



The special town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday, July 27th, 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:	Commissioner Vincent Alessio	Present
	Assessor James Brenzewski	Present
ALSO PRESENT:	Township Attorney Bryan Wellner	

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town Minutes/July 13, 2021: Trustee Slattery, moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 Town Board Meeting minutes and waive the reading thereof since they were previously emailed to all board members. Seconded by Trustee Ibarra; A roll call vote was taken.¹

Public Comment: Tyler Humann and his mother Kristy Englestad and presented a proposal of an Eagle Scout project. Tyler explained that he would like to work on a project at the Animal Control location so residents can sit on a bench outside and pet the animals. Tyler stated he will fund raise the money for supplies or else he will self-fund it so that there is no cost to the residents. Supervisor Contreras thanked him very much and gave Tyler his card and asked that he contact him the following day so that he can connect him with the staff at the Animal Control facility and help him coordinate this project. The Trustees, especially Trustee Ibarra were very appreciative as well.

Public Hearing: Budget Amendment & Appropriation Ordinance – Joliet Township Ordinance: 371-2021

Budget & Appropriation Trustee Slattery moved to recess the special township board meeting to enter into the Public Hearing for the Joliet Township Budget Amendment & Appropriation Ordinance 371-2021, seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.²

Public Hearing was called to order at 5:18 p.m. The Public Hearing was held. It is noted that the Budget Amendment & Appropriation - Township Ordinance No. 371-2021 with the changes

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noted was approved by a unanimous roll call vote in the Public Hearing. Trustee Slattery, made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the previously scheduled July 27, 2021 Special Township Board Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.³ The Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:23 p.m. and the Clerk announced that the Public Hearing was closed and the July 27, 2021 Special Township Board meeting was reconvened.

Public Hearing: Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Road District Ordinance: 372-2021 Budget & Appropriation Trustee Slattery moved to recess the special township board meeting to enter into the Public Hearing for the Road District Ordinance 372-2021, seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.⁴

Public Hearing was called to order at 5:24 p.m. The Public Hearing was held. It is noted that the Budget Amendment & Appropriation - Township Ordinance No. 372-2021 with the changes noted was approved by a unanimous roll call vote in the Public Hearing. Trustee Slattery, made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the previously scheduled July 27, 2021 Special Township Board Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.⁵

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. and the Clerk announced that the Public Hearing was closed and the July 27, 2021 Special Township Board meeting was reconvened.

Trustee Slattery made a motion to adopt the Joliet Township Budget Amendment & Appropriation Ordinance: 371-2021, as was previously approved in the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Ibarra. No questions or comments were received. A roll call vote was taken.⁶

Trustee Slattery made a motion to adopt the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance-Road District Ordinance: 372-2021, as was previously approved in the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Ibarra. No questions or comments were received. A roll call vote was taken.⁷

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval/Ordinance 373-2021: Ordinance Amending the Designated Meeting Dates for Joliet Township Regular Board Meetings and Amending the Regular Township Board Meeting Schedule for 2021. Trustee Ferrell moved to approve Ordinance 373-2021, seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.⁸

Approval/Resolution 2021-05 to Authorize the Appointment of a Deputy Clerk. Clerk Morales noted that after very careful consideration she is recommending the appointment of Ms. Rachel Ventura as Deputy Clerk. A question was raised about the June 2022 primary post-election availability and what the status of this position was going to be. Clerk Morales stated Ms. Ventura will be working full-time and that she will address primary post-election availability at that time; however, Clerk Morales stated that for the time being she believes Ms. Ventura will be a strong asset to the Township staff as she is very familiar with government, policy and procedures. Trustee Escutia, made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Rachel Ventura as the Deputy Clerk. Seconded by Trustee Ferrell. A roll call vote was taken.⁹

³ Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Escutia, Ferrell, Ibarra, Slattery and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

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

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

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⁷ Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Escutia, Ferrell, Ibarra, Slattery and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

⁸ Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Escutia, Ferrell, Ibarra, Slattery and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

Approval/Joliet Township Finance Manager/New Hire: Supervisor Contreras stated he interviewed eight candidates and three were finalists. Supervisor Contreras extended an offer and Mr. Diaz accepted and will be starting in two weeks as the Finance Manager. Mr. Diaz has been currently filling in the role as a consultant and has managed to pick-up where the former Finance Manager left off. Trustee Slattery stated he has had several opportunities to work one-on-one with Mr. Ivan Diaz and is very satisfied with Ivan's knowledge and professionalism. Commissioner Alessio stated that his Executive Assistant hoped he would apply. Assessor Brenzewski stated Ivan has tended to everything he has asked for in a timely manner and echoed the same sentiments. Trustee Slattery, made a motion to approve the hiring of Mr. Ivan Diaz as the Finance Manager. Seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.¹⁰

REPORT(S):

Mr. Jeff Wallace, Joliet Township Senior Liaison, gave a thorough update on the status of his meetings with all of the senior groups and passed out his hand written report to all board members.

Closed Session: NONE

Adjournment: Trustee Ibarra moved to adjourn the Township Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Ray Slattery. The July 27th, 2021 meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m. A roll call vote was taken.¹¹

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Morales, Town Clerk

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