

**MINUTES
OF THE
APRIL 13, 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 April 13, 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	Present
	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	Absent
	Commissioner James Maffeo	Present
	Assessor James Brenzewski	Absent
ALSO PRESENT:	Accountant Kim Doglio	Present
	Director Andy Ivanicky	Present
	Attorney Franklin D. Burkey	Present

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town/March 23, 2010: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2010, Town Board Meeting and to waive the reading of these minutes inasmuch as copies had previously been delivered. Seconded by Trustee Wallace. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment:

Ron Olszewski inquired about the vacant warehouse on Laraway Road and Rowell Avenue wondering if anyone knew if a business was going to go into that location. The Supervisor replied that he did not have any idea about that particular building but added that there are several vacant warehouses in the general area.

New Business:

Honorary Resolution – Ridgewood Baptist Girls Basketball Team

The Supervisor called on the Town Clerk to read the honorary resolution. The Clerk read the resolution and comments were made by Coach Quinn and the team members present were introduced. Assistant Coach Laurie Beth Howard was also present. Trustee Wisniewski moved to approve the resolution honoring Ridgewood Baptist Girls Basketball Team on the occasion of winning the 2010 Division 3, National Christian Schools Athletic Associations, National Championship. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0¹.

Unfinished Business:

None

Closed Session:

None

Reports:

Supervisor:

The Supervisor reported that he has a meeting scheduled with the Architect on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at Animal Control. There will be continued discussion on the time line for the project and the start date. He informed Director Ivanicky of the daily work hours of 7:00 a.m. start and 3:00 p.m. finish time. He has been working with Accountant Doglio to move the Town Funds from Harris Bank to First Community Bank. A total of 7 accounts will be moved and a new one will be established to maintain the Road District Permit Escrow Fund. The accounts at Harris Bank will be closed out completely by mid May. First Community Bank offered improved rates on the Certificate of Deposits and no fees on the accounts. He informed the Board that he has authorized Accountant Doglio to have access on the accounts for maintenance purposes. This will allow her to view the accounts electronically and transfer funds when necessary. He continued to add that he has trust in Accountant Doglio to perform these functions and he thanked her for her assistance in establishing the new accounts. Attorney Burked asked if First Community Bank is an authorized depository with the Township. The Supervisor replied that they are an authorized depository. The monthly General Assistance meeting was held today and

¹ Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Wisniewski, Wallace, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera
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there are a couple of issues that will need to be reviewed. He asked Attorney Burkey to meet with him and the staff to review the issues and the necessary policy and procedure changes. He reported that Collector Denise Winfrey called and is unable to attend today's meeting as she is on vacation this week.

Town Clerk:

The Town Clerk reminded the board members to complete and submit their annual Statement of Economic Interest. The TOI Education Session for our zone is on Wednesday, June 16 in Oakbrook. She will be making reservations so please let her know if you will be attending. There is updated cemetery legislation in their packets for consideration. She has been completing fiscal year end documents and preparing for the Annual Town Meeting. She informed the members that there are two sets of Certification of Funds for this meeting. One for the final fiscal year March 31, 2010 and one for the first two week period in the fiscal year 2011, April 13, 2010.

Highway Commissioner:

The Commissioner reported that all of the snow removal equipment has been removed from the trucks. Routine maintenance is being done to include: gravel on the shoulders, garbage pick-up and sign replacement. Two culverts were replaced on Pinewood. The utility truck is receiving some improvements so that tools and equipment can be safely stored in the vehicle. The end loader is being repaired at TJ Lambrecht. There haven't been many spring time related complaints. Graffiti has been removed or painted over on the Patterson Road Bridge. ComEd will be relocating the electric poles on Caroline Drive the first week in June. He continues to keep Mr. Gregory and the adjoining properties informed on the progress of the work and they are in agreement with what is being done.

Assessor:

Absent

Collector:

Absent

Attorney:

Attorney Burkey reported that it has been determined that the Shawnita well is polluted. The claim is being processed and they have plans to connect to the City of Joliet water.

Accountant:

Accountant Doglio reported that there are bills being presented today on the CDBG Shawnita/Fair Acres project. There are two sets of bills for consideration today – for March 31, 2010 and April 13, 2010. She added that the bulk of the bills for the fiscal year end, March 31, 2010 have been processed; however there may be a few more at the next meeting. The first quarter taxes are completed and will be mailed on Wednesday, April 14, 2010. She has received the initial documentation for the levy and reported that we have maximized our levy. She should

receive the final documents around the 20th of the month. Attorney Burkey asked if the Township's EAV went down. The Accountant replied that she would have to review the documents and get back to him.

Animal Control Center:

Director Ivanicky reported the Joliet Junior College Vet Tech program is wrapping up for the spring semester. The animals will be released for adoption in 3 weeks. Most will be adopted out through the College with the rest being returned to the Center. The Humane Society will once again be donating dog food. Stray animal traps are being issued now that the weather has warmed. He reported on the Gutierrez Family case where their two dogs were picked up by Animal Control, calls were placed to the family and they were not available to pick them up. They were informed that the animals can only be held for 7 days. After the 7 day holding period, the animals were adopted out. Upon the return to Joliet, the Gutierrez Family reached out to Animal Control where they were informed that the animals had been adopted. Director Ivanicky contacted the adoptive family and they were willing to return the animals to the Gutierrez Family. The adoptive family was reimbursed for their adoption fees and the Gutierrez Family paid the necessary fines and fees.

Referring to the Animal Control Report, Trustee Wisniewski asked about the 4 dogs which died while under our care. Director Ivanicky responded that one of the dogs was shot by police and brought to the Center, 2 dogs died without any visible symptoms and 1 died at the veterinarian. Trustee Wisniewski asked about the "shelter transfers" referenced on the report. Director Ivanicky responded that animals are transferred to other shelters when we are unable to adopt out. Money is saved as we do not have the expense of euthanasia. He added that several Humane Society's that are licensed or are 501(C)(3) agencies accept our dogs. Trustee Wisniewski inquired about the capacity of the shelter and Director Ivanicky responded that we can hold 30 dogs and 25 cats. Some of the animals are kept in separate rooms. The Trustee asked if more cages were needed and the Director replied that he wasn't sure that we would have the room for any more cages. The Trustee asked if there would be an increase of space available once the remodel project is complete. The Director replied that we may have additional space but that won't be realized until the project is complete. The Trustee asked if the shelters that accept our "transfer" animals donate anything for the animals received and the Director replied, no they do not. The Trustee asked if they pick up the animals and the Director replied that they do pick them up. The Trustee asked if we have been in contact with the school for the blind or hearing impaired to see if they were interested in adoption of animals. The Director replied that in the past we had worked with the US Customs office but the procedures and policies of these various organizations have changed and they no longer use sheltered animals.

Receipts:

Receipts – March 31, 2010

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

Expenditures:

The Supervisor presented the following invoices, March 31, 2010, for town board approval:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town	\$33,255.78
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Wisniewski	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ²	
General Assistance	\$12,634.88
Motion: Trustee Wallace	
Second: Trustee Adamic-Albert	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ³	
Road and Bridge	\$13,211.33
Motion: Trustee Adamic-Albert	
Second: Trustee Wallace	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁴	
Animal Control	\$6,100.30
Motion: Trustee Wisniewski	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 ⁵	

There were no expenditures for the Senior Fund.

Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

Trustee Slattery questioned the bill from Andromeda Technology Solutions, wondering why the cost of \$93.75 was on the General Town Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund. The Accountant replied that it was just a coincidence that the amounts were the same. One invoice was presented for consideration for \$592.40; \$93.75 was from the Road and Bridge, \$93.75 was from General Town and the remainder being paid out of General Assistance.

Receipts

Receipts – April 13, 2010

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

² Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Wisniewski, Wallace, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera

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⁵ Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Wisniewski, Wallace, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera

Expenditures:

The Supervisor presented the following invoices, April 13, 2010, for town board approval:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town	\$58,613.51
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Wisniewski	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁶	
General Assistance	\$11,368.62
Motion: Trustee Adamic-Albert	
Second: Trustee Wallace	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁷	
Road and Bridge	\$25,459.36
Motion: Trustee Wallace	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁸	
Animal Control	\$12,254.52
Motion: Trustee Wisniewski	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁹	

There were no expenditures for the Senior Fund.

Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Slattery moved to adjourn the town board meeting to April 27, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Wallace. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ann May
Town Clerk

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