

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
APRIL 27, 2010  
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 April 27, 2010, 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	Present
	Director Andy Ivanicky	Present
	Attorney Franklin D. Burkey	Present

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Regular Town/April 13, 2010: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2010, 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

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## **New Business:**

### Honorary Resolution – Laraway School Boys 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Team

The Supervisor called on the Town Clerk to read the honorary resolution. The Clerk read the resolution and comments were made by Coach Sain and the team members present were introduced. Trustee Wisniewski moved to approve the resolution honoring Laraway School's Boys Basketball Team on the occasion of winning the Illinois Elementary Association Class 1A state title. Seconded by Trustee Adamic-Albert. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### Contract/Grass Cutting

The 2010 Contract for Grass Cutting Services and Proposal from GEMCO Enterprises was presented by the Supervisor for consideration. He thought an additional proposal, for grass cutting at the cemetery, would be available for consideration but he had not received it by the meeting time. He reviewed the GEMCO Enterprises proposal and reported this is the same vendor as last year and he is comfortable with continuing to use them. Accountant Doglio reported that last year we spent \$4,000.00 on the cemetery and \$8,000.00 on vacant lots. Trustee Slattery moved to approve the contract and proposal for GEMCO Enterprises for the cemetery and vacant lot mowing. Seconded by Trustee Wallace. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0<sup>1</sup>

### 2010 Youth Grants

The Supervisor reported that he has received three requests for Youth Grants for this year. They include: Central City YMCA/\$25,000.00/Summer Camp; Werden Buck Boys and Girls Club/\$6,200.00/Summer Swim Program and Royal Family Kids/funding amount open for consideration/Foster Children Summer Camp. He indicated that we have \$45,000.00 budgeted for fiscal year 2010-2011 and that we did not spend all that was budgeted for last year. Trustee Wisniewski asked if the programs were supported by contracts from our office indicating that we would get reports back on how the money was spent. The Supervisor replied yes we do. There was discussion on the donation to the Royal Family Kids program. Trustee Wisniewski moved to approve the youth program grants requested, Central City YMCA for \$25,000.00, Werden Buck Boys and Girls Club for \$6,200.00 and the Royal Family Kids program for \$1,000.00. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0<sup>2</sup>

## **Unfinished Business:**

None

## **Closed Session:**

None

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

<sup>2</sup> Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Wisniewski, Wallace, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera

## **Reports:**

### Supervisor:

The Supervisor reported that two of our funds have been moved to the First Community Bank with the others being transferred within the next couple of weeks. He participated in the Cool Joliet event, an environment advocacy event recognizing Joliet as the 50<sup>th</sup> Cool City designation with the Sierra Club. He attended a meeting with Highway Commissioner Maffeo and Pastor Jennings to discuss Patterson Road issues. He also attended a meeting with the Commissioner and the Will County Land Use Department regarding the proposed no leaf burning ordinance that the county is considering. The details are still being worked on but it may require the purchase of special equipment for the Highway Department for leaf pick up. He did a presentation last week to the Joliet Noon Lions Club. He attended the St. Pats Senior Group and the SOAR group where he presented a check. The legal notice on the Senior Funding Program was published in the paper. He learned that the water study which was requested by the Environmental Network to Congresswoman Halvorson will be included in the larger study being done county wide. He had a meeting with staff from the Congresswoman's office to discuss other Township issues. He reported that he heard from the Preston Heights Lighting District and will need to meet with Attorney Burkey and Commissioner Maffeo to discuss their current situation. He held the monthly GA meeting to review issues with staff regarding needed changes in policy. There are problems with the bus and train pass program which will need to be worked out. He is reviewing agreements for the missions and some of the other local housing establishments to reduce some of the problems that are currently happening. Both the transportation and housing problems need to be addressed with Attorney Burkey to reduce the abuse that is happening by the General Assistance clients. The annual Will Grundy Labor dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 30, 2010. Trustee Wallace asked about the status of the Animal Control remodel project. The Supervisor reported that the project is on hold as the City of Joliet still has not issued the permit for two weeks. Once the permit is issued, the work will begin. He will be speaking to Joliet Catholic Academy next Monday on local government.

### Town Clerk:

The Town Clerk reminded the board members to complete and submit their annual Statement of Economic Interest. The TOI Education Session for our zone is on Wednesday, June 16 in Oakbrook. She will be making reservations so please let her know if you will be attending. She reported there is a flyer on a local labor rally for their reference in the packet.

### Highway Commissioner:

The Commissioner reported that general maintenance is being performed. There was tree work on White and Davidson streets. The fence which was removed last year was recycled at the scrap yard and a check was given to the Accountant. Culvert issues are being addressed on Judge Court, South East Circle and Hermans Lane. The end loader has been repaired at Lambrecht and is back at the shop. There is repair work to be done on New Lenox Road which will go out to bid.

Assessor:

The Assessor reported that the tax bills are being mailed this week. The rate is up so the tax bill will increase. Assessments have been lowered overall by 7% but there will still be an increase in the total dollar on the bills as the rate has increased. This should average about \$50.00 to \$200.00 per household.

Collector:

Absent

Attorney:

Attorney Burkey reported that he is available to meet with the Supervisor to discuss the General Assistance and Preston Heights Lighting District issues.

Accountant:

Accountant Doglio reported on the money being moved to First Community Bank which is reflected on the recap sheet as transfers. The collateralization issue with respect to the funds being held at First Community Bank has been resolved as the funds are actually insured through the FDIC as a result of the TAG Extension. She and Nicole Edgar will be attending a meeting with the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and she should have preliminary rate increase numbers after the meeting. And, as a follow up to Attorney Burkey's question from the last meeting regarding assessed value increases. The assessed value of the township did go up.

Animal Control Center:

Director Ivanicky reported that there was vandalism at the Animal Control Center that resulted in a broken window. Nothing was missing as a result, reports were made, TOIRMA was called and Moore Glass repaired the window. He provided comments on the recent letter to the Editor about a dead raccoon in the road. A call was received at Animal Control indicating that there was a dead raccoon on a street in the City of Joliet. Animal Control called the people back and directed them to contact Waste Management as it was a dead animal. Waste Management responded later in the afternoon to find the animal still alive. Once Animal Control knew that the animal was alive, they went out and picked up the animal which was later euthanized. The letter indicated that there was a long wait time and that was because the animal was reported to them as being dead and Waste Management didn't get out there until the afternoon. He attended the St. Pat's Neighborhood meeting and answered questions. Volunteers have been coming in over the past three weeks walking dogs. He reported that we don't have an official policy on volunteering at the Center. He asked if we need them to sign off on any type of statement to volunteer. The Supervisor indicated that he would discuss the issue with Attorney Burkey and get back to the Director. Trustee Wallace asked if there had been any coyote spotting and the Director replied that there have been some. Trustee Wallace also asked if progress is being made on the new computer system and the issuing of licenses and the Director replied that they are working on it. He also reported that he has spoken with Alfredo Melesio with the City of Joliet regarding the Animal Control rates and fees and services. Mr. Melesio indicated that he was doing a press release on the Animal Control and would have the information on their website.

**Receipts:**

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Trustee Wallace moved to deposit all funds into their proper accounts as presented. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Expenditures:**

The Supervisor presented the following invoices, April 27, 2010, for town board approval:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town	\$49,418.80
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Wallace	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 <sup>3</sup>	
General Assistance	\$21,746.34
Motion: Trustee Adamic-Albert	
Second: Trustee Wisniewski	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 <sup>4</sup>	
Road and Bridge	\$49,615.12
Motion: Trustee Wallace	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 <sup>5</sup>	
Animal Control	\$16,039.70
Motion: Trustee Wisniewski	
Second: Trustee Wallace	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 <sup>6</sup>	

There were no expenditures for the Senior Fund.

Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Slattery moved to adjourn the town board meeting to May 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Wallace. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ann May  
Town Clerk

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<sup>3</sup> Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Wisniewski, Wallace, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera

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

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

<sup>6</sup> Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Wisniewski, Wallace, Slattery, Adamic-Albert and Supervisor Vera