



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday September 13th, 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
	Suzanna Ibarra	Present
	Raymond F. Slattery	Present
	Karl Ferrell	Present
SUPERVISOR:	Angel Contreras	Present
CLERK:	Alicia Morales	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Hwy Commissioner Vince Alessio	Present
	Assessor Jim Brenczewski	Present

ALSO PRESENT: Township Attorney Brian Wellner, Township Finance Director Ivan Diaz, Animal Control Director Whitney McGill, General Assistance Director Patricia Veneziano.

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town Minutes: Trustee Ibarra moved to approve the minutes of the August 9th, 2022, Regular Town Board Meeting, Seconded by Trustee Ferrell. A roll call vote was taken.¹

Public Comment:

Supervisor Contreras called for public comment. A public comment was made by Trista Brown; President of Speak up organization to award Township Clerk, Alicia Morales for the Community inclusion and Diversity award.

New Business:

Supervisor Contreras requested a motion to adopt/resolution 2022-05 Adopting Pace Vehicle Program for senior and disabled residents in Township. Trustee Ibarra motioned to approve and authorize; it was seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken.²

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

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Supervisor Contreras requested a motion to adopt/ordinance NO. 2022-05 (RD) Road District Amended Budget & Appropriation. Highway Commissioner stated based off of resident feedback and meeting with engineering firm which roads should be done and coincided with personal property replacement tax money available and use it to this year's budget for road maintenance. Trustee Slattery made the motion, it was seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.³

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Reports

Highway Commissioner, Vince Alessio

Highway Commissioner Alessio stated road district is day to day for that last few months. Road district has completed drainage project that has been in the works since 2016. Additionally working on 2 bridge projects, bridge project plan is 60 percent completed which is sent to regulators and sent for environmental approvals. from is continuing with highway maintenance. Additionally, road district has met with engineering firm regarding residents' concern from August meeting. Vince is in contact with residents and stated Engineering firm will be on site when engineering firm has availability. Supervisor Contreras and Highway Commissioner held a private meeting with residents to find way to better serve them. Vince states water is flowing better once RD removed pipes that were placed about 27 years ago as well as cleaned the ditch.

Township Assessor, Jim Brenzewski

Assessor's office has been busy with phone calls due to 30-day window for residents to file complaints. The window closed Monday. Now assessor's office must present with evidence to why it is right and board reviews and determines decision of assessments.

General Assistance Director, Patricia Venziano

Sue and Alejandra have continued to represent Township at various outreach events. Alejandra has been creating a flyer for Suicide prevention in September. Township will be providing gun locks and Narcan for interested residents. Will county center for community concerns was at township for outreach event. Patricia will be working to have them once again for October in hopes of having regular outreach event at Township as it was a successful event. Supervisor Contreras and Patricia have decided to add temporary handicap placards as part of GA services for residents for 90 days with anticipation of launching service in October. Patricia states there is an influx of residents applying for assistance and keeping busy.

Finance Director, Ivan Diaz

The personal property replacement tax is also affecting the general town budget due to updates and due to certain percentage paid to Crest hill and Rockdale. Additionally, other changes in general town fund are an addition to capital fund transfer for extra funds being received. Also lower of expense items that is not needed such as legal fees, building improvements, raise in professional fees and updated in interest amounts of revenue, monthly subscriptions, and increase in general assistance due to equipment costs, and increase salaries for future employees for transportation program. Ivan and Supervisor Contreras have a meeting September 14th regarding ARPA application and updates. Additionally, audit is upcoming.

Animal Control Director Whitney McGill

Recent adoption and outreach events were successful. Next adoption event will be in Abri Credit Union on September 24th. Animal control will be hosting their fall volunteer orientation on September 17th. Whitney states there has not been as many volunteers post covid. A couple of weekend employees have left due to college and has held interviews. Additionally, kennel order has arrived and is ready to be installed as well as updated dog room. Additionally, it is a very busy time at Animal control with filled occupancy. Therefore, adoption fees have been waived to make room and has been successful. Supervisor Contreras and Animal control director have

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been discussing certain gaps to fill within Animal control such as in house veterinary. Additionally, Trustee Ferrell will assist in coordinating with animal control.

Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace

Jeff Wallace attends 7-9 senior group meetings each month. He meets with them, make sure they receive their funding, and to answer any questions about Joliet Township. Senior Liaison brought senior services calendars and a door prize to meetings. September 5th 47 Moose seniors were in attendance along with a successful picnic members brought a district pass and had fun. Senior Citizens Association 117 members were in attendance. Widow widower's member spoke of trips and speakers were in attendance. S.O.A.R. meeting had 75 members in attendance along with Clerk Alicia Morales and Supervisor Angel Contreras. Angel spoke of services Joliet Township offers. St. Paul's senior club had 60 to 70 members were present. All officers gave reports except treasurer. Additionally, members took vote to give \$2,000 to church for all their help. Jeff Wallace commented a flag folding ceremony with the help of 2 veterans. Ana recorded the event. Retired Teachers Association met on June 22nd with 48 members present. Senior Liaison brought Senior Services calendars and a door prize. attending Senior Liaison brought senior services calendars and a door prize. The Latino Social Club met for Zumba. Clerk Alicia Morales was also present from the township. Senior Liaison Jeff Wallace brought senior service calendars and door prize. The Senior Citizens Association anticipated 200 seniors in attendance for their picnic on July 14th at St. Joe's Park. The President of the Senior Citizens Association, Chuck Corso, attended the meeting and introduced new members. Guest speaker from Guardian angel spoke at meeting. Jeff Wallace spoke of upcoming events.

Clerk Alicia Morales

Clerk Alicia Morales began by stating clerk's office is continuing day to day duties. Alicia has attended meetings as Supervisor and clerk are continuing to build partnerships. Both met with DuPage township and met with supervisor to discuss best practices and implement Senior services into Joliet Township. Additionally, Township clerk discussed purpose of Latino Social Club and coaching for leadership. Latino Social Club attended a trip to The Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Planes. The club is continuing to grow and are eager for upcoming meetings.

Supervisor Angel Contreras

Supervisor Angel Contreras began his report by stating Township is investing in durable equipment and is working with General assistance. Additionally, ARPA grants is almost completed. Will Grundy Medical there is another ARPA grant and is due this Friday. Once it is submitted it ill be sent to trustees. Pace transportation is a work in progress and working together with other agencies.

Cash Receipts

Trustee Slattery motioned to place the cash receipts into the proper accounts. Trustee Ibarra seconded. A roll A roll call vote was taken.⁵

Fund Expenditures

Supervisor Contreras 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: \$197,354.65

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify cash expenditures as being correct and approve them for payment.

Trustee Escutia seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.⁶

Capital Town Fund: No bills were presented for this fund.

General Assistance Fund: \$39,415.55

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify cash expenditures as being correct and approve them for payment.

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Trustee Ibarra seconded.
A roll call vote was taken.⁷

Road and Bridge Fund: \$131,522.08
Trustee Slattery motioned to certify cash expenditures as being correct and approve them for payment.
Trustee Escutia seconded.
A roll call vote was taken.⁸

Animal Control: \$77,979.90
Trustee Slattery motioned to certify cash expenditures as being correct and approve them for payment.
Trustee Escutia seconded.
A roll call vote was taken.⁹

Senior Fund: No bills were presented for this fund.

Closed Session: None

Adjournment

Supervisor Contreras moved to adjourn the regular town board meeting on Tuesday, September 13th, 2022, at 6:31pm. It was seconded by Trustee Ferrell. A roll call vote was taken.¹⁰

Respectfully submitted,



Alicia Morales
Town Clerk

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