



Minutes of a Meeting of the
Joliet Township Board
175 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432
Tuesday, November 21, 2017

The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, on Tuesday, November 21, 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	Present
	Director Sarah Gimbel	Present
	Attorney Franklin D. Burkey	Present

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town/November 7, 2017: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2017 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:

Approval/2018 Pace Paratransit Share Agreement

Supervisor Vera directed the Board to review the proposed agreement. Accountant Witt reported last year's contract amount was \$22,376.00; however, we have only been billed \$8,194.00 so far this year. The contract for this year is \$25,283.00, this is the anticipated amount. There was discussion about the program offering rides for \$2.00/ride and the lack of use of the program over the past couple of years. Trustee Slattery moved to allow the Supervisor to enter into an agreement for 2018, with Pace, for Paratransit purposes at the anticipated amount of \$25,283.00. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)²

Approval/Proposed Town Levy for Posting – Ordinance No. 350-2017

Supervisor Vera explained the process of reviewing the proposed Town Levy and approval for posting 20 days prior to adoption. Accountant Witt indicated there have been no changes since the original documents were presented at the Levy Workshop. There is a 0% increase, the same as last year. Trustee Verdin moved to approve the 2018 Town Levy for Posting. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)³

Approval/Proposed Road District Levy for Posting – Ordinance No. 2017-08 (RD)

Accountant Witt indicated there have been no changes since the original documents were presented at the Levy Workshop. The Levy will be the same as last year at 105%, which does not require a black box process. Trustee Slattery moved to approve the 2018 Road District Levy for Posting. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)⁴

Adopt/Resolution No. 2017-09 General Town Surplus Equipment

Supervisor Vera explained, after the Resolution is approved, we have a vendor that will take the computers to dispose of and we are given back the hard drives. Trustee Gavin moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-09 General Town Surplus Equipment, for 3 computers, 1 from General Town and 2 from General Assistance. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)⁵

Unfinished Business:

None

Reports:

Supervisor:

The Supervisor thanked the Officers and Trustees for attending the Township Officials of Illinois annual conference. He spoke on how much he liked the new 2 day agenda. He recently met with Attorney Burkey where they discussed several items of interest, including the East Joliet Lighting District and possible grants for the Joliet Grade

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School District. He attended the Veterans breakfast at the Joliet Area Community Hospice. He added the new garden will be completed in the spring and he will keep the Board informed of the ribbon cutting date once it's set. He continues to arrange for various work projects on the Township Building. He recently accepted a proposal from Will County Siding to replace the deck on the river side of the building. He indicated that he received the second proposal for the proposed work on the stone wall at Mound Cemetery. The proposal was insufficient and not complete. He decided to go with Gilkerson out of Lockport. Marchio Fence has been out with a mock up of the gate and cage system to be installed at the rear and lower level of the building. The system is now at the paint shop. The Supervisor distributed a copy of the Senior report received from Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace.

Clerk:

Clerk May reported the public bids for the surplus truck were opened on Wednesday, November 8. Two bids were received 1 was awarded. She prepared the surplus equipment resolution for consideration. She has the executed resolution from the East Joliet Lighting District, extending the governance to the Township. Once directed she will prepare a resolution, for us to pass, assuming authority and governance of the District. She anticipates this to be ready for the December 12, 2017 meeting. She has not had an update on the vacation of roads/alleys from Mr. Perry. She received the executed permanent easement agreement on the Bibian property drainage issue, this evening, from the Commissioner and she will have this recorded at the Recorder of Deeds. She hoped everyone enjoyed the fall conference.

Highway Commissioner:

Commissioner Maffeo reported the surplus vehicle bid was awarded to Len Cox for \$11,555.00 and the other bid received was \$4,155.00. He received the executed document from Bibian for the drainage project and has given that to the Clerk for processing. He anticipates this work to be done in the spring. He provided an update on the radio system (document attached). He commented, next Tuesday, the radios will be programmed and on Wednesday, they will be installed. Clerk May asked if the County Board had passed the intergovernmental agreement and the Commissioner replied that we don't need that approved. He participated in a meeting with the City of Joliet where they discussed the snow routes. An agreement was reached regarding the Ridgewood neighborhood. He and Attorney Burkey met with Burlington Northern and the ICC regarding the railroad crossing on Patterson Road. There is an issue with oversized trucks not adhering to the weight limitations posted. This has caused problems with the signal gates. During the meeting they discussed the options to correct the problem. This will be a lengthy process for approval so this was just the first step.

Supervisor Vera asked if he had followed up with Mr. Bates on Elm Road and the Commissioner replied that he had not but that he would. The Commissioner expressed concern about getting involved with the project.

He reported on an abandoned boat on Linden Street. The Road District picked up the boat on a flat bed and took it to the junk yard. He was glad they took the boat because he was concerned about how they would dispose of it.

Assessor:

Assessor Brenczewski indicated they have finished the board of review appeals for both commercial and residential properties. There are an additional 7 complaints to be heard by the Property Tax Appeal Board. Other than that, they are just getting ready to regroup for the process to start all over again in January.

Attorney:

Attorney Burkey reported he has met with various staff and all is going well.

Accountant:

Accountant Witt reported the October bank reconciliations were completed for First Community Bank including a second set for the November 1-3 transactions. After November 3, Busey Bank will take over and they will issue future statements. We received our IMRF contribution for 2018, at 5.97%, the current rate is 6.43%. She filed the unemployment report for October. She prepared the Levy documents for consideration this evening and other than that just the day to day activities of her office.

Animal Control Center:

Director Gimbel reported the Joliet Area Historical Museum is once again this year decorating a tree with an Animal Control theme for the Center. If our tree is chosen, we will receive a donation from them. She continues to work on the Chamber Community Leadership project and is now working with Joliet Jr. College to further edit the original video created. She did not have an update on the changes to the signage at the Center. Other than that just the day to day operations of the Center.

Trustee Gavin reported attending the ribbon cutting at Pilcher Park with 100 people in attendance. He drove through the park and saw the improvements.

Receipts: Trustee Slattery moved to deposit all funds into their proper accounts as presented for the period ending November 21, 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 November 21, 2017:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town	\$44,684.11

Motion: Trustee Slattery
Second: Trustee Hertzmann
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0⁷

⁶ The motion carried

⁷ Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

General Assistance \$7,268.59
Motion: Trustee Gavin
Second: Trustee Slattery
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0⁸

Road and Bridge \$26,103.82
Motion: Trustee Slattery
Second: Trustee Verdin
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0⁹

Animal Control \$30,998.82
Motion: Trustee Gavin
Second: Trustee Verdin
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0¹⁰

Senior Fund \$89.24
Motion: Trustee Verdin
Second: Trustee Hertzmann
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0¹¹

Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

Closed Session:

None

Adjournment:

Trustee Hertzmann moved to adjourn the town board meeting to December 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A voice vote was taken.¹² The meeting adjourned at 5:50p.m. Well wishes were extended for a happy Thanksgiving.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann May
Clerk

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