

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
March 23, 2010  
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
COUNTY OF WILL,  
TOWN OF JOLIET,**

The regular town board meeting, being held in said town and county in the state of Illinois, at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township Government Offices, on March 23, 2010, at 5 p.m., was called to order by Township Supervisor Daniel L. Vera. The following official business was transacted:

The Town Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Town Clerk called the roll as follows:

TRUSTEES:	Robert F. Wisniewski	Present
	Jeffery M. Wallace	Absent
	Raymond F. Slattery	Present
	Suzanne M. Adamic-Albert	Present
SUPERVISOR:	Daniel L. Vera	Present
TOWN CLERK:	Beth Ann May	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Collector Denise Winfrey	Present
	Commissioner James Maffeo	Present
	Assessor James Brenzewski	Absent
ALSO PRESENT:	Accountant Kim Doglio	Present
	Director Andy Ivanicky	Present
	Attorney Franklin D. Burkey	Absent

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Regular Town/March 9, 2010: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2010, Town Board Meeting and to waive the reading of these minutes inasmuch as copies had previously been delivered. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Public Comment:**

None

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## **Public Hearing:**

### Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Township Ordinance No. 290-2010

At 5:02 p.m., Trustee Slattery made a motion to suspend the Regular Town Board Meeting for the purposes of going into the Public Hearing for the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Township Ordinance No. 290-2010. Seconded by Supervisor Vera. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Town Clerk May called the Public Hearing to order and accepted the roll call from the Regular Town Board Meeting. She verified that the legal notice was published in the Times Weekly on Thursday, February 18, 2010 and pursuant to that notice the meeting is now open. She announced that a separate public hearing must be held for the Town Budget and that it will then be adopted at the Regular Town Board Meeting. She then asked, three times, if anyone wished to speak to the ordinance. Hearing none, Town Clerk May called for a motion to close the public hearing and reconvene the previously scheduled Regular Town Board Meeting. Trustee Slattery moved to close the Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 290-2010. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The public hearing closed at 5:04 p.m.

### Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Road District Ordinance No. 2010-03 (RD)

At 5:05 p.m., Trustee Wisniewski made a motion to suspend the Regular Town Board Meeting for the purposes of going into the Public Hearing for the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Road District Ordinance No. 2010-03 (RD). Seconded by Trustee Slattery. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Town Clerk May called the Public Hearing to order and accepted the roll call from the Regular Town Board Meeting. She verified that the legal notice was published in the Times Weekly on Thursday, February 18, 2010 and pursuant to that notice the meeting is now open. She then asked, three times, if anyone wished to speak to the ordinance. Hearing none, Town Clerk May called for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-03 (RD). Trustee Slattery made a motion to adopt Budget & Appropriation Ordinance - Road District Ordinance No. 2010-03 (RD). Seconded by Supervisor Vera. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 4, Nays 0<sup>1</sup>. There being no further comments, the Town Clerk requested a motion to close the public hearing and reconvene the previously scheduled Regular Town Board Meeting. Trustee Slattery moved to close the Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 2010-03 (RD). Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The public hearing closed at 5:07 p.m.

## **New Business:**

### Adoption/Budget & Appropriation Township Ordinance No. 290-2010

The Supervisor commented on the budget workshops that were held and he thanked the Board and other Officials for attending. After meeting with everyone and getting a handle on the funding for next year, as stated in the first workshop held, he felt that last year we did not give any raises to staff but this year he made the proposal that we do give a raise. From the first workshop to tonight he advocated a 2% raise. He's aware that others may feel differently.

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<sup>1</sup> Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Wisniewski, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera

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Supervisor Vera move to approve a 2% raise, across the board, for all of the employees that work for the Township. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 3, Nays 1<sup>2</sup>.

The Supervisor then addressed the first budget to be considered, Ordinance No. 290-2010, the regular budget and asked for its approval. He clarified that it has the correct numbers in it to reflect the 2% increase. The total of the budget is correct, based on all of the discussions and agreements from the workshops and subsequent individual conversations with everyone and are reflected in the budget presented. He then called on Accountant Doglio. She commented that most of things that are in there, especially those things that have changed from the budget that was originally posted, were discussed in the budget workshops. She thanked the board for all of the input in all of the workshops and all of the hours for helping her get the numbers in. The Supervisor then complimented Accountant Doglio for working on the budget until 4:00 p.m. today. He then asked if there were any other questions of him or the Accountant. Hearing none, he called for a motion. Trustee Slattery made a motion to adopt Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 290-2010. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 4, Nays 0<sup>3</sup>

Adoption/Budget & Appropriation Road District Ordinance No. 2010-03 (RD)

The Supervisor called for adoption of Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 2010-03 (RD). He indicated that the Road District budget had been approved during the Public Hearing but must be approved once again during the Regular Town Board Meeting. Trustee Slattery moved to adopt Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 2010-03. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 4, Nays 0<sup>4</sup>

Road District Line Item Transfers Ordinance No. 2010-07 (RD)

Supervisor Vera called on Accountant Doglio to review the necessary line item transfers for the 2009-2010 Budget. She indicated that the total amount of the transfers is \$38,050.00 which is within the allowable amount for the transfers. Highway Commissioner thanked Accountant Doglio for her efforts and indicated that he supported the necessary line item transfers. Trustee Wisniewski moved to adopt Road District Line Item Transfers Ordinance No. 2010-07 (RD). Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 4, Nays 0<sup>5</sup>

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**Closed Session:**

None

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<sup>2</sup> Roll Call Ayes (3) Trustees Slattery and Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera; Nays (1) Trustee Wisniewski

<sup>3</sup> Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustee Wisniewski, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera

<sup>4</sup> Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Wisniewski, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera

<sup>5</sup> Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Wisniewski, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera

## **Reports:**

### Supervisor:

The Supervisor reported that he has continued to work on the spring edition of the newsletter which should be out the last week in March. He has been participating in budget workshops and holding budget meetings over the past couple of weeks. He has been attending Senior events and making check presentations to the various approved senior groups. He will be meeting with the architect on the Animal Control remodel project this week.

### Town Clerk:

The Town Clerk reminded the board to complete and mail in their annual Statement of Economic Interest. She informed the board that she had received a request from the Will County Historical Commission to be placed on the agenda at the first meeting in May. Virginia Ferry will represent the Historical Commission and make a brief presentation on May 11, 2010. She reminded the board of the TOI Training on June 16, 2010 in Oakbrook and to let her know if they are planning on attending so that she can get the registration completed. She has been working with the Supervisor on the spring edition of the newsletter. The letters were issued to the unsuccessful bidders for the Animal Control project and an award letter was sent to L. J. Morse. She assisted the Highway Commissioner with notifications to the City, County and Water and Sewer Districts on the new cutting into roads ordinance. The final payment for the Patterson Road (old IDOT project) is being presented tonight on the recap for consideration.

### Highway Commissioner:

The Commissioner reported that the staff has been working on spring clean up including: clearing of tree branches, removing tires, repairing road signs and applying gravel to the curbs. The department trucks have gone through their inspections with only a couple of minor issues. The snow equipment has been removed from the trucks. A hole has been discovered on a bridge on Farrell Road. A steel plate has been placed over the hole to prevent any additional damage or damage to a vehicle. He will be in touch with IDOT and the County to repair. The Caroline Drive project is being worked on and Mr. Gregory is very happy. The city has completed more drainage work behind Mike's Furniture on Cass Street.

### Assessor:

Absent

### Collector:

No Report

### Attorney:

Absent, attending a law conference today.

Accountant:

Accountant Doglio reported the February financial reports are on the table for review. She has been working with the Supervisor and other Officials on the completion of the budget. She commented on the final payment being issued to IDOT on the Patterson Road project. She has received notification from the Standard Insurance Company that the option life insurance is in effect. She will be notifying staff of the adjustments on their pay checks for this deduction. She will have the final recap for 2010 at the April 13, 2010 meeting. Staff will continue to pay bills for FY 2010, through April 2, 2010.

Animal Control Center:

Director Ivanicky reported that he had received a call from Pastor Jennings about a dead animal on Patterson Road. He asked the board what the policy was for him to pick up dead animals on the roadway. He added that they had not done that in the past. It was decided that the Highway Department can receive calls of this nature and if the dead animal is on a Township Road they will remove it. Animals will be picked up on public township roads only. He reported that he has been completing the last minute work on the finances for this year. A final bill has been issued to Will County for services provided and staff has been working with the new computer software and should be completely on board by April 1, 2010.

**Receipts:**

Trustee Slattery moved to deposit all funds into their proper accounts as presented. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Expenditures:**

The Supervisor presented the following invoices for town board approval:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town	\$110,086.86
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Adamic-Albert	
Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 <sup>6</sup>	
General Assistance	\$29,124.81
Motion: Trustee Wisniewski	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 <sup>7</sup>	
Road and Bridge	\$80,273.73
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Adamic-Albert	

<sup>6</sup> Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Wisniewski, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera

<sup>7</sup> Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Wisniewski, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera  
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Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0<sup>8</sup>

Animal Control \$22,344.52

Motion: Trustee Wisniewski

Second: Trustee Slattery

Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0<sup>9</sup>

Senior Citizens Fund \$27,750.00

Motion: Trustee Adamic-Albert

Second: Trustee Wisniewski

Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0<sup>10</sup>

Trustee Wisniewski asked if any of the previously funded senior allocation groups did not comply with providing reports prior to the end of the fiscal year. The Supervisor commented that the St. Bernard's Senior group had not spent their first allocation and therefore could not report. This will be taken into consideration when the allocations are distributed for the next year.

Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Slattery moved to adjourn the town board meeting to April 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ann May  
Town Clerk

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<sup>8</sup> Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Wisniewski, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera

<sup>9</sup> Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Wisniewski, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera

<sup>10</sup> Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Wisniewski, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera