

**MINUTES
OF THE
December 8, 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 December 8, 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	Present
ALSO PRESENT:	Accountant Kim Doglio	

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town/November 24, 2009: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the November 24, 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:

Adoption/Resolution-Joliet Catholic Academy Volleyball Championship

Supervisor Vera called on the Town Clerk to read the Resolution recognizing Joliet Catholic Academy Girl's Volleyball Team on their state championship title. The Clerk read the resolution. Coach Christine Scheibe and senior player, Alyssa Warren accepted the resolution. The Coach commented that she is thankful for the public recognition of their accomplishments and would place the resolution in a prominent place at the school. Alyssa Warren will be attending Seton Hall next fall, majoring in education and playing volleyball. Trustee Wisniewski moved to approve the Resolution recognizing Joliet Catholic for their state championship in Girl's Volleyball. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0¹

Public Hearing/Road District Levy Ordinance No. 2009-7

Trustee Wisniewski moved to recess the town meeting in order to conduct the public hearing for the Road District Levy. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0²

The meeting recessed at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 5:20 p.m. The Town Clerk called the Regular Town Board Meeting back to order.

Adoption/Road District Levy Ordinance No. 2009-7

Trustee Slattery moved to adopt Tax Levy Ordinance No. 2009-7 (RD), for 2010, as presented at the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Wallace. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0³

Adoption/Township Levy Ordinance No. 289-2009

The Supervisor presented the Tax Levy Ordinance Township No. 289-2009 for consideration. There was discussion on the levy. Account Kim Doglio clarified the total amount being levied is \$2,297,000.00 which covers the General Town Fund, the General Assistance Fund and the Senior Citizen Fund. Trustee Slattery moved to approve the Township Levy Ordinance No. 289-2009 for 2010. Seconded by Trustee Wisniewski. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0⁴

Will County Environmental Network/Survey Request

Mary Baskerville reported that she had spoken with Bob Kay of the United States Geological Survey and they are committed to conducting a regional hydro-geological and water quality survey in Joliet, Channahon and Jackson Townships. She further stated that he recommended that the Township send a letter to Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson asking that she request federal earmark funding for the USGS to conduct the survey. The Township will not be responsible for funding. It is hopeful that the earmark funding will be granted and cover the projected cost of \$500,000.00 for the survey. The Network will also approach Channahon and

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Jackson Townships for letters to the Congresswoman. Trustee Wisniewski moved to support a letter to Congresswoman Halvorson requesting federal earmark funding for the USGS hydro-geological and water quality survey in Joliet Township. Seconded by Trustee Wallace. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0⁵

St. Joseph's Seniors/Entertainment Request

The Supervisor discussed the entertainment request of \$161.00, for the St. Joseph's Senior Association. Trustee Wisniewski moved to approve the entertainment request for \$161.00 for St. Joseph's Senior Association. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0⁶

Unfinished Business: None

Closed Session: Six Month Review Closed Session Minutes

Trustee Wisniewski moved to enter into closed session for the six month review. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0⁷.

The meeting recessed at 5:23 p.m. and reconvened at 5:49 p.m. The Supervisor called the Regular Town Board Meeting back to order.

Trustee Wisniewski moved to release the following dates resulting in no further closed session minutes on file:

August 7, 1997	January 3, 2002
August 11, 1997	July 18, 2002
August 21, 1997	July 26, 2005
May 21, 1998	January 10, 2006
August 19, 1999	July 25, 2006
June 7, 2001	July 24, 2007
June 26, 2001	July 22, 2008
August 16, 2001	June 9, 2009

Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0⁸.

Reports:

Supervisor:

The Supervisor reported that the final proof of the newsletter has been reviewed and it should be mailed out the week of December 14. The fence and sign are completed at the Zarley Cemetery. He and the Highway Commissioner will install a limestone boarder around the sign in the spring.

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He has received an inquiry from Joliet West High School for sponsorship of their senior play. They will be placed on the next agenda for consideration. He will be meeting with the City of Joliet and the Architect on December 15 for the final design approval for the Animal Control Center. He reviewed the Senior events for December. The office holiday party will be held at 2:00 p.m. on December 17. He extended an invitation to the board and other elected officials to attend. Trustee Wisniewski suggested that we send a thank you letter or certificate of recognition to Marchio Fence for the donation of fencing for the Zarley Cemetery.

Town Clerk:

The Clerk reported that she has researched the request of Trustee Wisniewski for a resolution for Joliet Central High School and the national award for the automotive competition. She will draft the resolution and has confirmation that the teacher-sponsors and students will attend the January 12 town board meeting. She has posted the approved 2010 holiday and meeting schedule in the Clerk's office and Town Hall as well as on the Township website and a press release was issued with the dates. She has been working on the final version of the newsletter with the Supervisor. She attended the Highway Commissioners meeting on December 4, 2009 and she has prepared the six month review of the closed session minutes.

Highway Commissioner:

Commissioner Maffeo reported that all of the seeding is completed on the Clinton Street project and the drainage agreement between CN Railway and the Township is almost complete. The snow plowing has begun. Three staff have passed the written test for the CDL and the others are scheduled to take the written and driving test.

Assessor:

Assessor Brenczewski reported that it has been a busy year for appeals as the economy is so poor. They are currently completing the commercial and industrial appeals.

Collector:

Absent

Attorney:

Absent

Accountant:

Kim Doglio indicated that the bank statements and reconciliation are available for the board to review. She will be completing the end of year tax work over the next couple of weeks. There is a CD due to mature next week and she is still checking on interest rates at local financial institutions. She will be working with the staff at Animal Control this Thursday and Friday to train on the new software. She anticipates that the program will be up and running 100% by April 1, 2010.

Animal Control Center:

Absent

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	\$89,046.33
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Wisniewski	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁹	
General Assistance	\$13,404.93
Motion: Trustee Wallace	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ¹⁰	
Road and Bridge	\$25,623.13
Motion: Trustee Wisniewski	
Second: Trustee Wallace	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ¹¹	
Animal Control	\$10,528.76
Motion: Trustee Wisniewski	
Second: Trustee Adamic-Albert	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ¹²	

There were no bills presented for the senior fund.

The Supervisor posed a question to the Highway Commissioner regarding some of the bills presented that were for oil changes on the departments vehicles and why they weren't being done in house. The Commissioner explained that for this year, they wanted to have the trucks gone over thoroughly by having all of the operating systems checked. He is now keeping a record of the repairs by vehicle as there was no maintenance records kept prior. This process should enable better routine maintenance on the vehicles and reduced costs associated with repairs.

Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Slattery moved to adjourn the town board meeting to December 22, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Wallace. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ann May
Town Clerk