

October 12, 2021
Public Hearing
Public Hearing: Road District, Vacation portion of Cleveland Street.
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02 (RD)
Minutes - DRAFT

State of Illinois,
County of Will,
Town of Joliet,

The public hearing scheduled to be held in said Town and County in the State of Illinois at 175 West Jefferson Street, Town Hall meeting room, Joliet Township Office Building, October 12, 2021 was opened by the Town Deputy Clerk Rachel Ventura at 5:02 p.m.

The public hearing is for the vacation of a portion of Cleveland Street (Road District Ordinance No. 2021-02(RD)). The following official business was transacted:

Public Hearing was called to order at 5:02 p.m. The Public Hearing was held where the deputy clerk noted the publication in accordance with the legal notice was published in the Joliet Herald-News, on September 3rd 2021 and incorporated into the record.

Petitioners Charles and Joann Smyth stated they were seeking a vacation because people continue to come onto their property. They want to put up a sign that reads “private drive”. It is a dead end and want to stop any dumping.

Trustee Slattery asked if there were any houses on that portion. The petitioner said no.

Trustee Slattery asked if anyone owned property besides them. The petitioner said no it is only a two-foot strip that’s a parcel that’s recorded with the subdivision.

Highway Commissioner Alessio asked “will vacating this area of the road restrict any landowners from possessing their property.” The petitioners said no.

PUBLIC NOTICE
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VACATION - PORTION OF
CLEVELAND
ROAD DISTRICT
TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 12, 2021
5 P.M.
TOWN HALL MEETING
ROOM - FIRST FLOOR
Joliet Township
Government Office
175 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432
Action on this vacation
will be taken at this Public
Hearing.
Entrance to the Meeting
Room: located at the north
end of the building via the
stairway adjacent to the
parking lot.
Handicap Accessible: via the
ramp located at the north
end of the parking lot.
Handicap Parking: located
at the north end of the
parking lot.
ALICIA MORALES
JOLIET TOWNSHIP
TOWN CLERK
Additional Information:
Please call 815-726-5239

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Highway Commissioner Alessio asked “will you suffer any damages if we vacate this portion?” Petitioners answered no.

Highway Commissioner Alessio asked “will you benefit from vacating the road?” The petitioners said yes.

Trustee Ibarra asked if they felt the assessment was fair for what the property was worth. The petitioners said no because the assessment was based on other properties that were more buildable where this was only 24 foot wide. You wouldn’t build on it because it only has access to their garage and driveway. There were no comparables in the area and they couldn’t afford another assessment.

No members of the public had comments.

Highway Commissioner Alessio stated, “Let the record reflect there are no objectors present at the public hearing. Given the petition and petitioner’s comment, all testimony provided at this public hearing, and no one present to object to the request, I find that the vacation is in the public and economic interest and that no persons residing or owning land surrounding the proposed area for vacation will be restricted from access. Therefore, I will grant the petition to vacate a portion of Cleveland Street. I will follow up this public hearing with a brief memorandum of my decision and an order granting the request.”

Trustee Escutia made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the previously scheduled October 12, 2021 Regular Township Board Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Ferrell. A roll call vote was taken.¹

Hearing Closed: 5:08 p.m.

Alicia Morales
Town Clerk



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