



Minutes of a Meeting of the
Joliet Township Board
175 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432
Tuesday, October 9, 2018

The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, on Tuesday, October 9, 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	Absent
	Archie Gavin	Present
	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
	Attorney Franklin D. Burkey	Present
	Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace	Present
	Director Patricia Venziano	Present
	Director Sarah Gimbel	Absent

Trustee Slattery was absent due to a family commitment.
Trustee Hertzmann arrived late at 5:11 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town/September 25, 2018: Trustee Gavin moved to approve the minutes of the September 25, 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

¹ The motion carried

Public Comment:

None

New Business:

Adopt/Resolution 2018-03, IMRF/Health Insurance Issue

Accountant Witt spoke on the proposed resolution. Currently some employees receive a stipend in lieu of healthcare benefits. By adopting this resolution, we are electing to include the stipend as IMRF earnings. This will be back dated to January, 2014.

Trustee Gavin moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-03, IMRF/Health Insurance Issue. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (3), Nays (0)²

Adopt Resolution 2018-04, Surplus Equipment Animal Control

Clerk May reviewed the need to adopt the proposed resolution. Animal Control has 5 computers which NJS Enterprises will dispose of and the dryer will otherwise be disposed of. Trustee Verdin moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-04, Surplus Equipment Animal Control. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (4), Nays (0)³

Adopt/2019 Annual Meeting & Holiday Schedule

The proposed dates were reviewed and Clerk May verified all of the dates were confirmed. Supervisor Vera expressed his concern regarding the continued practice of observing Columbus Day. He indicated several governments in Illinois and community Colleges are no longer observing this day, adding this may be something to consider in the future. Trustee Verdin moved to adopt the 2019 annual meeting and holiday schedules as presented. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (4), Nays (0)⁴

Approve/Animal Control Parking Lot Bid

Supervisor Vera spoke on the bids received for the new parking lot, planned to be located directly west of the Center. He stated all of the bids received were above the Architect anticipated costs and what was budgeted. He indicated the 4 lowest bidders were reviewed and asked about their association with organized labor, as well as a breakout costs for the fencing and curb work. The alternate 1 was for the fencing and the alternate 2 was for the curbing of the existing parking. The adjusted pricing was then calculated to determine a lower price for the overall cost of the project. The Supervisor indicated he was still in favor of the curb work on the existing parking area which allowed for only the fencing pricing to be removed from the quotes. Briggs Paving from Downers Grove was the low bidder with the deduction of alternate 1, remove pricing for the fence. Trustee Gavin moved to approve the bid from Briggs Paving, with the deduction of alternate 1 and to allow the Supervisor to enter into a contract for the work to be performed at a price of \$74,355.48. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (4), Nays (0)⁵

² Roll Call Ayes (3) Trustees Gavin, Verdin, and Supervisor Vera

³ Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

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

⁵ Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

Reports:

Supervisor: Supervisor Vera reported he, Attorney Burkey and Accountant Witt will be attending the October 17, 2018 meeting of the Oakwood Cemetery Board. He continues to make random visits to the cemetery to review work being done and to assess the needs. He and Commissioner Maffeo will be reviewing the roadways to determine a cost associated with road improvements. The initial focus will be improvements around the Civil War memorial. He acknowledged Patricia Venziano, the new GA Director as being present at the meeting. The Supervisor reported there has been no update from Barry Kolanowski relating to the signage on the Senior Services vehicles.

Clerk: Clerk May reported the bid letting for the Road Salt was on Friday, October 5 and the opening is scheduled for Friday, October 19, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. The bid is requesting prices for 800 ton. She completed the resolutions for consideration this evening. She met with the new GA Director, Pat Venziano. They discussed the board meeting process and the functions of the Clerk's Office. She provided a copy of an email from the City of Joliet on the issue of Alternative Water Source Study Committee. She commented on a recent annexation notice from the City of Joliet, #A22-18. She verified that the City of Joliet is the requestor. The property in question is directly north of the City's Water Department on Washington Street. She inquired if anyone was interested in taking a tour of the Governor's Mansion on Sunday, November 11, 2018 during the fall TOI conference. Please confirm with her if you are interested in the 2:30 or 3:30 tour. The Nowell Park dedication will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2018. She directed the Board to review the invitation in their board packet. Trustee Gavin indicated he would be attending. Clerk May will RSVP for him.

Highway Commissioner: Commissioner Maffeo reported 14 truckloads, containing 500 tires were recycled through the County's tire recycle program. He has met with the County Engineers regarding some of the continued drainage issues across the Township. The paving projects continue to be worked on and he anticipates these will be completed within the next couple of weeks.

The Commissioner distributed copies of a legal opinion prepared by Attorney Burkey on the anticipated request from the City of Joliet to install water and sewer service, via our right of way, to the proposed Love's Truck Stop on New Lenox Road and South Briggs Street.

Assessor: Assessor Brenzewski reported, the appeal hearings continue. One in particular is an appeal from Riverwalk LLC and their recent purchase of Evergreen Terrace from the City of Joliet for 11 million dollars. The property is currently assessed at 14 million. They are asking for the assessment to match the recent sale. The Assessor indicated he is not sure if the City of Joliet sold the entire development to Riverwalk LLC and there is an issue of an obligation to buy and sell which doesn't always allow for

reduced assessment. He will discuss this issue with Attorney Burkey and will be in contact with the City of Joliet for certain details.

Attorney: Attorney Burkey was present but had no further comments other than those already discussed.

Accountant: Accountant Witt reported the September bank reconciliations have been completed and are on the table for review. She will have updated financial reports at the next meeting. The monthly IMRF report was completed and filed. She has been reviewing the Oakwood Cemetery financial documents. She has started work on the 2018 Levy. Other than that, just the day to day operations of her office.

Animal Control Center: Director Gimbel was absent with a family matter. Supervisor Vera gave her report. The Director continues to work on a “pet store” problem with a commercial establishment on Collins Street, where they are not licensed with the State of Illinois. She continues to delegate a lot of time on cases being prosecuted with the City of Joliet. On October 5, 2018 they participated in a pet blessing at the University of St. Francis, where they received 3 boxes of animal supply donations. A large donation was also recently received from the Employees of Caterpillar. The statistical reports were distributed.

General Assistance Program: New Director Patricia Venziano, introduced herself to the board and others present. She provided a brief work history focusing on her recent work with the Will County Center for Community Concerns where she served as the Housing Program Manager and managed the caseworkers, much like she is now doing with the Township. She thanked the board for opportunity and indicated she is happy to be here, adding her door is always open to ideas and suggestions. Supervisor Vera indicated that Director Venziano recently discussed an idea with him relating to the GED programs offered by Joliet Junior College. Director Venziano indicated the program only offers so much of the service free but not the cost of the test itself. She has suggested that we look into providing a funding voucher for our residents to take the test. Attorney Burkey will review if General Assistance funds can be used in such a manner. Director Venziano added, if we can get people educated it may result in them not coming back for financial assistance. The Board welcomed her.

Senior Liaison: Senior Liaison Jeff Wallace reviewed the upcoming meetings and reminded the Board of the Senior Citizen Association luncheon this Thursday.

Receipts: Trustee Verdin moved to deposit all funds into their proper accounts as presented for the period ending October 9, 2018. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A voice vote was taken.⁶

⁶ The motion carried

Expenditures: The Supervisor presented the following invoices for Town Board approval for the period ending October 9, 2018:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town Motion: Trustee Gavin Second: Trustee Verdin Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 ⁷	\$49,830.15
General Assistance Motion: Trustee Verdin Second: Trustee Gavin Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 ⁸	\$7,545.72
Road and Bridge Motion: Trustee Hertzmann Second: Trustee Verdin Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 ⁹	\$28,548.88
Animal Control Motion: Trustee Gavin Second: Trustee Hertzman Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 ¹⁰	\$25,616.95
Senior Fund Motion: Trustee Gavin Second: Trustee Verdin Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 ¹¹	\$41,000.00

Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

Closed Session:

None

⁷ Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

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Adjournment:

Trustee Hertzmann moved to adjourn the town board meeting to October 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A voice vote was taken.¹² The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann May
Clerk

¹² The motion carried