

**Minutes**  
**169<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting**  
**April 9, 2019**

STATE OF ILLINOIS    )  
COUNTY OF WILL     )  
TOWNSHIP OF JOLIET )

The Annual Town meeting scheduled to be held in said Township and County in the State of Illinois, 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township Government Offices, Town Hall Meeting Room, on April 9, 2019 was called to order by Township Clerk Beth Ann May at 6:00 p.m. The following official business was transacted:

Clerk May welcomed everyone to the 169<sup>th</sup> Joliet Township Annual Town Meeting. She reflected on how proud she was to have now performed this duty for the past 10 years.

Clerk May called on Mr. Brian Hertzmann to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Verification of the Call**

Clerk May verified that the legal notice for this Annual Town Meeting was published on March 21, 2019 in the Joliet Herald-News, that newspaper being one of general circulation in Joliet Township. Notices of the Annual Town Meeting were also posted at the City of Joliet, County of Will and the Joliet Public Library, ten days prior to the meeting.

**Election of the Moderator**

The Clerk called for the election of a moderator for the meeting.

Ms. Marge Fleet moved to nominate Mr. Franklin D. Burkey to act as moderator for this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Archie Gavin. The Clerk called two additional times to see if there were any other nominations for a moderator. There being no further nominations she called for a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Brian Hertzmann moved to close the nominations. Seconded by Ms. Rosie Verdin. A voice vote was taken and the motion was carried to close the nominations. Clerk May stated, we have one nomination for Moderator, Mr. Franklin Burkey. She called for the voice vote to elect Franklin Burkey as Moderator and the motion carried.

Clerk May administered the Oath of Moderator to Mr. Burkey. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as the Moderator at this 169<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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The Moderator presented the Annual Town Meeting minutes of April 10, 2018, which have been made available in copy form for these in attendance. Mr. Ray Slattery moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Archie Gavin. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Introductions**

The Moderator introduced the officials present. Supervisor Dan Vera welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Financial Statements**

The Moderator stated that the financial statements of the Township have been posted in the Town Hall meeting room, Joliet Township Government Offices, for the past two days and copies have been made available to all those present this evening. He inquired if there were any questions or remarks regarding the statements. There being none, he requested a motion to approve the reports. Mr. Archie Gavin moved to approve the financial statements presented. Seconded by Ms. Rosie Verdin. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Supervisor Vera commented, the Township is in good financial standing. He thanked the Officials present for their hard work and staff for keeping their spending within the constraints of our budget.

### **Adopt Resolution No. 2019-03 Authorizing Acceptance of Transfer of Oakwood Cemetery to Joliet Township**

Moderator Burkey directed everyone to review the proposed Resolution requesting an authorization for the acceptance of the Oakwood Cemetery from the current Oakwood Cemetery Board. Mr. Vera, Supervisor, spoke on the request from the current Cemetery Board to take over the operations and maintenance of the Cemetery. Mr. Dave Apgar, President of the Oakwood Cemetery Board Association spoke on the lack of man power and resources to care properly for the Cemetery. He thanked Attorney Burkey and Supervisor Vera for meeting with his Board and agreeing to accept the transfer. Mr. Archie Gavin moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-03 Authorizing Acceptance of Transfer of Oakwood Cemetery to Joliet Township. Seconded by Mr. Ray Slattery. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **Statement from the Supervisor/Officials**

Mr. Vera, Supervisor, spoke on the long time commitment the volunteer Board has made to the Oakwood Cemetery. He complimented President Apgar for their efforts over the years to manage the Cemetery and for working with the Township in arranging the transfer of authority. Supervisor Vera also commented, a complete accounting of all funds received from the transfer of authority of the Oakwood Cemetery will be completed annually and reported back to their Board. Supervisor Vera indicated we hope to use Mr. Apgar as a resource and Mr. Apgar promised he wasn't leaving town.

### **Public Remarks**

The Moderator then asked if any of the residents would like to speak. Ms. Marge Fleet thanked the Officials for what they do every day to make life better for the residents of the Township. She stated, I oppose any efforts towards the elimination of Township Clerks and she suggested to those present to please call their State Representatives and urge them to vote no.

### **Motion to set time for next Annual Town Meeting**

The Moderator stated that the Annual Town Meetings are set by law, and are to be held on the second Tuesday of April. A motion is in order to set the date and time of the meeting for 2020.

Ms. Marge Fleet moved to set the date and time of the Annual Town Meeting for April 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dave Apgar. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Moderator asked if there was any other business to discuss. There was none. He then called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Marge Fleet moved to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dave Apgar. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Moderator, Franklin D. Burkey

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Township Clerk, Beth Ann May