

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
November 17, 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 November 17, 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:

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:	Attorney Franklin D. Burkey	
	Accountant Kim Doglio	
	Animal Control Director Andy Ivanicky	

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Regular Town/October 27, 2009: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 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:**

None

## **New Business:**

### Presentation/2009 Town Levy Ordinance

The Supervisor presented the Tentative 2009 Town Levy Ordinance for consideration. He then called on Accountant Kim Doglio to review the document. In the 2009 levy the Township is requesting \$2,297,200.00 which will be used to meet and defray all the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Township. This amount reflects a 2.6% increase over last year's extended rate; however, it is anticipated that we will receive less revenue after the tax cap is applied by the county.

### Presentation/2009 Road District Levy Ordinance

The Supervisor presented the Tentative 2009 Road District Levy Ordinance for consideration. He then called on Accountant Kim Doglio to review the document. In the 2009 levy the Road District is requesting \$1,412,720.00 which will be used to meet and defray all the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Road District. This amount reflects an 8.5% increase over last year's extended rate; however, it is anticipated that we will receive less revenue after the tax cap is applied by the county. Portions of the funds received from the Road District levy are automatically shared with the municipalities within the Township as related to incorporated roads. This action is done automatically by the County Treasurer. A Truth in Taxation Notice will need to be placed in a local paper of publication and a public hearing is necessary as the requested amount is greater than 5% over last year's extended rate. The Highway Commissioner concurred with the accountant's recommendation on the requested levy amount and the 8.5% increase over last year's extended rate.

Trustee Wisniewski move to post for review the tentative levy for the General Town and Road District and to set the date of the public hearing for the Road District for Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0<sup>1</sup>

### Maurice Fears/Central City YMCA

Mr. Fears presented information and reports on the summer camp program and he thanked the Board for their continued sponsorship. Mr. Fears indicated that 104 children were served this past summer. Some of the children pay the summer camp fee of \$25.00 and some are provided grants to attend. Last year, there were 11 children placed on a waiting list to attend; however, most were referred out to other programs. The camp is organized through cooperation with the Joliet Grade School District, the State of Illinois, community partnerships and other foundations. The cost to the YMCA to operate the program this past year was \$31,000.00.

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

### **Unfinished Business:**

Trustee Wisniewski asked if we had received our line-up number yet for the annual holiday parade scheduled for Friday, November 27, 2009. The Supervisor replied that we had not received it yet but should have it by the November 24, 2009 meeting.

**Closed Session:** None

### **Reports:**

#### Supervisor:

Supervisor Vera reported that the registration for the holiday parade had been sent in and he will inform the Board of our position number once received. DuPree Construction has finished the installation of the new gutters on the Town Hall. The sign for the Zarley Cemetery is done and will be installed by Greg Signs of Joliet. We received a thank you from the University of St. Francis for the holiday radio sponsorship. He shared information on the Offerman-one room school house. He provided the Board with a copy of the schedule for the revised bid letting for the improvements on the Animal Control Center. He informed Director Andy Ivanicky that the walk through for the contracts would be on January 28, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. He attended the Senior Citizens Association meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2009 and had the honor of calling Bingo for them.

#### Town Clerk:

The Town Clerk reported that she has scheduled the shredding of the documents in the basement for Friday, December 11, 2009. She reported that she researched prices for the publication of the truth in taxation notice for the Road District and found a large difference in pricing from the local papers. The Labor Record came in with the lowest quote of \$111.00. Commissioner Maffeo was in agreement with this choice for publication. She reported that she was elected to the position of Zone 1 Director for the Clerk's Division Board of Directors at the TOI Fall Conference. She shared information on the notice from TOI on the passing of former Trustee Steve Morris, of Danville, Illinois. She will send a sympathy card to the family. She thanked Accountant Kim Doglio and Secretary Rosie Guajardo for the terrific job they both did in preparing the levy. She continues to work with the Highway Commissioner on the Joliet Street Bridge rehabilitation project. The Request for Qualifications was issued today to three engineering firms for consideration with copies being provided to Bruce Gould of the Will County Department of Highways. A letter was also issued to Teng and Associates informing them that their services are no longer required.

#### Highway Commissioner:

The Commissioner reported the Request for Qualifications for the Joliet Street Bridge have gone out. The Department participated in a tire collection, sponsored by Will County where they were able to turn in over 500 tires. There has been a considerable amount of clean up of the streets, curbs and ditches as a result of the rain over the past several weeks. He participated in the annual TOI Fall Conference. Tree work, manhole repairs and patching are ongoing. Some of the Department Staff will be going for their CDL written test this week. There has recently been

a problem with private contractors digging up sections of Township Roads. He is working on a draft of an application to perform work within the Township right of way. He will review with Attorney Burkey. He was contacted by the Will County Sheriff's department to inform him that manhole covers are being stolen; however, none of them are in the Township. He will keep a careful watch and if necessary they can be welded together to prevent theft. He held a meeting with the local quarry regarding the trucks speeding and dropping loose gravel along Patterson Road. It was very positive and they will cooperate and the Sheriff's Department will continue to monitor the situation. Marchio Fence has donated additional split rail fencing for the Zarley Cemetery and they will be installing prior to change in weather. The Clinton Street project is on-going and the agreement is being worked out.

Assessor:

No report

Collector:

No report

Attorney:

Franklin Burkey reported that he continues to work with the Commissioner and Supervisor on the Clinton Street and other projects.

Accountant:

Kim Doglio reported that she has been focusing on the tentative levy and budget presented this evening for consideration.

Animal Control Center:

Andy Ivanicky reported that the Center has been very active with several animal cruelty cases. Fourteen pit bulls were taken in recently with notice provided to the owner to contact the Center if he would like to pick up the dogs. There has been no reply. He is working with the Sheriff's Department on this case as there was evidence of dog fighting. The dogs are not adoptable. There is also a case in Ingalls Park where they were called out to retrieve two pit bulls which had attacked and killed two other dogs. All of the dogs were left in the residence unattended. They received a call from the owner and informed him that he must come into the Center to comply. No further inquiry has been made. The JJC Vet Tech program will be done the first week in December. They received 30 animals at the start of the semester and 15 have been adopted. He reported that they caught a Coyote recently on the back porch of a residence. He was tranquilized and put down. The animal had exhibited unusual behavior. Trustee Wisniewski asked if there was any update on the license renewals for dogs and cats. Director Ivanicky replied that he is working with Accountant Doglio to develop a mailing or drop off flyer to inform people of the need to license their animals. The new computer program is in place and they can go back about 5 years to implement the notices. Trustee Wisniewski indicated that he had recently heard about a program where they provided an amnesty program, prompting people to come in to get the licenses at a reduced rate. The Director replied that this sounded like a good idea.

## Receipts:

Trustee Slattery moved to deposit all funds into their proper accounts as presented. Seconded by Trustee Wisniewski. 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	\$46,705.76
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Adamic-Albert	
Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 <sup>2</sup>	
General Assistance	\$21,616.89
Motion: Trustee Wisniewski	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 <sup>3</sup>	
Road and Bridge	\$59,922.46
Motion: Trustee Wisniewski	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 <sup>4</sup>	
Animal Control	\$14,350.00
Motion: Trustee Wisniewski	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 <sup>5</sup>	
Senior Fund	\$500.00
Motion: Trustee Adamic-Albert	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 <sup>6</sup>	

Trustee Slattery asked why some of the utility bills being paid for the General Assistance Clients were for more than the actual bill amount. Account Doglio replied that the General Assistance

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<sup>2</sup> Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustee Wisniewski, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera

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

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

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

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

Clients are allowed a \$225.00 payment and the total amount is paid to the utility which sometimes results in additional credits to the company. Attorney Burkey confirmed what the Accountant had reported and added that the Clients can allocate it to any bill even if it results in a credit.

Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

It should be noted that Trustee Wallace left the meeting early; however, he signed off on the bill certification sheets but did not vote on the motions to pay the bills.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Slattery moved to adjourn the town board meeting to November 24, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ann May  
Town Clerk