  
Trustee Michael Tams- Present  
Trustee Michael Reidy- Present  
Trustee Jerry Buch- Present  
Trustee Kathy Chatman- Present  
Clerk Robert Klaeren- Present

Clerk Klaeren then introduced the newly elected officials: Supervisor, Mary Jo Mullen and Trustee, Sean Allen who will take office in May.

**Election of Moderator:**

Motion by Ed Young to nominate Jay Fisher as the Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting. Second by Charles Clarke. No further nominations were offered. Mr. Fisher was elected Moderator by unanimous voice vote.

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

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

**Appointment of Sergeant-at-Arms and Parliamentarian:**

Ed Young nominated Tim Connell as the Sergeant at Arms, motioned seconded by Mike Riedy.

Ed Young nominated Rick Tarulis parliamentarian, the motion was seconded by Joel Kagann.

Both Nominations were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of April 12, 2016 Annual Town Meeting Minutes:**

Motion by Michael Reidy to approve the April 12, 2016 Annual Town Meeting minutes. Second by Mike Tams. 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 balances for each Township and Road District fund.

**Report from Township Supervisor:**

Township Supervisor Tarulis then thanked the staff and volunteers for all of their dedication. He then said that he was honored to have spent the past five years as supervisor, the prior 10 years as clerk, as well as the two years as a trustee which preceded his time as clerk.

The supervisor then highlighted what he felt were some key accomplishments of the five years he held office as supervisor.

These accomplishments included:

- Cutting the tax levy by one-half in his first year in office by spending down reserves
- Doubling the General Assistance gasoline allowance
- Increased renters' assistance
- Lowered barriers to receive aid
- Increased support of the Community Career Center and Job Club
- Reinvested township funds, increasing the return on investment
- Initiated evening hours for the food pantry  
Increased the size of the food pantry, providing residents a comfortable, dignified place to wait to receive pantry services
- Improved handicapped access to the Township Building by installing a wheel chair lift which was partially funded by a grant
- Bid the Township's insurance packages, saving the township \$75,000.00 per year
- Establishment of a food pantry garden by his wife; which contributed thousands of pounds of vegetables for needy residents in recent years

Supervisor Tarulis described the efforts of his staff. He noted how the staff deals superbly with the needy of the township. Describing that the amount of crying done by those in need is sobering, and that it reminds him nearly every day of the importance of township services.

The supervisor then described the issues of the township assessor's building, explaining that the issue was still pending. Reminding all that the new supervisor and board would have to finish the job of determining the correct course of action.

He then mentioned the upcoming township events: shred day for residents on April 22nd and the Car Care Safety Clinic on May 13th.

The supervisor then closed his portion of the meeting by again thanking the staff, volunteers and his wife for all of their efforts on behalf of township residents.



### **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 directly provides and how eligibility is established. She described that much of the criteria for aid is determined by other agencies and that the township must follow the proper procedures. Mrs. Pantaleo then went on to describe how the township helps to administrate programs such as LIHEAP. She also told those assembled that she is the Salvation Army representative for the villages of Lisle and Woodridge.

Charlie Biggins then provided a brief report on the food pantry and extended a thank you to the volunteers. He then thanked the eight new commercial donors added this year. Charlie also thanked the pantry garden volunteers, noting that 2,487 pounds of vegetables were distributed to the pantry's clients. Mr. Biggins described that all of the food for the pantry is either donated or paid for by the Friends of Lisle Township; a 501(c)(3) organization.

### **Highway Department Report-Ed Young:**

Highway Commissioner Ed Young began his report by introducing his highway crew who was in attendance. He then thanked outgoing Supervisor Tarulis for his knowledge, friendship, and guidance.

Mr. Young then noted that the recent election had determined that the Lisle Township Highway Department and the Naperville Township Highway Department would be merged in four years. He then described while many issues would need to be resolved. The two highway departments were currently working together under an intergovernmental agreement.

The Highway Department recently hired a mechanic and two former Naperville Highway Department personnel to assist in the maintenance of Naperville Township roads under the intergovernmental agreement.

The township will repave two miles of road this year, as well as undertake a large storm water project. He noted that much of the funding for the storm water project was coming from DuPage County.

He once again thanked his road crew, introducing two thirty-year employees, Bill Liska and John Quinn.

### **Assessor's Report - John D. Trowbridge II:**

Mr. Trowbridge introduced himself and then introduced his staff members who were in attendance. He explained that his staff consisted of six full and one part-time employee and that they do great work.

The assessor then thanked the outgoing supervisor noting that the cooperation between elected officials and staff in all of the township's departments helped it to be a very efficient form of government for the residents of Lisle Township.

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

**Public Comments from Registered Voters of Lisle Township:**

Mike Loftus then conveyed how he had become aware of neighbors in need and referred them to the township offices. The assessor's staff worked with the resident to assist them in applying for and receiving a homestead exemption for they were eligible. Then Bill Green of the supervisor's office then helped them get the food assistance they needed. He thanked them all for being so dedicated to serving the residents.

Chuck Clarke then said that the township had been well run for many years and has always put the residents first. He expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the elected officials, staff and volunteers.

The township clerk then presented the outgoing elected officials with plaques for their service. Plaques were presented to Supervisor Richard Tarulis and Trustee Jerry Buch. It was noted that the plaques were not paid for with taxpayer funds.

Rebecca Lewis noted that her father (Rick Tarulis) had given his heart and soul to being Lisle Township Supervisor and that she was very proud of his efforts and what he had accomplished for the people of Lisle Township.

**Set Next Town Meeting for 2018:**

Motion by John Trowbridge to set the next town meeting for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Young. Motion passed by a voice vote.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Jay Fisher, second by Tom Hummel. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Klaeren  
Township Clerk

