

**LISLE TOWNSHIP  
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Township Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Mullen at 7:30 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 Lisle Township boardroom at 4711 Indiana Avenue, Lisle, Illinois. 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:**

The supervisor introduced newly sworn in Trustee Anthony Signorella. Trustee Signorella was sworn in just prior to the meeting, having been appointed to the board at a special meeting the previous night.

**Physically Present:**

Supervisor Mary Jo Mullen  
Clerk Robert Klaeren  
Trustee Michael Riedy  
Trustee Sean Allen  
Trustee Anthony Signorella

**Present Electronically:**

Highway Commissioner Ed Young  
Assessor John Trowbridge  
Trustee Kathy Chatman  
Jim Vondran

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:**

Bill Green

Scott Duenser

**Public Comments:**

The supervisor explained that public comment was made available via a Google Form.

No comments were submitted.

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

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

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Riedy, Chatman, Allen, Signorella, Mullen

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

**Approval of the July 29, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes:**

Trustee Riedy made the motion to postpone the approval of the July 29 Special Meeting Minutes until the September board meeting: Motion was seconded by Trustee Chatman.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Riedy, Chatman, Allen, Signorella, Mullen

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

**Discussion of and Potential Action on Annual Financial Audit:**

The supervisor introduced Scott Duesner of WIPFLI. Mr. Duesner prepared the township's annual financial Audit.

Mr. Duesner went through several aspects of the audit he felt were important. These included the fund balances and IMRF long-term liabilities on Pages 31 & 32 of the audit.

Trustee's Riedy inquired about a statement in the audit regarding the accounting method the township uses. Mr. Duesner reminded the board that the township does not depreciate its assets such as sidewalks and streets. He further reminded the board that this was not a new topic but has been discussed by the board in the past. Scott then provided a longer account of what happened several years ago before the Legislature provided relief to smaller units of government to work on a modified cash basis instead of a modified accrual basis.

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**Discussion of and Potential Action on Annual Financial Audit (Continued):**

Trustee Riedy made the motion to approve the Annual Financial Audit. Trustee Allen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Riedy, Chatman, Allen, Signorella, Mullen

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

**Discussion of and Potential Action on Intergovernmental Agreement with DuPage County on Cares Act Funding:**

The supervisor briefly explained that the county and townships are working with each other to finalize what is acceptable to the county, while meeting the Cares Act Guidelines. The newer county policy is more favorable to the townships. This is because it allows the townships to recover additional costs such as labor and additional rent assistance provided to residents who are experiencing hardships because of the pandemic.

The county will not finalize this language until its August 25th meeting, so no action is needed.

**Discussion of Salaries of Elected Officials for 2021-2024:**

The supervisor explained that she and the other township supervisors put together a spreadsheet with a comparison of all township officials' salaries in the county. She intends to do more research, noting that the highway commissioner and assessors' salaries may be due for an increase since they are full time jobs.

Trustee Chatman asked for a longer analysis, she would like to see the salaries for the past 16 years as well as a comparison of road miles for each of the highway departments. The supervisor and highway commissioner both agreed to get these metrics for the board to review at the next meeting.

**Discussion of Metropolitan Township Association and Township Officials of Illinois:**

Supervisor Mullen then conveyed that it is the opinion of many suburban township supervisors that Townships of Illinois (TOI) does not serve the townships in the Chicago Metropolitan Area (MTA) very well. Seven of the other townships have joined to MTA in addition to TOI. The MTA organization is keeping those townships who have joined better informed on issues that affect them.

The supervisor is hesitant to have the township belong to both organizations. The board supported idea of investigating the cost of MTA.

Trustee Chatman noted that if temporarily the township belonged to both, she would not be opposed to this depending on costs and benefits. It is her hope that the MTA might have better insight regarding suburban townships.

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

**Highway Commissioner Young:** There are no cases of Covid-19 at the highway department. It just completed its fourth round of brush pickup. The road projects are 75% done, the curb work is completed and sidewalk replacement is about to begin. The township has 118 homes utilizing the cost-sharing program this year.

**Assessor Trowbridge:** Because of the office move, the Assessor's office is preparing to close its books earlier this year. It anticipates closing the books at the end of August.

**Supervisor Mullen:** The garbage transition is moving forward. All but a few hundred containers are deployed. While there have been some complaints, it seems to be well.

The supervisor then noted the work she has done since the July meeting regarding looking into the mental health crisis. The supervisor said that she expected to have a report to the board by the September meeting for it to review. The DuPage Federation for Human Services Reform is working with her on this project.

Triad is putting together a Car Bingo event; it is an event by which the seniors can get out with little to no risk.

The owners of the building which will house the assessor's office continue to work with the village to obtain permits to build out the space.

The supervisor is pursuing data regarding an ERI incentive to be potentially offered to employees. She is actively smashing numbers of how predictions of savings from past programs have held up.

The Lisle Woodridge Fire Protection District is having a drive through food distribution for seniors on August 25 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (noon).

**Other Business:** None

**Audit of Expenditures:**

A motion was made by Trustee Riedy to go to audit of expenditures it was seconded by Trustee Allen.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Riedy, Chatman, Allen, Signorella, Mullen

Nays: None

Absent: None

The motion passed.

The following total expenditures in each fund were reviewed:

Town Fund	\$ 84,491.83
General Assistance Fund	\$ 2,429.66
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 87,663.76

A motion was made by Trustee Riedy to approve the audit of the expenditures; it was seconded by Trustee Allen.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Riedy, Chatman, Allen, Signorella, Mullen

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

**Executive Session:** None

**Discussion and Potential Action to Select a Candidate to fill the Vacancy of Township Trustee:**

No action needed as Trustee Signorella was appointed at a special meeting of the board the previous evening

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Riedy; it was seconded by Trustee Signorella. Voice vote, all present in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:33p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Klaeren  
Township Clerk

