



Minutes of a Meeting of the
Joliet Township Board
175 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432
Tuesday, October 10, 2017

The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 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	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	Absent
	Director Sarah Gimbel	Present
	Attorney Franklin D. Burkey	Present
	Jeff Wallace, Senior Liaison	Present

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town/September 26, 2017: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting and to waive the reading of these minutes inasmuch as copies had previously been delivered. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. Trustee Verdin noted a correction under the Highway Commissioners report where Rowell Avenue was misspelled and Director Gimbel also noted a correction on her report for Animal Control where the address of the animals should reflect 1920 Washington Street. The motion was changed to accept the minutes as amended. A voice vote was taken.¹

¹ The motion carried

Public Comment:

Resident and member of the Joliet Grade School Board Deborah Ziech was present. She spoke on some of the issues the School District faces with 74% of the grade school population qualifying for the reduced lunch program. She added the districts greatest concern is the poverty the students face. She expressed 40% of the incoming kindergarten students can't identify 3 letters or know their correct first name. She expressed her frustration regarding certain grants the Township has given, to various agencies and organizations, expressing the money could be better spent with volunteer groups helping in the efforts. She also asked if there were opportunities for grants for the grade school district. Supervisor Vera thanked her for attending and for expressing her views. He indicated he has spoken with the grade school Superintendent and they are exploring some opportunities. He also insured her that the veterans grants provided this year, were approved specifically at the Annual Town Meeting and other non-veteran grants are generally funded to youth and senior programs. Trustee Slattery thanked her for the input and expressed his gratitude for her coming to the meeting.

New Business:

Adopt/2018 Annual Meeting and Holiday Schedule

The proposed meeting and holiday schedules were reviewed.

Trustee Slattery moved to adopt the 2018 board meeting schedule. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)²

Trustee Verdin moved to adopt the 2018 Joliet Township Government and Township Road District Holiday Calendar. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. Highway Commissioner Maffeo indicate he was in agreement of the proposed holiday schedule. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)³

Approve/Annual Snow Removal Contract/General Town and Animal Control

The quotes from Daletski Plowing for the Township building and the Animal Control building were reviewed. Supervisor Vera indicated that he has been very happy with their services. He added, the prices as quoted for the Township building at \$400/plow and for the Animal Control building at \$360/plow are at the same rate as the contracts for last year. Trustee Slattery moved to allow the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Daletski Plowing for the purposes of snow removal at the Township building at \$400/plow and the Animal Control building at \$360/plow. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)⁴ Supervisor Vera, thanked the Highway Commissioner for the applying salt on the parking lots.

Approve/Veterans Assistance Grant/Hope Manner, Joliet

Supervisor Vera indicated there is still \$13,500 remaining, of the original allocation/transfer of funds of \$125,000, for veteran's projects. He reported on the 63 new families that are now living at the Hope Manner, a veterans housing program, on

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Joliet's east side. They have a need for personal items and furnishings for the units and there is a desire to provide Thanksgiving food baskets to each home. The housing units are located within the Township and after speaking with Director Malone and Caseworker Sue Bustin he believes this is an opportunity for us to help out. These efforts are being coordinated between the Veterans Assistance Commission and the American Legion Auxiliary. Trustee Slattery moved to approve a grant for \$13,500 for the purposes of providing personal items, furnishing for their homes and food baskets for the holidays. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A roll vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)⁵

Unfinished Business:

None

Reports:

Supervisor:

The Supervisor reported over the past 2 weeks the back stair case and the stair case on the river side of the building have been sand blasted and painted. The steel lentils have also been painted. The work was completed by Cosgrove Construction, a local union company. Wunderlich door has also replaced the steel door into the pump room on the lower level. He spoke with the Business Agent with the brick layers to see if there was an interest in having apprentices work on the stone wall at Mound Cemetery. After reviewing the deteriorating stone wall and the large stone caps the BA determined it was not a project for the apprentices. He will recommend 2 local companies with the expertise needed to repair the wall. Attorney Burkey requested the recommendations be presented in writing which will allow the Board to waive the need to bid based on the limited qualified companies and then can award to the lowest bidder. The Supervisor indicated he will follow up with the BA on this issue. Marchio Fence will be working on some additional fencing at the rear of the building to block off the ramp and lower entrance. This is needed to protect the building and for safety of the staff because people congregate in the lower level area. They have also recommended some steel ribbons be installed to prevent kids from using the walls of the ramp area from jumping off them with their skate boards. He indicated the General Assistance report is in the board meeting packet for your review. He reminded everyone of the Senior Citizen Association Luncheon this Thursday at 12:30. Their next luncheon will be on December 14, 2017 at noon for a holiday celebration.

Clerk:

Clerk May reported the bid notice for the bulk road salt was published on Friday, October 6; bids will be opened on Friday, October 20 at 9:30 a.m. For sale ads were previously placed in the TOI Perspective Magazine for surplus property from the Highway Department for 1 used truck and 1 used generator. Two bids have been received so far. The opening for the bids will be Friday, October 13, 2017 at the end of the day. Deputy Clerk Guajardo prepared the proposed meeting and holiday schedules for consideration this evening. Other than that, just the day to day operation of her office.

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

Highway Commissioner:

Commissioner Maffeo reported he continues to wait for notification from the gas company regarding the work on Caroline Drive. They must be present due to a large gas main near the work site.

He is waiting for information from Hutchison Engineering on the Cleveland Avenue drainage project. An agreement will need to be adopted to allow for entering on the private property of Mr. Bibian. Attorney Burkey is working with Hutchison on this project.

The annual tire drop off program, sponsored by Will County, will take place on November 1 in Park Forest, Illinois. This is an EPA sponsored event. He anticipated having 2-3 truckloads of tires to deposit that day.

He spoke of the house on the corner of Brandon Road and Patterson road which had been hit about 5 times by various vehicles. Speed bumps have been installed, concrete slabs have been installed on the edge of his property, directional arrow signs have been installed and we also moved/realigned his driveway. The County installed ditches along the edge of his property. (Photos were provided.) All of these efforts have been done to help divert cars from hitting the house.

He was contacted by Mr. Ray Perry who indicated he is interested in purchasing a particular portion of land, adjacent to his property that is currently a right of way. He added he has no further plans to develop any roads or alleys in that area. He believes we have a process to follow and will work with Attorney Burkey to see if this request can be taken care of.

He spoke of the need to address the parking of commercial vehicles on the Township Roads, especially in light of the City of Joliet expressing their plan to adopt weight limitations on 20 city streets. The County is currently working on this issue also. We don't currently have an ordinance in place to limit commercial vehicles from parking on our roadways. He is recommending we adopt an ordinance which identifies each street, showing them listed on a map; request approval from the County; and, install weight limit signage. Supervisor Vera commented we will wait for direction and suggestions from the Commissioner on how to proceed.

He reported on tree removal, by staff and Budd's Tree Service, at various locations throughout the Township, and his staff continues to perform seasonal tasks as needed.

Trustee Slattery asked if the situation has been resolved with the employee who was using excess vacation and sick time and the Commissioner said yes, the employee in question has returned to work.

Assessor:

Assessor Brenzewski indicated the appeal process will be wrapped up by November 1. He and his staff continue to prepare for the scheduled hearings with the Property Tax Appeal Board.

Attorney:

Attorney Burkey reported he attended a meeting with the leadership of the lighting district and everything is a go to assume administration and responsibilities on January 1. He reported on the hearing for the 12 dogs being held long term. And he reported attending a meeting with Accountant Witt and Tim Reading about the levy.

Accountant:

Accountant Witt absent no report.

Animal Control Center:

Director Gimbel followed up on the 12 dogs being held long term due to a case of neglect. She hopes that the owner of the dogs will return on Monday to sign off as agreed to at the recently held hearing. The new Officer Patrick O’Keefe is working out well. Five students from Joliet Catholic Academy provided community service. She participated in a hearing with the City of Joliet on September 27 on 6 cases. The Chamber Leadership School will be producing a video to help educate the community on the trap, neuter and release program. She discussed the September statistical report indicating there is nothing significant to review. There is currently a 50% off cat sale.

Senior Report:

Jeff Wallace, Senior Liaison, reported on the various clubs he has visited in the past couple of months. He commented on the St. Jude’s senior group no longer being active and asked if a different group has been added and the Supervisor replied that no additional groups have been added. He needs to discuss the JFK group with the Supervisor.

Receipts: Trustee Slattery moved to deposit all funds into their proper accounts as presented for the period ending October 10, 2017. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A voice vote was taken.⁶

Expenditures: The Supervisor presented the following invoices for town board approval for the period ending October 10, 2017:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town	\$53,287.13
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Gavin	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁷	

⁶ The motion carried

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