



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. was called to order by Supervisor Daniel L. Vera. The meeting was held via telephone conference due to ongoing concerns with Covid-19. 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 Present
Assessor James Brenczewski Present

ALSO PRESENT: Township Attorney James Harvey and Robert Wisniewski.

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town Minutes/April 27, 2021: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 Town Board Meeting, and to waive the reading of these minutes inasmuch as copies had previously been delivered. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call vote was taken.¹

Public Hearing Minutes/April 27, 2021: Trustee Gavin moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Hertzmann. Roll call vote was taken.²

Public Comment: NONE

New Business:

Approve/Veterans' Grant- American Legion Post 1080- Supervisor Vera information the board that a request was received in the amount of \$25,000.00 from American Legion Post 1080 to improve the outdoor area to benefit all the veterans, especially those who deal with handicaps. They hope to extend the patio and eventually install a pavilion. Trustee Gavin made a motion to approve the \$25,000.00 Veterans Grant to American Legion Post 1080 for improvements to the outdoor area. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. Roll call vote was taken.³

¹ Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0).
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³ Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0).

Approve/Release or keep of Closed Session Minutes Review: Supervisor Vera noted that typically Closed Session Minutes are reviewed every six months (5 ILCS 120/2(c) (21)), but due to Covid interruptions, those had not been completed on the usual time schedule. He asked the board to review the Closed Session Minutes binders to determine whether or not any or all of the previously closed session minutes would be released. After time to review, and upon advice of legal counsel, Trustee Slattery made a motion to release all previously closed session minutes as there was no longer any need for confidentiality. Trustee Verdin seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. ⁴

Reports:

Supervisor Vera: Supervisor Vera noted that the Oakwood Cemetery west-side lane paving project was completed and he has received many compliments on the improvements. After three years, every gravel lane at Oakwood Cemetery is paved, all tree debris is cleared from the three cemeteries from storm damages of last summer as well as typical dead-fall. He noted that General Assistance and Joliet Township Animal Control both had reports in the board packets. Supervisor Vera also thanked the board for their years of service and support of all the projects that have benefitted Joliet Township residents. He stated that he continues to work on completing the last few things at the township offices. Other than that, day-to-day operations.

Town Clerk: Clerk Kinsella stated that she had prepared for the meeting as well as for term-end. She continued then to thank the board for its support as well as for the opportunity to serve as Town Clerk. Other than that, day-to-day operations.

Finance Director: No report.

Attorney Harvey: Attorney Harvey reported routine advising of officials and staff as needed.

Assessor: Assessor Brenzewski they are handling additional calls from residents, especially since the real estate tax bills had recently been received. Other than that, day-to-day operations.

Highway Commissioner: When asked by Supervisor Vera if he anything to add to the written report he had previously submitted, Commissioner Turnbull said that he had nothing to add.

Receipts: Trustee Slattery made a motion to deposit all cash receipts into their proper accounts as presented for the period ending May 11, 2021. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. Roll call vote was taken.⁵

Expenditures: The Supervisor presented the following invoices for Town Board approval for the period ending May 11, 2021:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town	\$281,990.67
Motion: Trustee Verdin	
Second: Trustee Gavin	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁶	

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

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Capital Fund: No bills presented for this fund.

General Assistance \$11,076.39
Motion: Trustee Gavin
Second: Trustee Slattery
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0⁷

Road and Bridge \$184,587.49
Motion: Trustee Hertzmann
Second: Trustee Gavin
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0⁸

Commissioner Turnbull asserted that he was in agreement with the bills presented for payment.

Animal Control \$37,809.27
Motion: Trustee Gavin
Second: Trustee Verdin
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0⁹

Senior Fund: No bills presented for this fund

Closed Session: NONE- Supervisor Vera noted that there was no need for closed session as all previously closed session minutes were released after board review in the open meeting under New Business and there being no further need of confidentiality.

Adjournment: Trustee Hertzmann moved to adjourn the town board meeting to Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A roll call vote was taken.¹⁰
The May 11, 2021 meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Kinsella, Town Clerk

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