LISLE TOWNSHIP
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 23, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The Special Meeting of the Board of Township Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Mullen at 7:00p.m. It should be noted that because of the COVID 19 Pandemic and the State of Emergency declared by Illinois Governor Jay Pritzker this meeting was held Virtually. The board interacted utilizing the Zoom platform to conduct the meeting. Following the meeting it will be available to the public via YouTube. Lisle Township residents were able to provide public comment via Google form on the internet prior to the meeting or during public comment portion of the meeting.

Roll Call:

Physically Present: None

Present Electronically:
Supervisor Mary Jo Mullen
Assessor John Trowbridge
Highway Commissioner Ed Young
Trustee Michael Riedy
Trustee Kathy Chatman
Trustee Tony Signorella
Clerk Robert Klaeren

Absent: Trustee Sean Allen

Others Present:

Claire Goldburg	Bill Green	Debbie Pawlowicz
Dianne Hewitt	Claire Goldenberg	Jean Page
Lisa Rose	John Krull	Christi McGovern
Sara Breithaupt	Scott Silver	Autumn Giest
Kitty Murphy	John DeCanto	Drew Bolda
Jordan Durrett	David Roth	

Public Comments:

The supervisor explained that public comment was made available via a Google Form prior to the meeting or by the public in virtual attendance live. There were no comment in the Google Form.

The Supervisor then offered those present at the ZOOM meeting if they had any comment they would like to make. Hearing none the supervisor moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Presentation and Discussion of Mental Health Study Report and Recommendations:

Supervisor Mullen Introduced Dave Roth and Jordan Durrett of the DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform.

Both David Roth and Jordan Durrett introduced the study and purpose of the Study which is to "understand how local mental health system is serving community". The emphasis is to identify gaps and strategies to address the gaps. Jordan noted that the presentation will come back to this purpose.

Jordan then went through her PowerPoint (attachment 1) which summarized the detailed mental health report (attachment 2)

The first statistic of note was that of the approximately 95,000 Lisle Township residents nearly 16,000 have experienced some sort of mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder. This number does not include substance abuse or developmental delays. The next slide noted that of these approximately 16,000 individuals with "Any Mental Illness" approximately 3,550 have a "Serious Mental Illness" which is defined for the purposes of this study as substantially interfering with one or more major life activity.

The presentation then explained that approximately 3,500 adults in Lisle Township experienced a "Major Depressive Episode" each year. Next, they used a survey that the Illinois Department of Human Services does each year, the survey revealed that one in four 8th graders, one in three 10th graders and one in five 12th graders had a period of time when they felt depressed for a period of 2 weeks.

The presentation then dealt with the topic of suicidal thoughts in both adults and children in 10th and 12th grade. The numbers also dealt with ER rates due to a mental health crisis in both adults and children. This was done by zip code and the numbers were compared to the county averages.

Another item of note was that 2 in 5 adults with a substance issue also have a mental illness. This portion discusses coexisting disorders including opioid and alcohol misuse. most of the estimates are for the misuse of these pain medicine and alcohol misuse. Some of what is working regarding misuse of substances and alcohol misuse: Stigma reduction, improved access to mental health and growing informal referral networks. The items that need improvement in this area are; community education, lack of specialty providers and the inherent flaws of an informal Referral networks. The final topic of this portion dealt with the effects of COVID pandemic on mental health.

The encouraging quote from this portion of the presentation was that while "there is still a lot of work to be done on destigmatizing mental illness, but I've been in this field for years and I'm proud of how much work has been done."

Next the report dealt with the costs of services involved in mental health treatment. The recent advent of telehealth during the pandemic has improved the ability for people to initiate and maintain appointments with mental health professionals.

Presentation and Discussion of Mental Health Study Report and Recommendations (Continued):

The providers of Lisle Township mental health services have done a good job of building an informal mental health network. However it would be better if this network could be formalized.

Some of the obstacles of mental health treatment are; lack of education, lack of providers, and lack of language skills at service providers. There are also a shortages of youth service providers.

The topic of stigma also was brought up in this portion of the report. It was noted that as long as there is any stigma to obtaining mental health services, some will not seek the services they need.

COVID has had a serious affect on the mental health of the community. Short term there has been a large increase in depression and anxiety. The long term effects are expected to stay with 15% of these individuals

Recommendations:

Some of the recommendations include community education, sponsor frequent networking opportunities, and create a formal referral network. There is also a need to address the short term needs due to the COVID Pandemic.

The PowerPoint is attached to these minutes as “attachment 1” the entire written report is “attachment 2” which is also attached to these minutes.

The board and residents in attendance the asked questions of Jordan and David to better understand the report and how the community might be able better serve those in mental health crisis.

The highway commissioner and board all thanked Supervisor Mullen for her leadership on this issue.

Supervisor Mullen thanked Jordan, David and the rest of the DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform for all the work done on this report.

This was an introduction of the report to the board and residents of Lisle Township so no action was taken.

Discussion and Potential Action to Set Agenda for Annual Town Meeting:

The supervisor and board discussed the annual town meeting and how the current Executive Order allows for the postponement of the Annual Town Meeting until after the third Tuesday after the Executive Order is lifted.

The primary concern is that the gathering size will exceed the 50 people currently allowed by the Executive Order. This concern is based on past history where more than 50 people have typically attended Annual Town Meetings.

The Supervisor intends to post all of the financial statements which would be presented at the Annual Town Meeting in April as soon as they are prepared.

Motion to postpone the Lisle Township Annual Town Meeting until the Executive Order is lifted was made by Trustee Chatman, then seconded by Trustee Riedy.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Riedy, Chatman, Signorella, Mullen
Nays: None
Absent: Allen
Motion Passed

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Chatman; it was second by Trustee Riedy.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Riedy, Chatman, Signorella, Mullen
Nays: None
Absent: Allen
Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 8:45P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Klaeren

Township Clerk