



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 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 Brenzewski	Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Accountant Colleen Witt
Senior Liaison Jeff Wallace

Attorney Franklin Burkey
Animal Control Director Patrick O’Keefe

Supervisor Vera commented on the passing of our longtime friend and former Will County Auditor Daniel Maher. He stated that Mr. Maher was our Township auditor for many years and was helpful when the Township purchased its current building.

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town/February 12, 2019: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019, Regular Town Board Meeting, as corrected, and to waive the reading of these minutes inasmuch as copies had previously been delivered. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A voice vote was taken.¹ Supervisor Vera reported an error of the engineering firm on page 2 of the minutes. It should reflect Hutchison Engineering as the firm working on the Oakwood Cemetery improvements.

¹ The motion carried

Public Comment:

East Joliet Fire Protection District Chief Robert Sholtes was present. He greeted everyone and indicated he is interested in working with the Township on issues that affect both the Township and the District. He was happy to stop by and say hello.

Ms. Erica Holmes was present, representing the Eastside Neighborhood Council. The Supervisor said she was welcome to attend and to please let us know of any concerns she may have.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

Adopt/Resolution No. 2019-01 Destroy Closed Session Tapes

Trustee Slattery moved to take the matter of the Resolution No. 2019-01 from the table for reconsideration. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)²

With the matter placed back on the table for consideration, Supervisor Vera called on Attorney Burkey for direction. Attorney Burkey stated, if the Board feels these minutes should be held, it's up to them. The majority of the issues are personnel related. Trustee Slattery moved to not approve Resolution No. 2019-01, and to have all of those being considered held an additional 18 months. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)³

Reports:

Supervisor: Supervisor Vera commented that he believed the Will County Senior Services would be here today to show us the recently applied Township logo's on 2 of the vehicles which we sponsored. He will follow up with them again to see when they will be coming. Last Friday, February 22, 2019 he, Commissioner Maffeo and Greg Mounts with Hutchison Engineering reviewed the anticipated work at the Oakwood Cemetery. He has received a contract from Hutchison Engineering for the work at Oakwood, including the drafting of the bid documents for the anticipated work. Attorney Burkey said he does not need to bring this contract to the board for approval. The Supervisor can approve the contract and move forward pending the acceptance of the cemetery. The work being planned is for pavement of a single lane of roadway and the entrance to the cemetery at an anticipated cost of \$38,000 plus engineering. They will meet again on Thursday, February 28, 2019. An invitation has been received from the Smith Family YMCA to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 11, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. He asked the Board to let him know if they plan on attending. He spoke briefly on a new release created for the Animal Control program which when signed, would allow people to go on a ride along with an Animal Control Officer. Attorney Burkey gave his approval of the new document. Clerk May asked for a copy of the release for the Animal Control permanent records.

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

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Clerk: Clerk May reported she met with Attorney Burkey where they reviewed the destroy tape resolution in consideration for this evening. They also drafted required resolutions for the acceptance of the Oakwood Cemetery and the transfer of the East Joliet Lighting District to the Road District. She reported the preliminary documents for the annual town meeting have been drafted. Any 15 or more registered voters that live in the Township have until March 1, 2019 to submit items to be placed on the agenda. The agenda will be ready for board approval at the March 12, 2019 meeting. The County Clerk's Office has issued the email on the filing of the statement of economic interest. Please look for this in your email and file your documents. You will need your password from last year. You will receive a confirmation email once they have accepted your filing. She has been working with Accountant Witt in the preparation of ordinances – transfer of funds/appropriations. This is part of the yearend financial work. She met with Commissioner Maffeo where they discussed the anticipated road work bids for this year and the salt bid for 2019.

Supervisor Vera commented, he hopes that the work will be completed for the transfer of the Oakwood Cemetery at the Annual Town Meeting.

Highway Commissioner: Commissioner Maffeo, reported on the decision to use the State of Illinois bidding system to purchase road salt for this year. He anticipates receiving the information in March. He plans on discussing the salt purchase with the County Engineer. His staff continues to work on snow removal, deal with heavy rain and ice, and have started to fill pot holes. No calls were received over the past weekend when we had heavy winds for trees down or problems on the roadways. They are starting to prepare for the summer work.

Assessor: Assessor Brenzewski reported there has been a lot of customer service work over the past several weeks. They are continuing their efforts on converting their files to the new software. He is hopeful that the conversion will be completed by this summer.

Attorney: Attorney Burkey reported he spoke with Attorney Ed Jarot regarding Oakwood Cemetery. Mr. Jarot indicated he would be submitting the information to the Office of the States Attorney General to arrange for the transfer of Oakwood to the Township. Supervisor Vera expressed his concern with the timeframe and trying to accomplish the transfer by April 9, 2019. Attorney Burkey said he would approach them again. There is no update on the Loves gas station.

Accountant: Accountant Witt reported the missing Animal Control bill from the last meeting is on the table for review. She again apologized for this mix up. She submitted the financial and payroll information to TOIRMA. She continues to work on the yearend financial matters and the 2019 budget. She has been working with Attorney

Burkey on several matters and other than that, just the day to day operations of her office.

Animal Control Center: Director O’Keefe reported on a case from January 22, 2019 where we accepted 5 dogs. This case went to court today and the dogs were surrendered to us. Four of the dogs are adoptable but one may need to go to a rescue group. He also discussed the new release form for ride alongs.

Senior Report: Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace presented a written report and reviewed the meetings he attended and upcoming senior events.

Receipts: Trustee Slattery moved to deposit all funds into their proper accounts as presented for the period ending February 26, 2019. 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 February 26, 2019:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
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General Town	\$62,402.57
Motion: Trustee Verdin	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁵	

General Assistance	\$8,831.40
Motion: Trustee Gavin	
Second: Trustee Verdin	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁶	

Road and Bridge	\$35,789.98
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Gavin	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁷	

Animal Control	\$32,013.93
Motion: Trustee Verdin	
Second: Trustee Hertzmann	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁸	

Note: the \$120 received is payment from an employee who used the tollway.

⁴ The motion carried

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

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Senior Fund \$26,500.00
Motion: Trustee Hertzmann
Second: Trustee Verdin
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0⁹

Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

Closed Session:

None

Adjournment:

Trustee Hertzmann moved to adjourn the town board meeting to March 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A voice vote was taken.¹⁰ The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann May
Clerk

⁹ Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

¹⁰ The motion carried