

LISLE TOWNSHIP
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2019

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 Mary Jo Mullen – Present
Highway Commissioner Ed Young – Present
Assessor John Trowbridge – Present
Trustee Michael Tams – Present
Trustee Mike Reidy – Present
Trustee Kathy Chatman – Present
Trustee Sean Allen – Present

Election of Moderator:

Motion By Mary Jo Mullen to nominate Paula Garcia as Moderator, Second by Liz Chaplin. No other nominations were made.

Election by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed Young to set the moderator's Salary at \$0.00, Second by Michael Reidy.

Salary was set by unanimous voice vote.

Election of Sargent-at-Arms and Parliamentarian:

Mike Reidy nominated Tim Connell for Sargent-at-Arms; Ed Young seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

Election by unanimous voice vote.

Ed Young Nominated Michael Tams as Parliamentarian, the motion was seconded by Mary Jo Mullen. No other nominations were made.

Election by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of April 10, 2018 Annual Town Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the April 10 2018 annual town meeting minutes was made by Kathy Chatman, Second by Mike Reidy.

The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Report From Township Clerk: Township Clerk Klaeren read the financial statements which were posted online as well as available in hard copy for those at the meeting. These statements included the beginning balances, income, expenses, and ending balances for both the Township and Road District funds.

Report from the Township Supervisor:

Supervisor Mullen began her report by thanking the township staff for all of their efforts in the past year. She then went on to acknowledge the good work of the Lisle Township Job Club, noting a lot of people were getting jobs thanks to Sara and her hard work.

The Supervisor then turned her attention to the Lisle Township Food Pantry. Noting that the pantry was leading the way by offering client choice.

Finally, Supervisor Mullen discussed her personal and the township's commitment to support youth in crisis, and the partnerships she had worked to forge with other units of local governments and volunteer organizations. She spoke to the importance of this subject and the need for greater support of Lisle's youth.

General Assistance / Food Pantry Reports:

Laura Pantaleo spoke to her duties in administrating Lisle Township's General Assistance. Laura noted that in the past year the amount of money provided to general assistance recipients had been increased and that residents were now eligible if their income was less than 175% of the poverty level.

Mrs. Pantaleo went on to note that she is also involved in the administration of other programs such as; LIHEAP, Senior Benefit Access for transit, as well as working with local charities to help those in need.

Charlie Biggens the Food Pantry Director then began his report by acknowledging the growing need for the pantry by those at risk in Lisle Township.

Mr. Biggins then went on to thank all of the food pantry garden volunteers who provided over 1300 pounds of produce. He also thanked other benefactors for all they do. He next thanked the daily food pantry volunteers and concluded by thanking Friends of Lisle Township for their continued financial support.

Presentation of Appreciation for Supporters of The Lisle Township Food Pantry Services:

Supervisor Mullen Presented certificates of appreciation to: Friends for Lisle Township who pays for all of the food from the food bank. The Pantry Volunteers who make the pantry possible. The supervisor then noted that there were approximately ten stores who donate perishables to the pantry. She wanted to especially thank the Jewel Store on Maple Avenue which donated over one hundred and twenty thousand pounds to the pantry.

Next, she thanked, Lisle Township Gardner's who she asked to stand up, she then thanked Paula Garcia and Sheryl Conner who organize all of the volunteers.

Finally, she thanked the many organizations who hold food drives and find other ways to help; these include the Boy Scouts Pack 557 from Beebe School, Church World Service Inc, Faith United Methodist Church, Kawana's Club of Lisle, Lisle Lions Club, Lisle Woman's Club, Men's Club of Sts. Margret Mary, Telecom Pioneers chapter 139.

This last year a Boy Scout raised the money and built three raised garden boxes for his Eagle Scout Project. This year she noted that a Girl Scout is building a turning composter for her Gold Star Project.

She also thanked all of the schools in Lisle and Naperville who participate in the holiday project and food drives. As well as local businesses who support the pantry some of which are: Ryerson, Molex, Mc Clean Fogg, and last but not least Conner & Gallagher. She noted the many ways Conner and Gallagher assist the pantry.

Highway Commissioners Report – Ed R. Young:

Highway Commissioner Young began his report by noting the retirement of Bill Liska a 34-year employee. Marty Shrail has been with the department 31 years and has taken Bill's place as a foreman.

This past winter was very taxing, the road district used a record 1400 tons of salt. As a result when the township went out for salt bids for next winter the prices went up 24%. The salt is purchased by the county for all of the townships and many of the local municipalities in an effort to get the best price.

The highway department put up LED lighting around all of its buildings to save on electricity and increase security.

The highway commissioner noted that the highway department purchased a skid loader to aid in tree clean up and removal. This is necessary as the township's tree stock ages. Also purchased was a new vacuum truck to clean out the storm sewers as well as a new truck for the superintendent which also serves as a plow truck.

In the Meadows Subdivision there will be a new school which is set to be completed soon. This requires the highway department to reconfigure traffic patterns and new stop signs, all which must be approved by the county. He also hopes to be able to work with residents to improve the sidewalks in this area.

The county had agreed to share the costs of a project on Avon Court in the Steeple Run Neighborhood to alleviate flooding there.

He then presented his cost of road per mile. He noted that the costs per mile in the township is under \$60,000.00 per mile, the village of Lisle has costs of more than \$100,000.00 per mile. The City of Naperville when pressed will admit to approximately \$77,000.00 per mile.

Assessor's Report – John D. Trowbridge II:

Assessor Trowbridge noted that 2019 is the Quadrennial Year, all property must be reevaluated.

He noted that the township has over 40,000 parcels there were only 29 property tax appeals. He feels the credit for such a low number goes to his staff and their hard work researching properties. His staff then works with the landowners to help them understand the solid basis of the assessment they have received.

The assessor thanked his employee with over 30 years as well as two with more than 24 years of service plus the rest of his staff. He noted that since the mold was found in the old building they have had to move around and he thanked them for their perseverance.

His final note was that his list of items for disposal is longer than usual, but the contents of old computer equipment is also inclusive of property which has been damaged during one of the moves since the discovery of mold in the old assessor's building.

In closing he stated that the assessor's office has an open door policy and he invited all residents to come to his office with any questions they may have.

Approval of Disposal of Surplus Property:

Ed Young made the motion for disposal of surplus property listed. The motion was seconded by Mike Reidy.

A voice vote approved the motion.

Presentation on Update Regarding the Demolition of and Long-Term Solution for the Assessor's Office:

Supervisor meticulously detailed the process of public feedback sessions and a special town meeting on September 12, 2018 regarding the disposition of the former assessor's office and how to determine a more permanent solution for the housing of the Assessor's Staff.

The electors voted at that September meeting asked that the township look towards demolishing the former assessor's office and seeking a long-term rental until an economic purchasing plan for a site can be determined.

Currently the township is going through the process of preparing to demolish the building. This process is complicated because among other things the power for the highway department runs through that building.

The township is also looking for a suitable long-term rental that meets the needs of the township residents and is efficient for the assessor's office staff.

Public Comments from Registered Voters of Lisle Township:

None

Set the Date of the Next Annual Town Meeting: April 14, 2020 at 7:00PM:

Ed Young made the motion to for the next town meeting to be held on April 14, 2020 at 7:00pm. The motion was seconded by Michael Tams.

Voice Vote, Motion Passed.

Motion to Adjourn:

The motion to adjourn the 2019 Lisle Township Annual meeting was made by Mike Reidy and seconded by Liz Chaplin.

Voice Vote, Motion Passed at 7:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Pawlowicz

Lisle Township Clerk

As provided by: Robert Klaeren, Lisle Township Clerk - 2019

