



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. was called to order by Supervisor Daniel L. Vera. The following official business was transacted:

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

TRUSTEES:	Raymond F. Slattery	Present
	Archie Gavin	Absent
	Rosie Verdin	Present
	Brian Hertzmann	Present
SUPERVISOR:	Daniel L. Vera	Present
CLERK:	Beth Ann May	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Commissioner James Maffeo	Present
	Assessor James Brenzewski	Present
ALSO PRESENT:	Accountant Colleen Witt	Present
	Director Sarah Gimbel	Present
	Attorney Franklin D. Burkey	Present
	Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace	Present

Supervisor Vera reported that Trustee Gavin had previously indicated he would be absent at this meeting.

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town/May 8, 2018: Clerk May commented that three corrections had been made on the draft of the minutes since they were issued to the board. Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting and to waive the reading of these minutes inasmuch as copies had previously been delivered. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A voice vote was taken.¹

Public Comment:

None

¹ The motion carried

New Business:

Approve/Grant Joliet July 4th Celebration

Supervisor Vera spoke on the request indicating in the past we have provided a grant at the \$500/Eagle Patriot level. Accountant Witt verified, for the past 7 years we have funded this at the \$500 level. Funds for this grant will come out of the General Town/Miscellaneous Fund. Trustee Verdin moved to approve a grant for the Joliet July 4th Celebration at the Eagle Patriot level/\$500.00. Seconded by Trustee Hertzmann. A Roll call vote was taken. Ayes (4), Nays (0)²

Unfinished Business:

None

Reports:

Supervisor: Supervisor Vera reported that a grant request was received from the YMCA for their summer camp program and it will be on the June 12 agenda. He attended the St. Pat's Young at Heart 55 Club last Friday indicating about 35 people were present. The dedication of the veteran's memorial garden at the Joliet Hospice is on Friday, May 25 at 9:00 a.m. He anticipates attending the June meeting of the Oakwood Cemetery Board and asked attorney Burkey to attend with him.

Clerk: Clerk May reported she has received 3 Road District bid documents. They will be published on May 24, 2018 and the scheduled bid opening is Monday, June 4, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. Other than that just the day to day operations of her office.

Highway Commissioner: Commissioner Maffeo reported his staff is working on summer seasonal projects, grass cutting, garbage pickup and pothole patching. He reported the County awarded the Motor Fuel Tax paving project for New Lenox Road (east of Briggs Street) to D. Construction for \$49,524.73. He heard from the City of Joliet regarding a portion of Jackson Street to be paved. They are estimating the cost of \$30,330. We anticipated this to cost \$43,000. An intergovernmental agreement will be needed.

He provided an update on the Preston Heights project, currently being worked on by PT Ferro. There are some issues with the overall condition of the Louis Road and Houston Avenue. The roadway is crumbling as the work is being done. He has decided that when the drainage work is done that they won't patch the parts removed for the improved drainage but will rather do a complete overlay. This will require an additional bid and the engineers anticipate the cost to be approximately \$50,000.00. This will affect 48 homes along these streets. He added, he had planned to complete the overlay next year but it can't wait. The needed overlay of these 2 streets was not on the previously submitted list of projects for this year. The Supervisor asked why the engineers had not anticipated the need when the original bid went out and the Commissioner replied that he was not sure. The Supervisor suggested he and the Commissioner go together to take a look at the condition of the streets.

² Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

He updated the Board on the status of the closed Patterson Road at the railway crossing. He indicated he spoke with the County Engineer and it was suggested the Commissioner contact the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to address the issue. The Commissioner spoke with a representative at the ICC who informed the Commissioner that the railroad can't close the road indefinitely. The railroad would need to request a temporary closure with the ICC. The ICC emailed the railroad and informed them of the conversation with the Commissioner. The railroad then said they would take down the barricades to allow the road to be opened again. In the email response, from the railroad regarding removal of the barricades, they said they will be submitting a petition for temporary closure. **Attorney Burkey commented we would immediately object to another closure of the roadway.** The railroad did suggest the pavement be lowered to solve the problem. They informed the Commissioner of a program where they cover 60% of the cost with the local government covering the remainder 40% of the cost. The Commissioner expressed concern regarding them requiring us to cover 40% of the cost. Commissioner Maffeo indicated several options to improve the situation were previously suggested to the railroad but they have not responded to these suggestions. Trustee Hertzmann suggested the railroad install cameras at the crossing so they can identify the trucks which are damaging their equipment and file claims with the truck owners.

Assessor: Assessor Brenzewski reported the factoring, neighborhood by neighborhood, has started and must be completed by June 1 when it must be sent back to the County. He indicated the complaints received when the tax bills were issued has tapered off but he does anticipate it to start up again when the second installment bill is issued. The matter of purchasing new software and converting current records will not begin until after June 1, 2018.

Attorney: Present but no report.

Accountant: Accountant Witt reported all of the year end accruals have been done and the financial reports ending March 31, 2018 have been completed and distributed to the Board. The April bank reconciliations have been completed and are on the table for review. She completed the preparation work for the annual audit. Accountant John Michalesko was accompanied by an additional accountant for the audit this year. The initial work went well. The next step is a meeting between John Michalesko and Supervisor Vera and after that the audit will be presented to the Board. Other than that, just the day to day operations of her office.

Animal Control Center: Director Gimbel reported they attended finals week at the University of St. Francis with comfort pets to help relieve the students stress. All but 2 cats were adopted out from the Joliet Junior College Veterinary Technician program. She indicated the College is doing a summer program this year so we will continue to work with them. On April 28, 2018, 11 small dogs were removed from a home. The

owners have decided to surrender 9 of the dogs and take the other 2 dogs home. The 9 dogs will be put up for adoption. She and Supervisor Vera reported on the expansion of the laundry room at the Center to accommodate a commercial washer and dryer. Lindblad Construction will be doing the work for an estimated contract of \$8,990.00. There is a need to coordinate purchasing the new equipment and the surplus of the existing appliances. Director Gimbel will obtain the pricing and delivery time for the new appliances and will coordinate that with the construction timeline. She also commented on a large pothole in the parking lot. The Supervisor indicated New Lenox Paving should be contacting us about it. There was also discussion about needing to replace grass on the spots where trees were removed this past spring.

Senior Report: Senior Liaison Jeff Wallace, submitted a report and reviewed the meetings he has attended and the upcoming meetings. He has distributed the Senior Services newsletter. He also takes door prize gifts to each club. He attended the St. Pats, Young at Heart 55 Club where approximately 35 people attended. Kathy Wilhelmi, acting President of the Club reported they will be disbanding as a group, effective immediately, due to a lack of interest in anyone serving as an Officer. Offers were made from neighboring Clubs for the members of the St. Pats group to join them. Four other groups over the past several years have also disbanded. Mr. Wallace also provided Commissioner Maffeo with a name of a resident who expressed concerns about the increased truck traffic in her neighborhood. The Commissioner indicated he would follow up with the resident.

Receipts: Trustee Slattery moved to deposit all funds into their proper accounts as presented for the period ending May 22, 2018. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A voice vote was taken.³

Expenditures: The Supervisor presented the following invoices for Town Board approval for the period ending May 22, 2018:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town	\$71,375.90
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Verdin	
Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 ⁴	
General Assistance	\$8,623.51
Motion: Trustee Verdin	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 ⁵	

³ The motion carried

⁴ Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

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Road and Bridge \$34,539.82

Motion: Trustee Slattery

Second: Trustee Hertzmann

Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0⁶

Trustee Verdin asked about the status of existing equipment which has been replaced with new computers and a copy machine. Commissioner Maffeo replied the copy machine will be issued as surplus at the June 12, 2018 meeting and the computers were not replaced but were an addition to the existing computers at the Highway Department. He added, there are now 4 computers at the Highway Department, 2 of which are used in the shop to order parts.

Animal Control \$25,469.06

Motion: Trustee Slattery

Second: Trustee Hertzmann

Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0⁷

No bills were presented for consideration in the Senior Funds.

Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

Closed Session:

None

Adjournment:

Trustee Hertzmann moved to adjourn the town board meeting to June 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A voice vote was taken.⁸ The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann May

Clerk

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