

Lisle Township Finance Committee Meeting, Saturday, June 24th, 2023 8:00am

1. Meeting called to order by Trustee Robinson

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Clerk Pawlowicz, Supervisor Hewitt, Trustees Robinson, Page, Geist, Assessor Trowbridge, Highway Commissioner Young

Absent: Trustee McGovern, Operations Manager Wolff

In person:

Yosh Yamanaka, Christine Patterson, Stephanie Snowden, Mark Spieglan, Harry Wildfleur

4. **Public Comment**

In person:

Yosh Yamanaka expressed concern that the Township is in violation of holding on to too much in reserves. Asked the board to approve MonAmi software for purchase.

Harry Wildfleur expressed concern over the anger and anxiety he sees lately. Implored the board to provide services for seniors.

Mark Spieglan expressed concern over budget conversations. Suggested more problem solving, less sniping. Supports senior services, food pantry, software for both. Supports the 708 Mental Health Board and decarbonizing and solar panels for the Township buildings.

Christine Patterson expressed concern over the environment. Supports decarbonization, interested in more environmentally friendly options. Pro software for senior services and the food pantry.

Stephanie Snowden expressed concern over amended budget and that \$4000 was removed from senior services.

Online comment:

Gerry Galloway asks the board to look at the budget as a moral document. Expressed concerns that we take care of the least among us, because that's what Township government is for.

Jeremiah S. Expressed disappointment over the board not providing services. Expressed disappointment over the board not loaning funds to the 708 Mental Health Board.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding recommending a final budget for FY 2023/24

Trustee Robinson began the discussion by explaining what the purpose of the meeting is for. Last meeting left two outstanding discussion points. Salary level for Supervisors office and how to deal with ARPA funding. Committee recommended a figure of \$475k for salaries. Trustee Geist expressed concern over the doubling of salaries and the strain it puts on the budget. Noted that there is a lot of overlap in the office. Christine Patterson expressed concern over the Township having too much funds in reserve. Supervisor Hewitt explained that we have to spend down our reserves or we cannot levy. Deep discussion on deficit spending. Supervisor Hewitt expressed frustration that we won't be able to levy if the newest proposed budget is passed. Discussion over slowing down the implementation of services until the need is established. Discussion over Community Career Center funding. Budget ask is \$10k. Trustee Geist psuggested lowering the amount to \$5k and then provide vouchers to residents asking for help from the Community Career Center, with the idea being the Board will have a better understanding of how many residents are seeking help. Discussion on improving the Township website to make it easier to navigate. Discussion over increasing the budget for legal to cover potential property issues. Discussion to decrease HR budget line ask from \$20k to \$6k. Discussion over 708 Mental Health Board funding. The 708 Board requested a loan of \$75,500 from the Lisle Township budget, request was granted. Discussion over the increase for the PACE program. Discussion over PACE billing being behind. Reimbursement from Naperville for PACE is expected soon. PACE invoicing and service reliability is currently an issue for all Townships. Discussion over how to approach grant funding. ARPA requires projects be already funded before any grant money is awarded. Supervisor is requesting \$610k be included in the budget for potential grant funding. Supervisor spoke to \$110k grant expected from the state of Illinois, funds not received yet. Supervisor wants to use those funds to replace crumbling windows in the Supervisors office building. Supervisor is also interested in exploring solar panels. Commissioner Young suggested making separate line items for each capital improvement the Township is applying grand funding to.

Trustee Geist had to leave the meeting at 9:55am

6. Elected Official Comment

Supervisor Hewitt requested the Board review exploring the option for purchasing 2121 Ogden Avenue, Lisle, IL, 69532 building

Trustee Page requested an item to the 6/27/2023 agenda, to create a committee to oversee the food pantry

7. Review and Approval of Minutes from 5/17/2023 Finance Committee Meeting

Motion made to approve by Trustee Page, 2nd Trustee Robinson

8. **Executive Session** (if needed)

None needed

9. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Trustee Page, 2nd by Trustee Robinson, 10:05am