

**MINUTES
OF THE
November 24, 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 24, 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	Present
	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/November 17, 2009: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 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:

Mary Baskerville and Patti Nugent, of the Will County Environmental Network, updated the board regarding a roundtable meeting held in July with local Industries, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Geological Survey Agency to discuss the results of a recent study. The US Geological Survey Agency would now like to conduct a water quality study and needs a local government/taxing body to submit the request for a hydro-geological study. Attorney Burkey asked about the need for funding of the study. Mary Baskerville and Patti Nugent both indicated that they did not believe that any funding or match funding was necessary. The original study covers parts of Joliet and Jackson Townships. The Network will also approach Jackson Township for assistance with the proposed study. The Supervisor asked about the process to follow to invite the USGS into the Township to conduct the study. They indicated that they would report back at the December 8, 2009 meeting with additional information.

New Business:

Adoption 2010 Holiday Calendar Town and Road District

The proposed 2010 Holiday Calendar dates were discussed. There was consideration to substitute Lincoln's Birthday for Casimir Pulaski Day. It was decided that the Township would continue to observe the same holiday's as last year without any changes. Trustee Wallace made a motion to approve the proposed 2010 Town and Road District holiday calendar observing 13 paid holidays. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0¹

Adoption 2010 Town Board Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2010 Regular Town Board Meeting Schedule was discussed. It was recommended to hold only one meeting, on the first Tuesday, in June and December for 2010 as in the past, there were limited agenda items. Trustee Slattery made a motion to approve the 2010 meeting schedule with two meeting per month, being held on the second and fourth Tuesday, with the exception of June and December where the last meeting of the month will not be held. Seconded by Trustee Wallace. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0²

Daletski Plowing Services Contract Town Hall & Animal Control

The proposals for the snow plowing services for the Town Hall and Animal Control were discussed. The Supervisor recommends the renewal of the contract, with Daletski Plowing, for both locations as the vendor did a good job last winter. There was also discussion on the Road District plowing the lots. This may be considered for next year; however, the Road District will apply road salt to the parking lot area only if necessary for this year. The contract price is the same as last year (Town Hall - \$330.00/plow and Animal Control - \$275.00/plow). Trustee Wisniewski made a motion to approve the contract for Daletski Plowing for the Town Hall and

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

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Animal Control for November 2009 through April 2010. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0³

Health Insurance Administrator/Dean Cass Annual Contract

Dean Cass provided copies of the 2010 Proposed Contract for Health, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance plans and a thank you letter for doing business with his agency. He then explained the proposal of benefits for the Township reviewing the current plans and associated costs and additional option plans for consideration. He recommends that the Township choose the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO #104, HMO #H01, VSP Vision Plan, Delta Dental Plan and Standard Life Insurance Company. The costs for this year reflect a 19.15% increase over last year reflecting a \$31,856.25 monthly charge for the Blue Cross Blue Shield. The vision and dental plan increases were nominal. All employees will need to reapply for the Standard Life Insurance as this is a new plan, last year we used The Lincoln National Life. All recommended plans are guaranteed for 12 months. Trustee Wisniewski moved to approve the recommended plan for the major health care portion Blue Cross Blue Shield, PPO #104 and HMO #H01 at an anticipated cost of \$31,856.25 per month. Seconded by Trustee Wallace. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0⁴

Trustee Slattery moved to approve the optional plans, VSP Vision, Delta Dental and Standard Life Insurance Company. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0⁵

Dean Cass also suggested that as an added benefit the Township offer the employees the opportunity to purchase, on their own, additional life insurance up to \$50,000.00. The proposed plan offers a \$10,000.00 AD&D which the Township provides. Trustee Wallace moved to allow for the employees to purchase, on their own, additional life insurance up to \$50,000.00 at an open enrollment. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0⁶

The Supervisor thanked Mr. Cass for the presentation of the proposed benefit plans and instructed him to work with Nicole Edgar to coordinate changes and open enrollment.

PACE Annual Agreement/Contract 2010

The PACE Annual Agreement for dial-a-ride services for the year 2010 were reviewed and discussed. Attorney Burkey reviewed the proposal and provided comments. He indicated that this agreement is priced based on a consortium of governments agreeing to the pricing and therefore the costs are spread out between several taxing districts so that the costs are kept low. The Trustee Wallace moved to enter into contract with PACE for 2010 for dial-a-ride services for the residents of Joliet Township. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0⁷

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Unfinished Business:

Trustee Wisniewski asked about honorary resolutions for Joliet Catholic Academy for football and volleyball championships. The Supervisor indicated that they would be completed for the December 8, 2009 meeting, after the football playoffs on Thanksgiving weekend. Trustee Wisniewski also asked if the clerk would research information on the Joliet Township High School Mechanics program receiving a national honor and draft a resolution for consideration.

Closed Session: None

Reports:

Supervisor:

The Supervisor reported that he is working on the next edition of the newsletter which should be out the 3rd week in December. The new sign for Zarley Cemetery has been installed. Pastor Jennings thanked the Supervisor. He reported that we are #35 in the line-up for the Light Up the Holiday Parade in downtown Joliet on Friday, November 27. The float is ready and the candy has been purchased. He announced that we received press on the awards received at the TOI Fall Conference for the newsletter and website. The gutter work on the Town Hall is now complete. They had to return to replace one last piece. He thanked Attorney Burkey for the work he did on the CN Railway Drainage Agreement and our objection to their proposed contract. He provided an update on the Senior projects. The funding checks are still being delivered to the various groups and he discussed attending their various meetings. He distributed tickets for the SOAR group for their holiday luncheon on December 17 and reminded everyone about the Senior Citizen Association Luncheon on December 10.

Town Clerk:

The Clerk reported that the Truth in Taxation Notice/Public Hearing for the Road District has been sent to the Labor Record for publication. It should appear in next week's issue allowing for not less than 7 days or more than 14 days for the notice as the hearing will be held on December 8, 2009. She has scheduled a meeting with Steve Whitlow, Records Management Division of the Secretary of State, to amend our current document disposal application at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2009. She participated in the "Principal for a day" through the Joliet Grade School District at Cunningham School and attended the Young at Heart 55 annual Thanksgiving Dinner. She is working, along with the Supervisor, on the next edition of the newsletter.

Highway Commissioner:

Commissioner Maffeo reported that his staff has been cleaning up the yard in preparation of winter activities and all of the fence work has been completed around the property. The Highway Department will salt the parking lot at the Town Hall this winter. Andrew Tomac, Jim Maffeo and Luis Leon have all passed the written test for the CDL.

Assessor:
No report

Collector:
Collector Winfrey thanked the board for the resolution honoring Pam Heavens and the Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Attorney:
Attorney Burkey reported that he has been working on routine issues. He thanked the Animal Control staff for their professionalism when they removed 4 trapped animals from his yard.

Accountant:
Kim Doglio indicated that the October Financials and Cash Balance reports have been provided to the Board for review. There is a Certificate of Deposit which will mature the second week in December. She will shop around for the best rates and if necessary will move to a different financial institution. The Supervisor and Accountant are recommending a budget workshop in December. Various dates were discussed and it was decided that a budget workshop would be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 immediately following the regular Town Board Meeting.

Animal Control Center:
Director Ivanicky reported that he is once again participating with Joliet Junior College to purchase cat litter which has resulted in an approximate saving to the Township of \$5,500.00. The Vet Tech Program is completed for this semester and all of the animals are being released. He discussed a problem with a senior resident that is using the traps to catch squirrels. They live in the Taft School area and don't like squirrels. The Director wondered if the trapping of squirrels fits the purpose of Animal Control. Attorney Burkey commented that the intent of the program is trap purposeful for Animal Control. Squirrels are a nuisance however they are not a dangerous animal. He recommended that we do not continue to issue this resident a trap.

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>
General Town	\$53,429.13
Motion: Trustee Wisniewski	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 ⁸	

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General Assistance \$9,949.01

Motion: Trustee Slattery

Second: Trustee Adamic Albert

Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0⁹

Road and Bridge \$56,135.08

Motion: Trustee Wallace

Second: Trustee Slattery

Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0¹⁰

Animal Control \$14,372.13

Motion: Trustee Adamic-Albert

Second: Trustee Wisniewski

Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0¹¹

There were no bills presented for the senior fund.

Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Slattery moved to adjourn the town board meeting to December 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ann May

Town Clerk

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