



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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	ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT: Township Attorney Brian Wellner. Township Senior Liaison Jeff Wallace, Township Finance Director Ivan Diaz, Animal Control Director Whitney McGill, General Assistance Director Patricia Venziano.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Regular Town Minutes: Trustee Ibarra moved to approve the minutes of the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Regular Town Board Meeting, Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>1</sup>

**Public Comment:**

Supervisor Contreras called for public comment. No public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Contreras requested a motion to Adopt/Resolution 2022-03 Adopting a Proclamation for Juneteenth. Trustee Escutia proceeded to read proclamation. Trustee Ray Slattery motioned to adopt; it was seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>2</sup>

Supervisor Contreras requested a motion to Adopt/Resolution 2022-04 Adopting a Proclamation for Pride Month. Trustee Ibarra proceeded to read proclamation. Trustee Ibarra motioned to approve & adopt; Seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia, & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>2</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia, Ferrell & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>3</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia, & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

Supervisor Contreras requested motion to approve/lease for Community Center at St. Peter's Church. Trustee Ibarra motioned to approve; it was seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>4</sup>

Supervisor Contreras motioned to approval of BluePrint Agency grant. Supervisor reached out an met with all applicants and spoke with Trustees. Supervisor stated goal is to help agencies/organizations and help connect with others and relationships for betterment of community. Supervisor Contreras motioned to approve \$5,000 to Blue Print Agency. Trustee Ibarra motioned to approve \$5,000 grant to Blue Print Agency; Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>5</sup>

Supervisor Contreras motioned for approval of New Day Employment grant. Trustee Escutia motioned to approve \$3,000 for New Day Employment; Second by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>6</sup>

Supervisor Contreras motioned for approval of Fighting Chance grant. Trustee Slattery motioned to approve Fighting Chance for \$7,000; second by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>7</sup>

Supervisor Contreras motioned for approval of Spanish Community Center grant. Trustee Ibarra motioned to approve Spanish Community Center with \$5,000; second by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>8</sup>

Supervisor Contreras motioned for approval of Including You grant and stated Joliet Township will be co-hosting event downtown for Including You. Trustee Slattery motioned to approve \$5,000 grant and second by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>9</sup>

Supervisor Contreras motioned for approval of grant to Speak Up. Trustee Ferrell motioned to approve \$2,500 for Speak Up and second by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>10</sup>

Supervisor Contreras motioned for approval of grant to Justice for Wives Foundations. Trustee Ibarra motioned to approve \$3,000 for Justice for Wives Foundations; Second by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>11</sup>

Supervisor Contreras motioned for approval of grant to YMCA. Supervisor Contreras stated YMCA visited St. Peter's Church to see how YMCA programming can be included into community and building partnerships, connecting and supporting agencies to help our community succeed. Trustee Ibarra motioned to approve \$25,000 to YMCA; Second by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia, Ferrell & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

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<sup>8</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia, Ferrell & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

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<sup>10</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia, Ferrell & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>11</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia, Ferrell & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>12</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia, Ferrell & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

## **REPORTS:**

### **Senior Liaison March Meetings, Jeff Wallace:**

Senior Citizen associate 102 members were present. President Chuck Corso introduced new members and discussed about upcoming meeting for June-July. Senior service calendar and door prize were provided. Jeff spoke about upcoming veteran's luncheon. 50/50 raffle was held. Widow widowers 30 members were in attendance. Pam discussed voter participation and took questions as well as legal questions for seniors. Dr. Shelby discussed atrial fibrillation. Jeff brought senior calendars and senior prizes. St. Joes seniors- 60 members were present as well as Alicia and new interns. Rich introduced a new member. Jeff discussed upcoming luncheon for veterans. Suzanna then explained vaccination services and costs for animals in Township. Alicia spoke of township clerk duties and introduced new interns. Lunch was served and calendars were provided, and a 50/50 raffle was held. 428 Seniors 48 members were present. Do not meet in June-August. Box lunch was served, and Jeff provided senior service calendars and magazine novation provided entertainment. 50/50 Raffle was held. Latino social club with 7 members at Hartman center. Zumba was held. Mexican subs were served as well as Mexican bingo. Jeff stated he had a great time. St. Paul lights 54 members attended. Lunch, entertainment by Mr. Ed, senior service calendars and door prizes were provided. 50/50 was held. Two veterans will be dressed in their uniform and a flag folding will be held. Moose seniors thirty members were in attendance. Jeff stated seniors were at the casino. Members do not meet in July and will have a picnic August 9. Senior calendars and door prizes were provided, and Suzanna then explained vaccination services and costs for animals in Township and passed card. Jeff discussed how townships were formed.

### **General Assistance Director, Patricia Venziano:**

Joliet Township has been approved with an electronic ID number IRS approval and will be able a stainable site for next tax season. Soledad and Sue have been distributing flyers at local food pantries. Twenty people applied for assistance from LIHEAP program offered through Community Concerns and required another employee to help with applications. Community concerns will reach out to Township sometime in the summer and will be setting Township office as an outreach site once a month. Soledad, Sue, and Patricia attended bi-annual community partnership luncheon by Catholic charities. The department is coordinating with Ana on which events will be attending this summer.

### **Animal Control Director, Whitney McGill:**

Spring and summer volunteer orientation and welcomed thirteen volunteers for their program. Next orientation will be in the fall and date is yet to be determined. Animal control visited Lynne Thigpen elementary school with couple of dogs to give presentation to kids about animal control. Kids gave a warm welcome to animal control and their dogs and learned about animal safety. Animal control is getting ready for plaza on 66 pet rescue day event on June 18<sup>th</sup>. With weather permitting, animals will be taken for adoption if not, pamphlets will be provided for community outreach. Animal control will be sponsoring dog day at Duly at slammers field on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Supervisor Contreras stated tickets may be available for purchase as soon as next week. Whitney attended a welfare conference in Bloomington and learned new impacts to animal welfare in Illinois as well as new ideas to benefit sheltered pets.

### **Financial Director Ivan Diaz**

Financial Director- Ivan, Town Clerk- Alicia, and Supervisor Contreras attended an informational session American Rescue plan is federal dollars given to Will county's townships. Joliet Township received approximately \$600,000 and will be working on applying for the funds to meet the July 1 deadline and begin reimbursement process. Disbursements from Will County will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Eligible period of expenses that could be reimbursed is from March 1,2021 through December 31,2024 if funding is available and it does not have to be spent from that period. Supervisor

Contreras stated that there are some expenditures Joliet Township has already incurred that could possibly be applied for reimbursement.

Clerk Alicia Morales:

Working on day-to-day and including preparing the agenda. She is working with two interns. Interns introduced themselves. Clerk Morales states interns have been digitizing all documents in the building to keep records updated and organized, the interns have assisted Joliet Township Animal control working on different projects. They have been preparing an inventory tracking system of medical equipment for medical loaning closet. They have been assisting with the newsletter including layout and content for the newsletter and website. They have also been performing general research in clerk's office, creating various flyers for events including grass cutting due to increased calls in May. Clerk Alicia Morales also attended and introduced interns to senior groups that the Township supports. She has attended an informational meeting at the Will County Executive office with Supervisor Contreras and Financial director, Ivan regarding the reimbursement COVID funds

Supervisor's Report: Angel Contreras – Supervisor Contreras stated that Intern Darrick Mainor has been working on cemetery project and during annual Memorial Day event. Two daughters from the union were in attendance every year and were contacted after event to help preserve history, gather information for website and digitize. Supervisor Contreras also states, working with the museum and setting up a tour date to be open for the public. In addition to working with other agencies, Supervisor Contreras and Clerk, Alicia Morales met with the Will County Land Use Department to fill any gaps with grass maintenance of vacant properties. Supervisor has met with legal counsel to review options as to how the township including unincorporated Joliet continues to improve by working on agreements to be more responsive to residents. Supervisor also states, new website will be up in the next week. Derek is working on grant applications and digitizing forms for more efficient uploading.

**CASH RECEIPTS:** Trustee Slattery motioned to place the cash receipts into the proper accounts. Cash receipts for period ending in June 14. Motioned was seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>13</sup>

**FUND EXPENDITURES**

The Supervisor presented the following invoices for Town Board approval:

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify as being correct and approve for payment cash disbursements of the following accounts:

General Town Fund        \$235,869.57.

Motion by Trustee Slattery to certify cash expenditures as being correct and approve for payment.

Second: Trustee Ibarra

A roll call vote was taken.<sup>14</sup>

Capital Town Fund        No bills were presented for this fund.

Road and Bridge Fund    \$169,445.29.

Motion by Trustee Slattery to certify expenditures as being correct and approve them for payment.

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<sup>13</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia, & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>14</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia, & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

Second: Trustee Escutia  
A roll call vote was taken.<sup>15</sup>

Township Senior Fund    No expenditures for this fund

General Assistance        \$25,694.22.

Motion by Trustee Slattery to certify cash expenditures as being correct and approve for payment.

Second: Trustee Ibarra  
A roll call vote was taken.<sup>16</sup>

Animal Control            \$89,422,.44.

Motion by Trustee Slattery to certify expenditures as being correct and approve them for payment.

Second: Trustee Ibarra  
A roll call vote was taken.<sup>17</sup>

**Closed Session: None**

**Adjournment:** Trustee Ibarra moved to adjourn the regular town board meeting to Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:52 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>18</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

  
*Alicia Morales*

Town Clerk

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<sup>15</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia, & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>16</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia, & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>17</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia, & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>18</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia, & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).