

**LISLE TOWNSHIP  
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 8, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Township Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Mullen at 7:35 p.m. It should be noted that because of the COVID 19 Pandemic and the State of Emergency declared by Illinois Governor JB Pritzker this meeting was held both on person and virtually. Those physically present were at the 5211 Center Avenue in Lisle utilizing the Lisle School District 202 Board Room. The board interacted utilizing the Zoom platform to conduct the meeting. The meeting was streamed for the public via YouTube. Lisle Township residents were able to provide public comment via Google form on the internet.

**Roll Call:**

**Physically Present:**

Supervisor Mary Jo Mullen  
Assessor John Trowbridge  
Clerk Robert Klaeren

**Present Electronically:**

Highway Commissioner Ed Young  
Trustee Michael Riedy  
Trustee Michael Tams  
Trustee Kathy Chatman

**Absent:**

Trustee Sean Allen

**Others Present:**

Jim Vondran,	Bill Green	Keri Lyn Krafthefer
Keith Filipak	Michael Murray	John DeCanto
Sarah Breithaupt	Jerry Galloway	Mike Hovde

**Public Comments:**

The supervisor explained that public comment was made available via a Google Form for the past few days. She then opened the form and there were 3 comments which she read, these comments will be attached in an Excel format and added to the end of these minutes.

Michael Murray also spoke in favor of the establishment of a Lisle Township Mental Health Board. He focused on the stigma of mental health challenges and how they have made Strides in minimizing these stigmas through the mental health board.

**Approval of the June 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes:**

Trustee Riedy made the motion to approve the June 10, 2020 regular Meeting Minutes as presented: Motion was seconded by Trustee Tams.

The Supervisor then explained at all votes this evening would be roll call votes.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tams, Riedy, Chatman, Mullen

Nays: None

Absent: Allen,

Motion Passed

**Discussion of and Potential Action on Renewal Met Life Dental, Vision, Group Life Insurance:**

The Supervisor briefly went through the renewal which was included in the board's packet.

Trustee Chatman made the motion to approve the renewal of the policies. Trustee Riedy seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tams, Riedy, Chatman, Mullen

Nays: None

Absent: Allen,

Motion Passed

**Update on Covid 19 Related Operations:**

The supervisor described that the office is still mostly operating virtually however they are beginning to bring back staff as they are comfortable. Two people continue to work remotely and come to the office as needed. The food pantry will still continue to operate in a drive through manor until the township can accommodate large groups. The County has asked the supervisor's office to provide them with numbers regarding any additional expenditures related to both general assistance and Covid 19 which may be eligible for reimbursement.

The Assessor said that his staff is fully back in the office but that appointments with the public are all by appointment only and they are working diligently to keep everyone safe.

The highway commissioner explained that the highway department is doing its best to operate observing social distancing as they have in the recent past. The staff is also wearing masks when performing their duties in case they accidentally get closer than six feet to each other. They are taking the temperatures of employees, and so far all of his staff is healthy.

He noted that the public is asked to submit checks for permits by mailing them or placing them in the mailbox at the Highway department to minimize exposure.

**Discussion of and Potential Action on Setting the Date for the Annual Town Meeting:**

The supervisor introduced the topic regarding the town meeting which was put off because of the crisis.

The clerk suggested that the township publish the financial documents which would be presented at the meeting on the website.

The supervisor, clerk, board and Counsel discussed the meeting and the legalities surrounding the town meeting date. The board also discussed how to get the information which would be presented at the meeting out to the public and the process of getting approval from the health department to have the meeting.

The board is targeting October for the meeting, but the supervisor will check with the health department to see if it is feasible.

**Discussion of and Potential Action on A Resolution to Place a Referendum on the November 2020 Ballot to Establish a Mental Health Board:**

The supervisor then introduced the information in the packet. These items were included to answer the questions asked by the board at the June meeting as well as other information regarding the subject.

The board and supervisor introduced Supervisor Hovde of Bloomingdale Township where they have a mental health board. He shared that this was a referendum put on by residents, he was not on the board when it was approved. He mentioned the board controls the levy as a safety valve. In Bloomindale Township they work with Police departments to provide follow up appointments in the case of mental health call outs.

The supervisor said that she has provided the information which demonstrates the need for the type of services. She expressed her feelings that this issue should reside with the voters, then made a motion to pute the referendum to establish a Lisle Township Mental Health Board on the ballot. Hearing no second to the motion. There was no discussion or vote.

The supervisor then moved onto what was described as option two, which is that the board revisit the issue for next years ballot. This additional time would allow the board to further review the idea of the mental health board in a future election.

Option three; was for the board to support the investigation of the current mental health needs in Lisle Township. Trustee Tams acknowledged that there is a need for additional services, it is the method of delivery and where those services come from. The board expressed support for the investigation so that it can provide the residents with the options. The discussion was concluded by the board saying that it sees a need, but that the board needs to understand the issue better. It was also expressed that the issue only came before the board in the past 4-5 weeks and this board has not had the time to thoroughly vet the needs of the community it would like before approving of a mental health board moving forward.

The goals would be; comprehensive case management, and the go to place for township residents to find out where to go to get services.

### **Update on Transition to Lakeshore Recycling Services for Waste Hauling Services.**

The Supervisor explained that Lakeshore has been doing a lot of work in preparation for the changeover in August. The township will be the clearing house for sticker buyback from residents.

It was noted that the supervisor had received written confirmation that Republic will buy back all of the stickers the township purchases from residents at the end of August.

Lakeshore will be using the township's parking lot which is now partially empty because of the Covid Crisis which has the food pantry using the drive through model mentioned earlier.

The supervisor said that the information is prominently on the website and the staff has been thoroughly briefed. Trustees and other elected officials should feel confident in pointing residents to either resource.

### **Discussion on Announcement of Vacancy in Office of Township Trustee:**

The supervisor and board thanked Trustee Tams for his service. The vacancy has been announced and July 24th is the deadline for individuals to apply.

The board with the participation of counsel discussed the process. Trustee Chatman requested that there be a special meeting so that the board could take its time to properly interview and discuss the candidates. It was decided that the 29<sup>th</sup> would be a good date to have the initial meeting with those who apply.

The board again thanked Trustee Tams for his service!

### **Reports of Elected Officials:**

**Highway Commissioner Young:** the highway department has completed the cement work on the curbs, gutters and ADA related sidewalk work it is performing. Cooperative sidewalk replacement with residents is set to begin within the next ten days and so far ninety five households have signed up. Which is half of last year's number, however there is one more week for homeowners to participate.

**Supervisor Mullen:** The annual audit is being finalized. The food pantry grant through the capital funds is moving forward through the grant process. Green Demolition will finalize the sitework this week. The intergovernmental group is sponsoring a movie night using coalition funds with the park district in late July.

The township supervisor and attorney became aware that a PAC was formed which was unintentionally; the supervisor and counsel moved to end this as it was only meant to be a civic group. This was done as a group meant to work together to speak with one voice not for a Political Action Committee and that PAC has been dissolved.

**Assessor Trowbridge:** No Report

**Other Business:** None

**Audit of Expenditures:**

A motion was made by Trustee Tams to go to audit of expenditures it was seconded by Trustee Chatman.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tams, Riedy, Chatman Mullen

Nays: None

Absent: Allan,

The Motion passed

The following total expenditures in each fund were reviewed:

Town Fund	\$ 56,650.94
General Assistance Fund	\$ 6,392.41
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 50,133.54

A Motion was made by Trustee Tams to approve the audit of the expenditures; it was seconded by Trustee Chatman.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Riedy, Tams, Chatman , Mullen

Nays: None

Absent: None Allen,

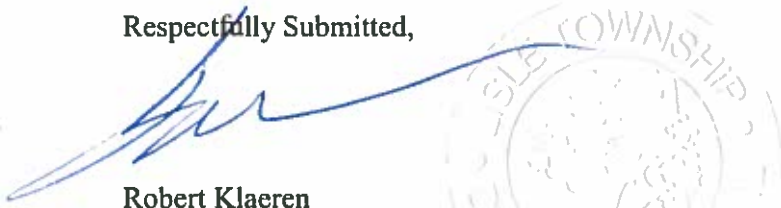
Motion Passed

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:**

A Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Tams; it was seconded by Trustee Riedy. Voice vote, all present in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:43p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Klaeren  
Township Clerk

### Exhibit A: written comments

Timestamp	What comment do you wish to offer?	Please provide your first and last name, for the official record.	Please provide your address, for the official record.
7/8/2020 9:27:15	<p>Your opposition to not allow residents of Lisle Township to choose for ourselves if a Mental Health Board should be formed, especially during a pandemic and economic downturn when mental health issues are more prevalent, is disappointing. For those of you against bureaucracy, a referendum question should be your favorite way to make a law because it allows the people to decide. We are not asking you to write the law, it's already a law at the state level and is currently implemented in many Illinois townships. We are asking the trustees to implement the law in Lisle Township. For those of you who are against the Mental Health Board because it means a tiny tax increase, I ask you to reconsider. Unlike state taxes where funds are collected for a general fund and can be spent anywhere, you should favor a targeted tax like this that can only be used for the Mental Health Board which means increased transparency and accountability. The state and county do not provide targeted funding for our community the way a local Mental Health Board can. A local Mental Health Board can do a better job at assessing the needs of our community and providing targeted funds which increases efficiency and reduces waste. You, as trustees, can set the tax rate as low as you want. We, as residents, entrust that you will determine the appropriate balance between burden and benefit. Respectfully, John DeCanto</p>	John DeCanto	229 Brooklea Ct, Naperville IL 60565
7/8/2020 16:05:29	<p>As a citizen of Lisle Township who is concerned about our societal mental health, I'd like to see the mental health initiative under consideration fully implemented in our Township.</p> <p>This is particularly important during this time of pandemic, unemployment, and the precarious work lives for many of our citizens who are extremely stressed, many of whom have no good recourse for the stress and depression they face.</p> <p>Thank you, Gerry Galloway</p>	Gerald Galloway	1750 Briggs Ct Lisle, IL 60532
7/8/2020 16:37:28	I am a resident of Lisle Township and I feel strongly about the subject of Mental Health	Claire Goldenberg	709 Front St Lisle 60532
7/8/2020 16:41:29	I fully supply a referendum to establish a Mental Health Board in the Township of Lisle. Far too many people suffer then harm themselves or others when their mental health breaks down. Mental health coverage is the first item to be cut and therefore too many people don't have the resources to get the help they need. Having resources available through the township would be a stop gap that could save a lot of lives.	Claire Goldenberg	709 Front St Lisle 60532