

**MINUTES
OF THE
October 27, 2009
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 October 27, 2009, 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 Brenczewski | Absent |
| ALSO PRESENT: | Attorney Franklin D. Burkey | |
| | Accountant Kim Doglio | |
| | Animal Control Director Andy Ivanicky | |

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town/October 13, 2009: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2009 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:

Edgar Polk of Patterson Road inquired about a program to remove graffiti. The Supervisor replied that if the property is in the City of Joliet you can call neighborhood services at the city but if the property is unincorporated then you must pay for a private service to remove the graffiti. Ron Olszewski of Oakwood Lane inquired about the increase in violence in the St. Pat's neighborhood. The Supervisor replied that the Police Department has made several arrests in the past couple of weeks and they are seeing cooperation from the people that live in that neighborhood.

New Business:

Honorary Resolution – Pam Heavens 20th Anniversary

The Supervisor called on the Town Clerk to read the resolution recognizing Pam Heavens for her 20 years of service to the Will Grundy Center for Independent Living. Trustee Slattery moved to approve the Honorary Resolution recognizing Pam Heavens on her 20th Anniversary. Seconded by Trustee Wallace. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0¹

Ordinance 2009-6 (RD) Transfer of Appropriations

The Supervisor presented the ordinance for review. He then called upon Accountant Kim Doglio to explain the transfers. She indicated this is the six month review of the budget for the Road District and it has been determined that transfers of appropriations are necessary to cover costs in the Maintenance Service – Bridge, Drainage Supplies, Equipment/Vehicles and Rentals. The Highway Commissioner Maffeo is in concurrence with the transfers. Trustee Wallace moved to approve Ordinance 2009-6 (RD) Transfer of Appropriations. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0²

University of St. Francis Annual Holiday Radio Sponsorship

The Supervisor presented the information on the Annual Holiday Radio Sponsorship at the University of St. Francis. He recommended the board approve the Christmas Cheer Sponsor level reflecting sponsorship recognition 100 times during the program for \$1,000.00. Trustee Wisniewski moved to approve the University of St. Francis annual Holiday Radio Sponsorship at the \$1,000.00 level. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0³

¹ Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustee Wisniewski, Wallace, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera

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

³ Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustee Wisniewski, Wallace, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera

Unfinished Business: None

Closed Session: None

Reports:

Supervisor:

Supervisor Vera reported that he has been attending the various senior group meetings to distribute their six month allocation under the senior program funding. He informed the board that he had received an invitation for everyone, to attend the annual holiday party for the Retired Steel Workers Organization on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at noon. He provided an update on the Zarley and Mound Cemetery. As of today, the new sign for Zarley Cemetery still has not come in and according to our sign company the vendor they were using to produce the sign is no longer in business. The Township is not out any money as no deposit was made. Consequently, he sought out a different sign maker, Greg Signs, to complete the job. They have been provided the plans and we should have the sign in the next week to 10 days. There is no update on the Mound Cemetery as we have not received a reply from John Leach on the correspondence we sent last month. And, there is no update on the Prison Cemetery on Collins Street. He attended the neighborhood meeting for St. Pat's community, along with several other local officials. The contract has been signed for gutter work on the town hall building. This repair work should be completed prior to the bad weather. Trustee Wallace asked the question, "How do we decide which bank we put our money in?" Accountant Doglio provided comments and the Supervisor assured the Trustee that we only change our investment accounts when a term is up on a certificate of deposit and at that time we shop around to the area financial institutions to find the best rates. He reported that the YMCA newsletter mentioned the Township regarding sponsorship for the summer day camp program. The Offerman School (one room school house) is holding a fundraiser in November. He thanked the Highway Commissioner for the installation of the new signage at the town hall.

Town Clerk:

The Town Clerk reported that she continues to work with the Highway Commissioner on the Joliet Street Bridge Project. The public notice on the design approval has been published and forwarded to the Illinois Department of Transportation and the County Engineer. She is awaiting further direction from the Commissioner regarding the request for qualifications for the Phase II engineering work and the Phase II approval. The approved copy of the records disposal certificate has been received. All of the identified records, in the basement, can be destroyed after December 5, 2009. She indicated that she received two quotes and has provided the Supervisor with information on the company she would like to use. She is awaiting permission to coordinate the efforts with the recommended vendor, Shark Shredding, Inc. She has reviewed the levy notice, publication and general procedures for the 2010 Levy to insure that the process is completed in a timely manner.

Highway Commissioner:

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The Commissioner reported that the culvert work has been completed for the season. The fence work and tree removal around the Highway Department building is complete. The sweeper has been out cleaning and removing leaves. The trucks are being winterized. Ten manhole improvements have been completed with the new product. Four loads of salt have been received from storage in Elwood and it is being mixed with sand to expand the salt. The crack filling project is completed for this season. The stripping on Patterson Road is completed. There are some areas with problems that the vendor will come out to review and repaint. Directional arrow signs have been placed on Patterson Road near the railroad underpass and a stop sign has been installed at 5th Avenue and Sigmund. He participated in a meeting with the City of Joliet regarding the quiet zone with the railroad on Rowell Avenue and the need for an upgrade at the crossing. The City will be handling the project and there will be no cost to the Township. They are working on a joint project, on Moen Avenue, with Troy Township and the City of Rockdale. Apparently there are 900 feet of road that is in disrepair, which is the Joliet Township's jurisdiction where it meets Troy Township. Troy and Joliet Townships and the City of Rockdale provided equipment and man power while PT Ferro provided the material to make the road repair. Trees have been cleared at the Clinton Street Project adjacent to the CN Railroad tracks and over 30 tires were removed from the area. He indicated that three bids for the drainage work which is our portion of the project are being considered. There are currently conflicting plans for the work to be completed. He is working this out with the City and the County. Apparently the company completing the work for the railway has water coming from the eastern side of the tracks to the drainage ditch which we repaired and upgraded earlier this year. This will cause problems again for the homes and businesses located on the western side of the tracks.

The Supervisor asked if there were any questions for the Commissioner. Edgar Polk of 721 Patterson Road had questions. He requested additional speed limit signs along Patterson Road to slow down the trucks and for the culverts to be cleaned out along the road to prevent backup and flooding. The Commissioner replied that there are currently five signs posted along Patterson Road and there isn't a need for additional signage. He indicated that he would contact the Sheriff to encourage enforcement of the posted limits. He also added that he would look at the culverts to assess their need for cleaning. Supervisor Vera indicated that he had been contacted by a resident on Middletree. They indicated that they saw the street sweeper in the newsletter and asked if their street could be swept. The Commissioner replied that the sweeper is used on curbed streets to clean leaves and debris but he would go out to the location and review to see what could be done. Trustee Wallace asked if the Department's water bill had increased and the Commissioner replied that the new bill has not been received yet. Trustee Wallace also asked if the street light survey had been completed and the Commissioner indicated that it had been completed and he had previously reported on it. Trustee Wallace also inquired about the status of the staff completing their commercial driver's license studies and testing. The Commissioner reported that everyone is making progress with their studies as they have access to an on-line program to study for the test and they all should be licensed by the end of the year.

Assessor: _____

No report

Collector: _____

Denise Winfrey thanked the board for the adoption of the resolution honoring Pam Heavens and she indicated that she will be presenting it at the Will Grundy Center for Independent Living's Annual Dinner on November 18, 2009. Denise is the current President for the Center.

Attorney:

Franklin Burkey reported that he had approved the notice of publication of the Joliet Street Bridge for the Town Clerk. He is still working on the agreements with the CN Railroad regarding the Clinton Street Project.

Accountant:

Kim Doglio reported that she participated in the levy workshop and the completed levy should be ready for presentation at the November 17, 2009 Regular Town Board Meeting with an anticipated adoption date of December 8, 2009. The Road and Bridge fund will be completed with a truth in taxation notice and public hearing prior to approval at the December 8, 2009 meeting.

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Animal Control Center:

Andy Ivanicky provided the board with a Skunk Study report. He indicated that the report reflects a two year analysis that shows there is no substantial increase in skunk activity and there are no particular areas where the activity is higher. It appears that the activity is generally wide spread. The Joliet Junior College vet tech program will be taking care of the spades and neuters for the month of November, for all adopted animals. He is coordinating a donation drive for the Center with the manager of the Woodlands Apartments in Crest Hill.

Receipts:

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 for town board approval:

| <u>FUND</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> |
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| General Town | \$71,243.86 |
| Motion: Trustee Wallace | |
| Second: Trustee Slattery | |
| Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁴ | |
| General Assistance | \$20,640.33 |

⁴ Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustee Wisniewski, Wallace, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera
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Beth Ann May
Town Clerk