

**MINUTES
OF THE
MAY 11, 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 May 11, 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	Present
	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/April 27, 2010: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 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:

Will County Historic Preservation Commission

Amy Munro, Historic Preservation Manager, Will County Land Use Department gave a presentation on the Historical Preservation Commission, our local landmark program. She reviewed the criteria and application process to receive a landmark status. She explained the Board consists of nine Commissioners, residents of Will County, but they rely on others to suggest properties to receive the designation. The Commission has jurisdiction in the unincorporated areas but has agreements with most municipalities. She provided the Board with report of a recent 10 year study. She asked about the Zarley Cemetery and informed the board that she would be willing to work with them to help it receive designation. The Supervisor asked about the current status of the Offerman School. She could not provide an update but was aware of the school and indicated that Virginia Ferry is working on that project. The Supervisor thanked her for attending the meeting.

Ordinance No. 2010-08 (RD) Establishing Truck Traffic Limitations on Patterson Road

Supervisor Vera called on Attorney Burkey to discuss the proposed ordinance. Attorney Burkey indicated that gravel trucks are using Patterson Road as a cut through street. By implementing the 10 ton limit, it will prevent them from using the road which is mostly residential and also a very narrow road for trucks to use. The Will County Engineer, Bruce Gould, is in agreement with the proposed limitation. Commissioner Maffeo added that two 24" x 24" signs have been ordered and will be posted where Patterson Road intersects with Chicago Street/Route 53 and Brandon Road. They will reflect an exception for local deliveries. Once approved, the Commissioner will obtain approval from the County to post the signage. Correspondence will also be sent to the Will County Sheriff and the Will County Circuit Clerk. There was discussion on the need to insure that the revenues from the tickets issued will be sent to the township. The Supervisor indicated that he would communicate with the Sheriff's Office. Trustee Adamic-Albert moved to approve Ordinance No. 2010-08 (RD) establishing truck traffic limitations on Patterson Road. Seconded by Trustee Wallace. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0¹

Youth Grant Requests

The Supervisor reported that he has received two additional requests for Youth Grants for this year. The Will County Childs Advocacy Center, requesting \$3,000.00/funding for services provided to children who have been sexually abused and The Warren-Sharp Community Center, requesting \$3,000.00/funding for a summer art program. He reviewed the 3 programs and funding approved at the last meeting and indicated that we still have funds to support these two additional requests. Trustee Wisniewski moved to approve the grant for the Will County Childs Advocacy Center for \$3,000.00. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0². Trustee Wisniewski then moved to approve the grant for the Warren-Sharpe Community Center for \$3,000.00. Seconded by Adamic-Albert. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5, Nays 0³

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

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

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Unfinished Business:

None

Closed Session:

None

Reports:

Supervisor:

The Supervisor reported the quarterly meeting of the Clients of General Assistance was held today. The focus was on those who have a criminal background. Thirty clients were invited and 28 attended, those not in attendance will be sanctioned. The Workforce Development Office participated to help with employment related questions. He reported there was a meeting with the General Assistance staff today which Attorney Burkey attended. Several changes will go into effect on Monday, May 17, 2010. One of the changes is the amount clients will receive for general and emergency assistance. There will be an increase from \$225.00 to \$245.00. There are also some client disciplinary issues that will be addressed. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. at Animal Control for a complete walk through with the General Contractor and Construction Manager. He provided a copy of the Project Manual to the Clerk for the master file. He showed samples of the stone which will be used on the outside of the building to the Board. All permits have been received from the City of Joliet. Permit fees have been waived but not certain if they will waive inspection fees. The Clerk asked if the "certificate of liability insurance" had been received yet and the Supervisor replied that it had not but was one of the documents that we are waiting for. He reported that he has been in contact with Naal Plumbing to secure a quote on the replacement of 4 new toilets for the office. He added that this year, the carpet will need to be replaced and the hallways painted.

Town Clerk:

The Town Clerk reported that she participated in the Highway Commissioners meeting and worked with Attorney Burkey to draft the new ordinance on weight limitations on Patterson Road. This will be published in pamphlet form. She indicated that in the TOI Perspective Magazine there is an article on the need for a notice reflecting compliance with the ADA. She asked the Board if they would like her to work on drafting a notice based on the example provided. There was discussion on the issue and it was decided that she would work with Attorney Burkey on the project. She informed the board of a benefit for Beth Cargle, from noon to 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at the B&B River Front in Joliet. She also informed the board that sympathy cards were sent to the families of Alice Walsh and Pat O'Neil from the Township Elected Officials.

Highway Commissioner:

The Commissioner reported that staff has been cleaning out ditches to insure that water can move along to drainage areas, they have been cutting grass and picking up tires and cold

patching. In Preston Heights and Ingalls Park, work is being done on some of the catch basins to raise them so they don't collect road debris. He has been working with Attorney Burkey on a letter of agreement with CN Railway to erect a fence near Jackson Street and the rail yard, to prevent people from dumping. The fence will be placed on our property, 2 feet from the street. The letter will give CN Railway authorization to place the fence. The Department has received 4 pallets of crack filling material. The machine will be rented the first week in June and the work will be performed with a 3 man crew in area's that don't require a flagger. Nine stop signs in the Ingalls Park area were damaged when a car ran them over. The vehicle which did the damage lost its license plate at the scene and the police were able to track the owner. The vehicle was stolen but they were able to identify the driver. The Commissioner reported that he will obtain the report from the police department this week and prepare any necessary claim for the cost of repairs. The Supervisor asked if a new meeting was scheduled with Pastor Jennings. The Commissioner indicated that the Supervisor needs to call him to set up a date that worked for his schedule and the Commissioner will adjust to meet with them. The Commissioner indicated that a representative from the County will be at the meeting.

Assessor:

Absent

Collector:

No report.

Attorney:

Attorney Burkey reported that he has been busy with the ongoing business of the Township. He noted that he attended the General Assistance Program meeting this afternoon.

Accountant:

Accountant Doglio reported that there are 2 sets of cash receipt reports reflecting checking accounts and money market accounts. The final 3 remaining accounts at Harris Bank will be closed this week and transferred to First Community Bank. She attended an IMRF meeting last month which covered new rates and explained the new two tier plan for pensions as we move forward. Some of the changes, effective January 1, 2011 are: vesting changes from 8 years to 10; normal retirement age changes from 60 to 67; earliest retirement age changes from 55 to 62; and, final rate of earnings changes from an average of highest 48 months in last 10 years of service to average of highest 96 months in last 10 years of service. Current employees are not affected by this change but any new employees hired after January 1, 2011 will be. She also indicated that there will be rate increases through the year 2013; however, they did not provide an updated rate as of yet.

Animal Control Center:

Director Ivanicky reported that traps have been issued to two residents, at no charge, in Mary Crest. They work together to trap stray animals in the area. A person in College Park complained about the fees and the limit of 5 days for trap rental. She obtained a permit from the Department of Conservation and purchased her own trap. However, the Center has now received a complaint from a neighbor that their cat is missing and they believe the other lady has their cat.

The Director contacted the lady with her own trap and requested that if they trap a cat, they contact the Center for us to pick up the animal. The Center received the dog food donation of 40 – 40 lb bags of food. The JJC Vet Tech program is complete for this semester. All but two animals were adopted. This program will start up again in August. He reported that he received a donation of \$40.00, from a family on Pearson Drive, which were the proceeds of a kool-aid stand. The Supervisor provided the Director with an e-mail received about a cat. The Director said he would follow up.

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, May 11, 2010, for town board approval:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town	\$93,661.01
Motion: Trustee Wallace	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁴	
General Assistance	\$15, 891.69
Motion: Trustee Wisniewski	
Second: Trustee Adamic-Albert	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁵	
Road and Bridge	\$53,759.35
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Wisniewski	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁶	
Senior Program	\$395.99
Motion: Trustee Adamic-Albert	
Second: Trustee Wallace	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁷	

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