



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday October 11<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
	Suzanna Ibarra	Present
	Raymond F. Slattery	Present
	Karl Ferrell	Present
SUPERVISOR:	Angel Contreras	Present
CLERK:	Alicia Morales	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Hwy Commissioner	Present
	Vince Alessio	
	Assessor Jim Brenzewski	Not 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 Escutia moved to approve the minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Regular Town Board Meeting, Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>1</sup>

Trustee's Ibarra and Slattery commented that they would like to have the bills approved before the regular Town Board meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Supervisor Contreras called for public comment. A public comment was made by Patricia Uvalle (Translated by Executive Assistant Ana Campa); Patricia Uvalle explained The Golden Stars – Casa De La Cultura program for which they are applying for a grant. This is a free program open to ages 7 years and older. They are currently operating within a space in a church but wish to operate in a larger facility. This program offers art & crafts, dance classes, singing classes, piano & guitar classes, and cultural classes. These classes are designed to keep the youth safe and out of trouble and to keep their mental health safe and stable. There are currently 60 members with volunteers.

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<sup>1</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (3) Trustees Slattery, Ferrell, Escutia & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (1) Trustee Ibarra.

### **New Business:**

Supervisor Contreras mentioned the New Handbook that now in possession of the Trustee's so they can review it. He stated that for approximately a year now he was trying to get up updated and modernized.

Supervisor Contreras noted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Grant Applications; Forest Park Community Center, Toni Medina Youth Center and that The Golden Starts just turn in a Grant Application. Supervisor Contreras mentions he has edits; said Trustee Ibarra mentioned that the Toni Medina Grand Application only wrote down \$1.00 (One Dollar) so he emailed them asking what the proper amount is and when he hears back, he will notify everyone.

Trustee Escutia mentioned the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Township meeting asking whether it will be held since that day is Election Day.

Trustee Ibarra inquired on the Flagpole. Supervisor Contreras responds with they finished the Stadium Grand Opening and already began working on the flagpole.

### **Reports**

#### Highway Commissioner, Vince Alessio

Highway Commissioner Alessio stated that they are about halfway done installing the 5-ton weight limit signs. They have instructed the public that if they see anyone parked where they shouldn't be parked, for them to contact the Will County Sherriff's office since they are the ones to make any enforcements.

Bid opening Thursday to hopefully get some work done before the end of the year. Just received initial approval for the Sugar Creek Plan. The Engineering Firm has taken a comprehensive look at all the drainage issues beginning on the private property on the east side of Briggs St. and looking at the drainage underneath Briggs St. Highway Commissioner Alessio also mentioned that a private resident installed a culvert on Burger St and they pulled it out. And finally it is now just day-to-day work with oil changes being done to trucks, getting ready for winter.

#### Township Assessor, Jim Brenzewski

Not Present during this time.

#### General Assistance Director, Patricia Venziano

Sue, Alejandra and Patricia attended the Community Services Counseling Meeting and met with Shawn from the Will County Clinic to discuss their services and how they can be beneficial to their clients. Supervisor Contreras and Patricia Venziano attended the Will County Center for Community Concerns to celebrate their 35 Anniversary. They were presented with a plaque for the Township to recognize their partnership. Sue and Alejandra attended the Senior Resource Fair in Oak Park and spoke to attendees about our services and passed out Township trinkets. Sue attended the meeting of the MAP Collaborative which is the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships. The focus of group brings resources to the community through partnerships. Sue sits on this committee. The G.A. Department continues to stay busy they have not been as busy since 2018. They have had a large influx of clients facing health and mental health issues. Alejandra secured boxes for Toys for Tots and their office will be an official collection site. Residents no longer need to go to the Secretary of State for their handicapped placards since General Assistance now offers handicap placards and the application is on the website and needs to be signed off by a physician in order for the resident to obtain one.

#### Finance Director, Ivan Diaz

The Audit was finalized, and all Trustee's received a copy. Auditor gave a clean bill of health!

#### Animal Control Director Whitney McGill

September's waive adoption fees was a huge success. All the long-term cats and dogs were able to be adopted. More interviews were held with some successful candidates. Trustee Slattery questioned a refund check paid out. Animal Control Director McGill explained the situation.

### Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace

Senior Liaison Wallace attended the following:

- St. Ray's Senior Club. 40 members attended and the President Glenda spoke about all the upcoming entertainment. He took Senior Service calendars and a door prize. 50/50 raffle was held.
- St. Joe's Senior Club. 62 members attended. and the President Eric Churnovic welcomed everyone with a great Spaghetti Lunch. He took Senior Service calendars and a door prize. 50/50 raffle was held. A game of Bingo was followed.
- Retired Teachers Association. 50 members attended. He talked about the how the Township likes to support their groups. During this event, they discussed hearing aids, home phones for the impaired and much more.
- Moose Seniors Club. 44 members attended. During this event they spoke about the 4 Winds Casino and the snow removal from Joliet; the application are on-line, however it is first come, first serve. He took Senior Service calendars and a door prize. 50/50 raffle was held.
- St. Paul's the Paulites. 45 members attended. They had their Flag Folding Ceremony and he spoke about the Veteran's lunch at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. He took Senior Service calendars and a door prize. 50/50 raffle was held.
- Veteran's Lunch. Approx. 30 people attended in addition to: Angel, Alicia, Cesar, Suzanna and Staff.
- Widow & Widowers meeting was held on October 9, 2022. 32 members were present. Pastor Ed introduced Jeff and he spoke about the Senior Service Tablet program; the snow removal applications and the Temporary Handicap Placards. He took Senior Service calendars
- Upcoming Meetings: Senior Citizen's Assoc. on October 13, 2022, St. Ray's Senior's on October 13, 2022, St. Joes' Senior's on October 19, 2022, S.O.A.R. on October 27, 2022, Moose Senior's on November 1, 2022, and St. Paul's on November 2, 2022.

Jeff Wallace thanked everyone for a great job everyone has done since they have been in office.

### Clerk Alicia Morales

Clerk Alicia Morales mentioned that she worked with the Finance Director Ivan Diaz to get Report/Audit filed with the Will County Clerk's Office on a timely manner. They have been working with the Engineers, getting ready for the Letting Date for the Road District Project. The Township website was re-designed by former Deputy Ventura. Clerk Morales also thanked Ana Campa Castillo for a wonderful job on keeping the website updated. Her office has been working with the Township attorney to update the Handbook. For example, the language was updated from Municipality to Township. She also mentioned that she attended the Club Social Latino (Senior Club all in Spanish) had 23 people in attendance; they did Zumba and Bingo/Loteria. There is also a new and upcoming group out of St. John's Church on Hickory St., and Clerk Morales is receiving lots of calls from them, answering their questions. Clerk Morales also mentioned that she spends time after 4:00P.M. with these clubs/organizations and helps them get connected with the services that the Township offers.

Trustee Susana Ibarra asked about the Minutes from (she thought) July and August that are not uploaded onto the website. Clerk Morales mentioned that she will check and make sure they are uploaded. Clerk Morales also mentioned that her office has 30 days to upload the minutes from the prior meeting.

### Supervisor Angel Contreras

Supervisor Angel Contreras began his report by stating that they are working on their verbiage on how the services will be provided; what the guidelines will be for the Federal Grant through PACE. Once he is done with this, he will send a copy to the Trustee's for their approval. He also mentions that that Animal Control Director McGill texted him about a cat that was stuck in a wall. He went with Skylar, who does maintenance on Monday's and took the panels apart and was able to retrieve the cat safely.

### **Cash Receipts**

Trustee Slattery approved the receipts for the total cash receipts of the month in the amount of \$1,405,990.00. He also motioned to place the cash receipts into the proper accounts. Trustee Escutia seconded. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Ibarra, Slattery, Ferrell, Escutia & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

## **Fund Expenditures**

General Town Fund: \$112,989.91

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

Trustee Farrell seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.<sup>3</sup>

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

General Assistance Fund: \$23,190.02

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

Trustee Escutia seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.<sup>4</sup>

Road and Bridge Fund: \$153,521.08

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

Trustee Farrell seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.<sup>5</sup>

Animal Control: \$62,550.26

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

Trustee Escutia seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.<sup>6</sup>

Senior Fund: \$3,410.00

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

Trustee Ibarra seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.<sup>7</sup>

## **EXTRA COMMENTS:**

Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace thanked Ana Campa Castillo for her work on uploading the Flag Folding Ceremony at St. Paul's the Paulites.

Trustee, Karl Farrell wants everyone to be properly informed with regards to the upcoming elections and obtain the proper knowledge on the Safe-T Act and to be informed of everything on the ballet that can affect everyone directly or indirectly. He invites everyone to attend the Legislative Meeting where he and some other members of the community have a Civilian Police Reform Board which gives accountability into the hands of the Citizens for misconduct of the Police. This meeting will be on a Thursday at 4:00P.M.

Trustee, Suzanna Ibarra mentions that the Senior's Dinner was so much fun.

**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.<sup>8</sup>

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

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

<sup>5</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Ibarra, Slattery, Ferrell, Escutia & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>6</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Ibarra, Slattery, Ferrell, Escutia & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>7</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Ibarra, Slattery, Ferrell, Escutia & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>8</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Ibarra, Slattery, Ferrell, Escutia & Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Alicia Morales', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alicia Morales  
Town Clerk