

**MINUTES
OF THE
July 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 July 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:

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| 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 | Present |
| | Commissioner James Maffeo | Present |
| | Assessor James Brenzewski | Present |
| ALSO PRESENT: | Accountant Kim Doglio | Present |
| | Director Andy Ivanicky | Present |
| | Attorney Franklin D. Burkey | Present |

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town/June 8, 2010: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 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. (Trustee Suzanne Adamic-Albert did not vote on this measure as she was not present for this vote.)

Closed Session/June 8, 2010: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2010, Closed Session as to form and content. Seconded by Trustee Wisniewski. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0¹

Public Comment:

Resident, Judy Olszewski inquired about the standing water in the ditch near her home. She thanked the Highway Commissioner for all the ditch work that had been done, but asked why water remained in her ditch when it was drained out of all of the others in her neighborhood. The Commissioner replied that he would take a look at it.

New Business:

2010/2011 Contract for Website and Newsletter Design and Update

Supervisor Vera commented on the proposed contract for website and newsletter design and update. He indicated that the proposal reflects updates for the website at \$125/hour and 3 issues of the newsletter at \$875.00 each. This cost is in addition to printing and postage. This is the same contract as last year. It is distributed to 31,000 households. Trustee Wisniewski moved to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with JV Murphy and Associates for the purposes of publishing the newsletter 3 times per year and updates on the website per the quote provided. Seconded by Trustee Wallace. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0²

Unfinished Business:

The Supervisor indicated that a copy of the waste service contract has been distributed for the Trustees to review, as per a request of Trustee Wallace at the June 8, 2010 meeting. He commented that we are under contract until 2011 with the current hauler. Trustee Wallace asked that we obtain new quotes for this type of service, 60 days prior to the automatic renewal date of the existing contract. The Supervisor made special note to follow up.

Closed Session:

None

Reports:

Supervisor:

The Supervisor reported that he attended the TOI Oak Brook training along with, Clerk May, Trustees Wisniewski and Slattery. He has attended several senior picnics this summer. The Animal Control remodel project is moving along on schedule. Phase II should start at the end of July. One change order has been issued for plumbing as some of the pipes were not located per

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the original blue prints for the building. A General Assistance staff meeting was held today. General Assistance Director, Cornelia Malone has prepared the monthly report for the board. The staff has noted an increase in clients as a result of the extended unemployment ending. He indicated that he needs to meet with the Township Attorney to discuss some policies. He will be updating the General Assistance brochure so that it reflects the current program guidelines. He has been working on the next edition of the newsletter and attended the monthly Highway Commissioners meeting. He and Sue Bustin took a tour of the University of St. Francis Health and Wellness Center, currently located at the Murphy Building in downtown Joliet. At present, the GA staff refers clients with medical needs to the Will Grundy Clinic but a change may be necessary as our clients immediate needs have changed. Meetings will be held with the Township Attorney and the Will Grundy Medical Staff prior to any changes. The Supervisor also requested a meeting with the Attorney to discuss the new single family housing program – Liberty Meadows.

Town Clerk:

The Town Clerk reported that she attended the TOI Education Training in Oak Brook. She distributed the 2010 Road District Drainage Bid projects and participated in the bid opening on July 2, 2010. She completed the FOIA and OMA designee training and filed the certificates for both the Supervisor and herself in the FOIA file. She attended the St. Mary Nativity Senior Picnic. She participated in the meeting with JV Murphy & Associates to discuss the summer edition of the Township newsletter. She reminded the board that the last TOI Education Training session is on August 7, 2010 in Fairview Heights, Illinois. She provided everyone with a copy of the National Association of Towns and Townships annual conference information sheet. She informed the board that the TOI Fall Conference is set for November 7-9, 2010. Trustees Wisniewski and Wallace have been registered and she asked the others to let her know if they will attend.

Highway Commissioner:

The Commissioner asked the Attorney for an update on the Gerard Keating contract which reflects a weight limit increase to 90,000 on a portion of Patterson Road. Attorney Burkey indicated the he has spoken with Mr. Keating's Attorney and is awaiting an agreement for us to consider. The Commissioner also asked for an update on the CN Railway indemnification clause for the work on Rowell Avenue. The Attorney indicated that he has discussed this issue with CN Railway and suggested that we use the same format as the prior agreement (from last year).

The Commissioner continued reporting that staff has been doing routine work, removal of trees, grass cutting, garbage pickup, cold patching and street sign repairs. The salt order is complete for this year and he has received the contract for next year. The price will remain the same. He reported on the use of the crack filling machine, which was rented for 5 weeks but only used 5 days. The rental company agreed to only charge him for the days he used the machine as he couldn't use it more due to the rain this summer. Most major projects have been on hold due to the Operating Engineers strike. The weight limit signs have been posted on Patterson, Brandon and Woodruff roads. He reported that he had a staff person sustain an injury while called out to do storm damage work, resulting in a worker's compensation claim. He indicated that a survey has been completed for Eunice Avenue, to determine the right of way, as there is a drainage issue

there. Trustee Wallace asked if all of the issues have been resolved with Pastor Jennings. The Commissioner replied that all current issues have been resolved. He and the Supervisor have met with the Pastor and the County also participated. He spoke of the 2010 Bid Opening and recommended Knowles Construction be awarded the contract. They were the low bidder on the project and he has worked with them before and is comfortable recommending them. This year's work can't begin until after the strike. Trustee Slattery made a motion to enter into an agreement with Knowles Construction for the 2010 drainage work, as they were the low bidder on the project with a bid amount of \$63,736.50. Seconded by Trustee Wallace. The Commissioner commented that there may be a slight increase in costs once the contractor gets into the work. Trustee Wisniewski asked if we could take action on this matter as it wasn't listed on the agenda. Attorney Burkey recommended that the matter be addressed at the next meeting and that it be added to the agenda. Trustees Slattery and Wallace withdrew their motion and second. The matter will be taken up at the July 27, 2010 meeting.

Assessor:

The Assessor reported that he recently had a meeting with Pastor Jennings regarding properties in the Patterson Road/Woodruff Road area's that have been annexed into the City of Joliet. The Assessor was not able to assist him with his request but did refer him to someone at the County that could better address his needs. The assessments will be published on August 11, 2010. He and the staff are gearing up for the calls and requests after the assessments are published. They have processed 50 permits this summer.

Collector:

The Collector inquired about the weeds on Patterson Road near the railway underpass. The Commissioner said that some of it is on the railway right of way but that he would check it out and would arrange for it to be mowed if it was our responsibility.

Attorney:

Attorney Burkey had no report but commented that he was available for any questions.

Accountant:

Accountant Doglio reported that she is finalizing all of the work with the auditor. She has been preparing all of the bills and documents as there was only one meeting in June. All of the accounts have been closed at Harris and the final statements have been received. Our first quarter taxes have been filed and the first quarter financials are available for the board to review. She noted that the personnel costs have remained consistent but the pension costs have gone up. The personal property replacement taxes have gone down 25% which is more than what she anticipated. She thought this would go down 20% so the difference is only 5% which overall is a very close estimate. The reports also reflect increased interest income as the new bank we are using is paying a higher return on our investments.

Animal Control Center:

Director Ivanicky reported that the construction is moving along fine. He purchased and posted signage indicating that the Center is open during construction. There was recently an issue with three dogs that were picked up after being reported as running at large. Apparently there is a

family problem/issue that resulted in the dogs being let loose. The dogs however were picked up and certain fees were applied. There was an adoption of a boxer mix on June 22, 2010. It was later determined the dog was heart worm positive and the adoptive family paid for the heart worm treatment. The dog was then returned to the Center because it showed aggression against other dogs. The dog was put down by Animal Control. The family requested that the \$100.00 adoption fee be refunded. There was discussion on the request. Trustee Wisniewski moved to deny the request for the \$100 refund on the adoption. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0³

Trustee Wisniewski moved to recess the regular town board meeting for the purposes of taking a few minutes to review the bill sheets being considered. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0⁴ The meeting recessed at 5:55 p.m.

At 6:10 p.m. the Supervisor called the regular town board meeting back to order.

Receipts:

Trustee Wallace 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, June 8, 2010, for town board approval:

| <u>FUND</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> |
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| General Town | \$294,255.80 |
| Motion: Trustee Slattery | |
| Second: Trustee Wisniewski | |
| Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁵ | |
| General Assistance | \$53,384.71 |
| Motion: Trustee Wisniewski | |
| Second: Trustee Adamic-Albert | |
| Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁶ | |
| Road and Bridge | \$120,849.76 |
| Motion: Trustee Wallace | |
| Second: Trustee Slattery | |
| Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁷ | |

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