



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 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:	Julie A. Kinsella	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Commissioner Michael Turnbull	Absent
	Assessor James Brenczewski	Present

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney James Harvey, Finance Director Colleen Witt, and public citizen Marcus Mars.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Regular Town Minutes/October 13, 2020: Town Clerk noted that there was a scrivener error for the date under “Expenditures” on page 5 of the October 13, 2020 meeting minutes previously sent to the board. The date listed the “period ending September 22, 2020”, and should have been “period ending October 13, 2020.” The clerk provided corrected copies of the October 13, 2020 meeting minutes to the board at tonight’s meeting. Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 Town Board Meeting with the noted correction, and to waive the reading of these minutes inasmuch as copies had previously been delivered. Seconded by Trustee Hertzmann. A voice vote was taken.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Voice Vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0).

## **Public Comment:**

Public citizen Marcus Mars asked the board if they had considered Zoom for the meetings, and also wanted to know who was responsible for roadside garbage. He was directed to contact the Road District office and was given their hours of operation.

## **New Business:**

Adopt/2021 Regular Town Board and Holiday Schedule- It was noted that the second meeting of January 2021 date should be January 26, 2021. Supervisor Vera did mention that the November 2021 dates may need to change if Township Officials of Illinois have their 2021 Annual Education Conference during the week of a typical town board meeting, however, there would be ample time to adjust between now and then. Holiday schedule for 2021 was discussed and it was noted that the Christmas Holiday date should be listed as Monday, December 27, 2021. Motion was made by Trustee Slattery and seconded by Trustee Verdin to adopt the 2021 Township Board Meeting and Holiday Schedule with the corrected dates. Roll call vote was taken.<sup>2</sup>

## **Reports:**

Supervisor Vera: Supervisor Vera showed the plaque that would be installed in the Cat Room at Joliet Township Animal Control honoring long-time volunteer Pat “Bunga” Mrozek. Vera attended a remote PACE meeting on regional bus routes and noted that the PACE bus routes 504 and 507 are being tweaked, not discontinued. The routes will run only on the hour, and PACE will discontinue the half-hour routes. He reported that PACE is changing 73 bus routes. Supervisor Vera reported that the Township will be doing a food distribution for 150 families on Monday, November 23, 2020 at the new Laraway School from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and asked for volunteers to help out.

Vera reported that Cemetery Coordinator Paul Cabay let him know that Oakwood Cemetery may have its first interment in many years by a family who has owned multiple plots for many years. Due to a question asked by a man who no longer lives in the area who inherited plots that he has no intention of utilizing, Supervisor Vera asked Attorney Harvey to investigate how family-owned plots who no longer want or need them may dispose of their plots. Attorney Harvey said he will check into it. Other than that, day-to day operations.

Clerk Kinsella: Day-to-day operations and noted that today at 1:51 p.m. she received an email from Highway Commissioner Turnbull that he was not going to be at today’s meeting as he was under the weather so his written report is in the packet. TOI virtual conference sign-up is ongoing and trustees need only let the Clerk know whether or not they are able to attend the virtual conference.

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<sup>2</sup> Roll Call Vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

Assessor Brenzewski: Assessor Brenzewski noted that he was in school last week for his continuing education hours, continues to work on appeals, and just got 4-5 Tax Appeal Board hearings, both commercial and residential. He commented that people are concerned about their Senior Freeze. Due to Covid, Senior Freeze will roll over this year so seniors do not need to come in and risk exposure. Brenzewski explained that Senior Freeze is based on household income, so seniors used to have to come in each year and submit paperwork. Other than that, day-to-day.

Attorney Harvey: Just day-to-day and meeting with elected officials as needed.

Finance Director Witt: Witt reported that she continues to work with the Supervisor and the Clerk on various items and day-to-day operations.

**Receipts:** Trustee Slattery made a motion to deposit all cash receipts into their proper accounts as presented for the period ending October 27, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A voice vote was taken.<sup>3</sup>

**Expenditures:** The Supervisor presented the following invoices for Town Board approval for the period ending October 27, 2020:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
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General Town	\$399,863.41
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Verdin	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 <sup>4</sup>	

Capital Fund- No bills presented for this fund.

General Assistance	\$7,102.99
Motion: Trustee Gavin	
Second: Trustee Hertzmann	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 <sup>5</sup>	

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<sup>3</sup> Voice Vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

<sup>4</sup> Roll Call Vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

<sup>5</sup> Roll Call Vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

FUND

EXPENDITURES

Road and Bridge \$26,273.05  
Motion: Trustee Verdin  
Second: Trustee Slattery  
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0<sup>6</sup>

Animal Control \$16,969.43  
Motion: Trustee Slattery  
Second: Trustee Gavin  
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0<sup>7</sup>

Senior Fund \$25,000.00  
Motion: Trustee Slattery  
Second: Trustee Gavin  
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0<sup>8</sup>

**Closed Session:** none

**Adjournment:**

Trustee Hertzmann moved to adjourn the town board meeting to Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A voice vote was taken.<sup>9</sup>

The October 27, 2020 meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Kinsella  
Town Clerk

<sup>6</sup> Roll Call Vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

<sup>7</sup> Roll Call Vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

<sup>8</sup> Roll Call Vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

<sup>9</sup> Roll Call Vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)