

**MINUTES
OF THE
December 22, 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 22, 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 | Absent |
| | Commissioner James Maffeo | Present |
| | Assessor James Brenzewski | Absent |
| ALSO PRESENT: | Accountant Kim Doglio | Present |
| | Director Andy Ivanicky | Present |
| | Attorney Franklin D. Burkey | Present |

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town/December 8, 2009: Supervisor Vera indicated three errors on the minutes – on page 2 a space is missing between the NAY and the 0 (zero) on the roll call notation; on page 4 the word driven is used and he suggested it be replaced with driving and on page 5 the votes need to be corrected to reflect (5) instead of (4). Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes as amended of the December 8, 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 Hearing Minutes RD Levy/December 8, 2009: Supervisor Vera indicated an error in the third paragraph; a hyphen needs to be inserted at “sign-in” sheet. Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes as amended of the December 8, 2009 Public Hearing and to waive the reading of these minutes inasmuch as copies had previously been delivered. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Closed Session Minutes/December 8, 2009: Trustee Adamic-Albert moved to approve the minutes, as to form and content, of the December 8, 2009 Closed Session. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

CN (EJ & E) Railway Drainage Agreement

Supervisor Vera called on Attorney Burkey to review the proposed agreement between CN Railway (EJ & E) Railway and the Township Road District. He reviewed the agreement and indicated that it will be necessary to draft a specific resolution outlining the particulars of the agreement. He requested that the Clerk mail copies of the agreement to the Trustees for review so that they will be informed by the January 12, 2010 meeting. Trustee Wisniewski moved to table the approval of the CN (EJ & E) Railway Drainage Agreement until the January 12, 2010 Regular Town Board Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0¹

Joliet West Senior Class Play Sponsorship

Freddie Alvarado and Nicole Rousonelos, both students at Joliet West High School, presented information on the annual student produced play. They are seeking sponsorship for this year’s production of two – one act plays, “Check Please” and “A Black Comedy”. The production will involve a cast of 20 students and will be performed in the Little Theatre, January 21-24, 2010. Trustee Wisniewski moved to approve the sponsorship of the annual student produced play at \$1,000.00. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0²

The Supervisor then presented them with the check for \$1,000.00.

SOAR Request/Entertainment

The Supervisor discussed the request, from the SOAR Senior Group, for reimbursement of \$150.00 for entertainment expenses for their holiday party. Trustee Wisniewski moved to approve the request for reimbursement of entertainment expenses of \$150.00 to SOAR. 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

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Resolution/Medical Insurance Policy

The Supervisor called on Attorney Burkey to discuss the proposed resolution clarifying benefit eligibility requirements for the various insurance policies. The current plan reflects a 30 hour work week. The new plan needs to reflect 37 ½ hours per week, which is what a full time Township employee is currently required to work. Trustee Wisniewski moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-4, which establishes employee insurance eligibility reflecting a 37 ½ hour work week. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0⁴

Unfinished Business: None

Reports:

Supervisor:

The Supervisor commented on a recent article in the Herald News on the Joliet City Council approving the expansion of the Vulcan Quarry on Laraway Road. He attended the monthly General Assistance meeting with staff and there are a couple of issues which he will address with the Township Attorney. He had discussions with the Joliet Police Department regarding placing a security camera on the Township Building where we pay for the power. This is a request through the Homeland Security where they are placing cameras along a 17 mile stretch of the Sanitary and Shipping Canal. He will follow-up with more information. He attended a pre-construction meeting with the Architect at the City of Joliet for the Animal Control Center remodel project. The City was agreeable with the proposed plans and indicated that there was no need to go before the planning commission. The Supervisor will be requesting a waiver for the permit fees. He and Commissioner Maffeo attended a meeting on the Ridgewood neighborhood water and sewage improvement project. He has attended several senior events over the Holiday. A handwritten note was sent to Marchio Fence thanking them for the donation of fence material for the Zarley Cemetery.

Town Clerk:

The Clerk reported that she filed the Road and Township Levy, with the County Clerk, on December 9, 2009. She had a meeting with Steve Whitlow of the Secretary of State Local Records Retention for the purposes of reviewing and updating our current retention application. She attended several senior events over the Holiday. She prepared the three sets of the minutes for approval at this meeting. She reminded everyone that the last day to register to vote is Tuesday, January 5, 2010. The primary will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. She continues to work on the Joliet Street Bridge and CN (EJ & E) Railway Projects with Commissioner Maffeo.

Highway Commissioner:

Commissioner Maffeo reported that he attended the Ridgewood neighborhood sewer and water improvement project meeting. He will be monitoring the streets in that area to insure that

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plowing can be performed and the streets will remain safe during the construction period. He will make sure that all of the necessary roadway repairs are performed by the contractor at the completion of the project. He participated in a Quiet Zone Railway meeting with the City of Joliet and Dave Ortiz of CN Railway, where he discussed future road work on Rowell Avenue near the railroad crossing. He learned that the railroad has jurisdiction for the first 7 feet from the outside rail. Three of the staff has received their CDL and all other staff should have them before the end of the year. Hutchinson Engineering has been awarded the work for Phase II and III on the Joliet Street Bridge. He has been working with them on the particulars of the project including the closing of the street. The Department picked up salt at the Elwood storage location and we have used 248 tons so far this year. They are mixing the salt with sand. He indicated that we are in good shape for the rest of the year with our salt supply. The Road District purchased a used blade/grader for \$50.00 from the Will County Forest Preserve District surplus property sale, which has been picked up.

Assessor:

Absent

Collector:

Absent

Attorney:

Mr. Burkey commented that he appreciates working with all of the staff and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Accountant:

Kim Doglio reported that she organized the open enrollment for insurance with Dean Cass. There are changes in the life insurance program as a result of the new carrier and all employees and elected officials must complete the appropriate paperwork. She reminded the elected officials that they may choose to take additional coverage for themselves or for their spouse or children. She had a meeting with the Highway Commissioner regarding his budget for next year. She is still working with Animal Control on the new software. Trustee Slattery asked if the adopted resolution on employee insurance eligibility applied to elected officials regarding the 37 ½ hour work week. Attorney Burkey replied that the resolution applies to the regular employees of the Township. Trustee Wisniewski asked if the new life insurance option to purchase additional coverage was handled through payroll deduction and the Accountant replied that it must be through payroll deduction. Trustee Wallace asked about how he can increase payments/contributions to the IMRF retirement system and the Accountant replied that she would look into that option and get back to him. Trustee Wallace also had a question regarding the General Assistance denials and what the parameters are for eligibility. The Supervisor and Accountant informed him that the case workers have a review process and based on the applicant's answers, they may or may not qualify.

Animal Control Center:

Andy Ivanicky reported that there has been an increase in adoptions due to the holiday. Trap requests have decreased due to the cold weather. He has prepared the bill for the Will County Government, which is done every three months, for boarding and euthanasia expenses. A copy has been provided to the Accountant.

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 | \$76,805.49 |
| Motion: Trustee Wisniewski | |
| Second: Trustee Slattery | |
| Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁵ | |
| General Assistance | \$26,588.02 |
| Motion: Trustee Slattery | |
| Second: Trustee Adamic-Albert | |
| Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁶ | |
| Road and Bridge | \$42,603.53 |
| Motion: Trustee Wallace | |
| Second: Trustee Slattery | |
| Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁷ | |
| Animal Control | \$15,735.57 |
| Motion: Trustee Slattery | |
| Second: Trustee Adamic-Albert | |
| Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁸ | |

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Senior Fund \$161.00
Motion: Trustee Adamic-Albert
Second: Trustee Wisniewski
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0⁹

Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Slattery moved to adjourn the town board meeting to January 12, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
Seconded by Trustee Wallace. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ann May
Town Clerk

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