



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday, July 13th, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. was called to order by Supervisor Angel Contreras. The following official business was transacted:

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The Clerk called the roll as follows:

TRUSTEES:	Cesar Escutia	Present
	Karl Ferrell	Present
	Suzanna Ibarra	Present
	Raymond F. Slattery	Present
SUPERVISOR:	Angel Contreras	Present
CLERK:	Alicia Morales	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Hwy Commissioner Vince Alessio	Present
	Assessor James Brenczewski	Present

ALSO PRESENT: Township Attorney Bryan Wellner

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town Minutes/June 22, 2021: Trustee Slattery, moved to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2021 Town Board Meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.¹

Public Comment: NONE

Approval/Transfer of Will County Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant for Food Assistance Organizations to Community Lifeline Ministries Food

Supervisor Contreras noted that this was discussed at the last meeting and is requesting the approval to transfer the funds. Trustee Ibarra, moved to approve the transfer, seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.²

Joliet Township Executive Assistant/New Hire: Supervisor Contreras noted that there were over 170 applicants, nine were interviewed, seven via zoom and two in person. They were all great candidates. An offer was made and accepted by Ana Campa. She will be starting on July 26th. Trustee Escutia, moved to approve the hiring of the Executive Assistant, seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.³

¹ Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Escutia, Ferrell, Ibarra, Slattery and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

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Reports:

Mr. Jeff Wallace, Joliet Township Senior Liaison, passed out his hand written report to all board members. He stated he attended the **Retired Teachers Association luncheon on June 23rd** along with members of Joliet Township. State Representative Natalie Manley was also in attendance. Liaison Wallace met with **Moose Seniors on July 5th**. He met with the **Widow and Widowers senior group on July 10th**. Deacon Edwards shared information about the Tech Connect program was discussed for seniors over 60. Seniors are eligible to receive a free Apple iPad. There are no income or asset restrictions, they just need to call Senior Services of Will County at (815) 723-9713. Second Baptist Church, Smith Ministry Center, 158 S. Joliet Street is having a Community Outreach Day on July 31 from 10am-2pm.

Highway Commissioner Alessio noted that the week started out really busy with several calls due to the rain. They cleaned out several drains, mowed lawns, cleaning up trash and responded to resident's calls to ensure the Road District is fulfilling their obligations. The new hire is coming along very well. In regards to financial, two new plow trucks on order. Old equipment is either antiquated or no longer applicable to what they are doing. He is using this equipment as trade-in value towards the new equipment. Some trucks that are out of warranty will be replaced with vehicles that are with warranty. Bid opening was held on June 29th. They combined two road projects into one. The estimated savings were significantly below the estimates. This will bring us close to having almost all roads paved within the last 5 years. He is working with engineers on developing a well thought out plan to address drainage, bridge, road issues and paving in the Sugar Creek Drive area. This will be a significant project.

Animal Control Assistant Director Becky Gomez: Noted that Director McGill delivered her baby and both mom and baby are doing well. She is working with maintenance staff, on addressing necessary building upgrades and repairs. She thanked Supervisor Contreras and Board for being supportive in addressing their vehicle and equipment needs. She shared some specific situations pertaining to animals, i.e. adoption, health and safety. One of the Vet Techs will be moving on to another career opportunity and gave a two week notice. Becky noted she will be meeting with the attorney to update some intergovernmental agreements. Trustee Slattery inquired what the column titled as "Other" was for? Becky noted it could include anything such as ducks, chickens, roosters, etc. Although there are two staff on maternity leave everyone is working very hard to maintain the day to day operations.

Assessor Jim Brenczewski noted that he attended a seminar at the Holiday Inn with staff members, Paula Wallard and Dale Butella. They have to take 60 continuing education hours in four years. The Assessor's office is getting more walk in's with various types of inquiries since they opened up.

General Assistance: Supervisor Contreras noted that the Director Patricia Venziano will provide her report on July 27th Special Meeting.

Receipts: Trustee Slattery motioned to place the cash receipts in the proper accounts. Motion seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.⁴

Expenditures: The Supervisor presented the following invoices for Town Board approval for the Period ending July 13, 2021 Trustee Slattery made the motion that the board certifies the expenditures as being correct.

⁴ Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Escutia, Ferrell, Ibarra, Slattery and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

FUND

EXPENDITURES

General Town Motion: Trustee Slattery	\$67,255.94 Second: Trustee Ibarra
General Assistance Fund: Motion: Trustee Slattery A roll call vote was taken. ⁵	\$12,085.33 Second: Trustee Ibarra
General Town Capital Fund BAL: Motion: Trustee Ferrell A roll call vote was taken. ⁶	\$2,397,304.80 No expenditures presented for this fund Second: Trustee Ibarra
Road and Bridge Fund: Motion: Trustee Ferrell A roll call vote was taken. ⁷	\$171,174.37 Second: Trustee Ibarra
Animal Control Fund: Motion: Trustee Slattery A roll call vote was taken. ⁸	\$72,413.74 Second: Trustee Escutia
Senior Fund Balance Motion: Trustee Ibarra A roll call vote was taken. ⁹	\$125,455.93 No expenditures presented for this fund Second: Trustee Escutia

Closed Session: NONE

Adjournment: Trustee Ferrell moved to adjourn the Township Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Ibarra. The June 13th, 2021 meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.
A roll call vote was taken.¹⁰

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Morales, Town Clerk

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