



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. was called to order by Supervisor Daniel L. Vera. The following official business was transacted:

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

TRUSTEES:	Raymond F. Slattery	Present
	Archie Gavin	Present
	Rosie Verdin	Present
	Brian Hertzmann	Present
SUPERVISOR:	Daniel L. Vera	Present
CLERK:	Beth Ann May	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Commissioner James Maffeo	Present
	Assessor James Brenczewski	Present
ALSO PRESENT:	Accountant Colleen Witt	Present
	Attorney Franklin D. Burkey	Present
	Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace	Present

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town/August 14, 2018: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting and to waive the reading of these minutes inasmuch as copies had previously been delivered. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A voice vote was taken.¹

Public Comment:

None

Supervisor Vera took this time to call on Accountant Witt to review the new process for streamlining and modernizing the financial reports, specifically the report currently known as the Bill Recap for each fund and the Cash Receipts Listing. Accountant Witt

¹ The motion carried

indicated the format for the sheets is designed differently with the date changes on the top of each fund sheet, the line item code number is now included in the description of the item purchased from each vendor and the “totals” statement at the end of each fund is different. The area of the sheet which reflects Add Cash Receipts now only has the total of the cash receipts deposited within the specific date period. To review all of the deposits you must review the Cash Receipt Listing (provided separately from the Bill Recap). Accountant Witt commented in the past, the Bill Recap report was created manually, taking the information from Quick Books and creating a separate report in Excel. This new style of report is generated directly from the Quick Books. She added by creating the report directly from Quick Books, it avoids errors that were previously being made when the report was manually created. This process will make it more efficient and less likely to produce errors. There will also no longer be a need for an adding machine tape to be run to determine the total disbursements for each fund because this will be done automatically with the report from Quick Books. The Road District report will be converted by the next meeting.

Supervisor Vera commented he would also like a column added that contains the check number so that the check books can be made public in the future. This column may also reflect an on line payment (EFT) or a voided check. He believes in open books for the public. He recently instructed Gina Tuminello to place the “Public Disclosure of Total Compensation” report on our website.

Accountant Witt concluded by encouraging the Board to give her suggestions or recommendations on how this report can be improved. Supervisor Vera indicated we will continue to work on this model and make improvements.

New Business:

Approve/Senior Grants – previous action to Postpone to August 28, 2018

Supervisor Vera indicated that he is not ready to review the requests at this time. He still needs to meet with Senior Liaison Jeff Wallace to review the applications and discuss the requests. Supervisor Vera moved to postpone the approval of the senior grants to the September 11, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)² The Supervisor indicated the grant funds are generally not issued until October so we have time to do a complete review of the requests.

Proposed Love’s Travel Stop/Briggs Street & Interstate 80 Interchange

Supervisor Vera indicated he was attending the City of Joliet Planning Commission where the issue of the proposed Love’s Travel Stop was being voted on. There was a large crowd of people in attendance mostly in opposition of the annexation and proposed project. This matter is on our agenda to discuss the proposed development and to get feedback from the Trustees on their position for this project. The attorney representing the Love’s Travel Stop has made inquiries to the Road District Commissioner about access to water and sewer; however, there has been no contact from Love’s or their attorney to request attendance at our meeting.

² Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

Resident Marge Fleet was present and she reported the homeowners of the Sugar Creek area have completed and signed petitions in opposition of the development. She was also attending the Planning Commission meeting at the City and she understands this matter will be taken up by the full City Council next. She is here today to ask the Township to stand firm against the development and to take a position on this issue.

Trustees Slattery, Verdin and Hertzmann all spoke in opposition to the proposed development. They all indicated they have received emails and phone calls requesting they not support this development. Everyone expressed concern about the increased truck traffic and the development causes an unnecessary safety concern for those that live in the area. Trustee Slattery stated he has not heard from anyone that is in support of this idea.

Trustee Gavin indicated he will abstain from voting and not take a position on this development for personal and professional reasons which he feels are a conflict of interest for him.

Attorney Burkey commented that the Township can only take action once the annexation is complete and any action the City takes in consideration of the public right of way. He anticipates the need for performance bonds and allowances for restorations of the roadways.

Commissioner Maffeo indicated this development will cause a great deal of impact on our local roads and we would lose jurisdiction on several of the roadways. Some of which we have just made improvements. He feels this will compromise our snow routes and maintenance routines and this is a safety issue because most of the surrounding roadways have weight limitations. It will have a great impact on our ability to deliver services to the citizens of the Township.

Supervisor Vera made a motion to object to the proposed development, being considered through annexation by the City of Joliet, for the Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores. The annexation includes the properties of single family residential at 1311 New Lenox Road; 7.83 Acres at the Northeast Corner of New Lenox Road and Oakview Avenue; and 4.3 Acres located at 799 S. Briggs Street. There is great concern regarding the impact on the quality of life of the Residents of Joliet Township, safety issues as a result of the increased truck and car traffic, and a great impact on the ability of the Joliet Township Road District to deliver services to the Citizens of the Township. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken, Ayes (4), Nays (0), Abstain (1)³

Review of Township Roadway Improvement Map 2016-2018 and of the current improvement projects

Commissioner Maffeo reviewed the work completed over the past 3 years and additional projects still to be completed or bid out. The map provided was color coded to reflect the work of each year. He reviewed the upcoming bid projects and the contracted

³ Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera (1) Abstain, Trustee Gavin

projects, for this year, still ongoing. The Board expressed their appreciation of the visual aid and the update on the ongoing projects. Supervisor Vera thanked the Commissioner for his efforts.

Reports:

Supervisor: The Supervisor reported that he is happy with the progress of the change in the financial reporting and he attended the City of Joliet Plan Commission meeting, both as stated earlier. He will issue a press release on our position on the Love's Travel Stop. He informed the Board of the dismissal of the new General Assistance Director this past Friday. She was still under her probationary period and unfortunately was not working out. She will be paid through this Friday, August 31, 2018 and we will not contest unemployment benefits if she seeks them. Attorney Burkey reported a termination letter will be issued.

There was discussion regarding the grant provided to the Senior Services Center last November, for the purchase of a pickup truck for the Handyman program. There is still no signage on the truck to reflect it being donated/sponsored by the Joliet Township Government. The Supervisor was able to obtain a rendering of the proposed graphic design (graphic wrap) for the truck and he wasn't happy with the placement of the township name. Trustee Hertzmann expressed his displeasure with the Center not acknowledging the recognition of the grant to provide the truck over the past 10 months. The Board was in agreement and the Supervisor indicated he will reach out to the Executive Director. There was also discussion on the Senior bus/transportation grant and if the sponsorship information was ever added to the bus recognizing the township. The Supervisor will follow up on this matter also.

Clerk: Clerk May reported four Road District bids will be opened this Thursday, August 30, 2018. One addendum has been issued, updating the prevailing wage rate sheets. The bid letting for the Animal Control Center parking lot has been scheduled for August 30 and the opening will be September 12, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. She asked the Board and Officials to please let her know if they plan on attending the 2018 TOI Annual Fall Conference.

Highway Commissioner: Commissioner Maffeo reported 4 trees fell over the past 2 weeks and had to be removed from the roadways. He also received a call later this afternoon on another one. Most of the trees are on private property but we must clear the debris from the public right of way, including sidewalks. Generally his staff doesn't cross over onto private property. He reported on additional drainage work being done on Cleveland Street along the back side of the Bibian property. The work will alleviate standing water.

Assessor: The Assessor reported they continue to work on the software conversion and he hopes to have it up by December. He thanked Dale Butella and Paula Waller for their

excellent work on this project. His staff has been busy with resident inquiries since the new assessments were published. They are preparing for 10 Property Tax Assessment Board hearings and also have 5 written complaints to address. Tuesday, September 4 is the last day to file an objection to your assessment.

Attorney: Attorney Burkey provided an update on the Illinois Commerce Commission complaint on the Patterson Road railway crossing and bridge. The case has been continued to December at which time he feels they will dismiss, provided there are no other issues between now and then. The Commissioner commented there have been no trucks hitting the crossing equipment since the height signage for the bridge has been corrected.

Accountant: Accountant Witt reported she continues to work on the changes and updates on the financial documents and the electronic payments. Other than that, just the day to day operations of her office.

Senior Liaison: Liaison Jeff Wallace reviewed the meetings he has attended and the upcoming meetings. He still anticipates working with Supervisor Vera to review the senior grant applications. He is assisting the Soar group with identifying a guest speaker.

Receipts: Trustee Slattery moved to deposit all funds into their proper accounts as presented for the period ending August 28, 2018. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A voice vote was taken.⁴

Expenditures: The Supervisor presented the following invoices for Town Board approval for the period ending August 28, 2018:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town	\$56,127.85
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Verdin	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁵	
General Assistance	\$11,728.36
Motion: Trustee Gavin	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁶	
Road and Bridge	\$53,906.31
Motion: Trustee Gavin	
Second: Trustee Verdin	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁷	

⁴ The motion carried

⁵ Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

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Animal Control \$24,446.21

Motion: Trustee Verdin

Second: Trustee Gavin

Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0⁸

No bills presented for consideration for the Senior Fund.

Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

Closed Session:

None

Adjournment:

Trustee Hertzmann moved to adjourn the town board meeting to Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee V. A voice vote was taken.⁹ The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann May

Clerk

⁸ Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

⁹ The motion carried