



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 5:02 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	Not Present
SUPERVISOR:	Angel Contreras	Present
CLERK:	Alicia Morales	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Hwy Commissioner Vince Alessio	Not Present
	Assessor Jim Brenczewski	Present

ALSO PRESENT: Township Attorney Brian Wellner, Township Finance Director Ivan Diaz and Executive Assistant to Township Supervisor Ana Campa Castillo

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Regular Town Minutes: Trustee Ibarra moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022, Regular Town Board Meeting, Seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>1</sup>

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comments.

**New Business:**

Supervisor Contreras speaks about the Annual Grants given from the Senior Tax Levy. These are the recurring grants since last year. The only new one is the Club Social Latino, which has already been addressed. Supervisor Contreras asks the Trustees if they would like him to name each Senior Tax Levy Grant individually or can he just say what the amounts are and Trustee Ibarra comments that if there are no questions, then Supervisor Contreras can just say what the pricing is, Township Attorney Brian Wellner concurs. Supervisor Contreras acknowledges amount. Supervisor Contreras continues with the Approval of the 2022-2023 Organization from the Senior Tax Levy's beginning with the Catholic Charities Foster Grandparent Program; \$15,000.00 annually and it stays the same. The Senior Companion Program; \$11,000.00. Prairie State Legal

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<sup>1</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Trustee Farrell not present.

Services; \$21,000.00. Senior Services of Will County; \$30,000.00. Supervisor Contreras asks for a Motion to approve these Senior Tax Levy Grants from 2022-2023. Trustee Ibarra made the motion to approve. Trustee Escutia seconded. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>2</sup>

The next items are the Senior Clubs from the Senior Tax Levy Grants. The ones that submitted annually and everyone has received in the past and the amounts stayed the same. Club Social Latino from the Spanish Community Center; \$3,500.00. St. John's Baptist Parish; \$3,500.00. Joliet Area Retired Teachers Association; \$2,500.00. Joliet Moose Senior Club; \$3,500.00. National Hook-Up of Black Women; \$3,000.00. Senior Citizen Association; \$7,500.00. SOAR; \$3,500.00. St. Joseph Parish Seniors; \$3,500.00 and The Paulites; \$3,500.00. Trustee Ibarra made the motion to approve. Trustee Slattery seconded. A roll call vote was taken<sup>3</sup>. Supervisor Contreras comments that there are a few others that haven't yet applied but his office will reach out to them.

Items in the packets last time; Forrest Park Community Center requested \$20,000.00 for their Food Pantry and after speaking with them, Supervisor Contreras offered them \$7,500.00. Supervisor Contreras asks for a Motion to approve Forrest Park Community Center Food Pantry. Trustee Ibarra made the motion to approve. Trustee Escutia seconded. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>4</sup>

Golden Stars-Casa de la Cultura, presented last month and asked for \$20,000.00 and after speaking with them, Supervisor Contreras agreed to help them with \$5,000.00 and offered them to apply next year. Trustee Ibarra made the motion to approve. Trustee Slattery seconded. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>5</sup>

## **Reports**

### Highway Commissioner, Vince Alessio

Highway Commissioner, Vince Alessio is not present, but he did turn in a report.

### Township Assessor, Jim Brenzewski

Township Assessor, Jim Brenzewski states that his office is done with their hearings, and they will start getting ready for the next assessment year.

### General Assistance Director, Patricia Veneziano

GA Director, Patricia Veneziano was not present. Supervisor Contreras mentioned that she will have report in the digital copy for the next month. He also mentioned that the GA Dept. is across the street (*at the Bicentennial Park for the "Día de los Muertos" event*) and they were active this weekend as well doing outreach. LIHEAP was here also last week and they had dozens of people constantly in so that went well. She will give a full report at our December board meeting.

### Finance Director, Ivan Diaz

Finance Director, Ivan Diaz says he has nothing new with the Budget but if anyone has any questions before the next meeting to please reach out.

### Animal Control Director Whitney McGill

AC Director, Whitney McGill was not present. Supervisor Contreras mentioned that AC Director's report was also printed. They have been busy. She wasn't able to attend the meeting because they are short staffed, and she had to work.

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<sup>2</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Trustee Farrell not present.

<sup>3</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Trustee Farrell not present.

<sup>4</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Trustee Farrell not present.

<sup>5</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Trustee Farrell not present.

### Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace

Senior Liaison Wallace mentioned that he had a question about the Grant for the Senior groups, one that he attends but maybe they forgot to put in an application for the grant. This is the Widow and Widowers group. Supervisor Contreras mentioned that that "yes correct, that they probably didn't (put in an application) but we will reach out again". Senior Liaison said that he will see them next Saturday, he is not sure if their paperwork got lost. Mr. Wallace attended the following: Senior Citizen's group on October 13<sup>th</sup> and one hundred-eighty (180) members were in attendance and the President spoke about the upcoming Christmas luncheon on December 8<sup>th</sup> and the association was taking dues for the upcoming year. He took Senior Service calendars and a door prize. He spoke about having another Veteran's Lunch.

Mr. Wallace attended the St. Joe's Seniors on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Fifty-seven (57) members were in attendance. President Rich Rich welcomed everyone and introduced some new members. Everyone gave there reports, except for the secretary Barb, she was in the hospital. A great lunch was provided. He took Senior Service calendars and a door prize and spoke about the Township.

St. Ray's Seniors Club was on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Thirty (30) members were in attendance. A box lunch was served. Their entertainment was Frank K. Duo. Mr. Wallace dropped off Senior Service calendars and a door prize at the President's house. Mr. Wallace was not there since he was at the Senior Citizens Ass. Lunch.

Retired Steelworkers – S.O.A.R. meeting was on October 27<sup>th</sup> with seventeen (17) members being present. Lunch was served. He took a door prize and flyers for the Temporary Handicap Placards. The clubs President Joe spoke about several issues they are trying to agree on.

Mr. Wallace listed on his report his upcoming meetings.

Lastly, he reached out to Josh from the Joliet Public Library and talked about getting together. They have a lot of stuff they had HD printers, poster printers, rooms record and shoot video and photos. So, we're going to get together and see how they can help.

He also mentioned that he wants to start talking about the Flu shot and thanked everyone.

### Clerk Alicia Morales

Clerk Morales greeted everyone mentioned that has been day-to-day business as usual. The Clerks office did hire someone, Ms. Veronica Aguilera. She will be going on the approval for the next board meeting for the official Deputy Clerk. An extensive search was done on Indeed, we took in several resumes and held several interviews. She will be on the next agenda for Board approval.

Clerk Morales noted that she attended on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday the Senior Club Social Latino's meeting which was held at a new location at Mt. Carmel Hall on Collins St., which is normally held at the Hartman Center, but it wasn't available due to it being overbooked. They had the Lyon's Club come out and talk about their hearing aids, glasses and their history and all the wonderful work they do. Twenty-three (23) people were in attendance and none of them have ever heard about the Lyon's Club. They passed out applications so that everyone can apply for hearing aids or glasses.

### Supervisor Angel Contreras

Supervisor Contreras' report is that his office has been discussing the printed newsletter and they are reaching out to everyone to put it together and this will be a Winter/New Year Edition.

He also will contact the board individual before any approvals regarding the new potential facility. He also mentioned that next week, we have the budget meeting with Ivan and the approval of the amended budget.

## **Cash Receipts**

Trustee Slattery motioned to place the cash receipts into the proper accounts. Trustee Ibarra seconded. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>6</sup>

## **Fund Expenditures**

General Town Fund: \$114,147.69

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>7</sup>

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

Animal Control: \$58,250.01

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>8</sup>

**\*\*There was a mix up between Road and Bridge Funds and Animal Control Funds. It was corrected and a new motion was carried.\*\***

Road and Bridge Fund: \$60,382.85

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>9</sup>

General Assistance Fund: \$18,232.08

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

Trustee Escutia seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.<sup>10</sup>

Senior Fund: \$0

No cash disbursements for the Senior Fund for this period.

## **EXTRA COMMENTS:**

Trustee, Suzanna Ibarra mentions that Joliet Township Government donated Bubble Wands for the Holsten Human Capital's Trunk or Treat and she thought that maybe the adults like them just as much as the kids because there was so many pictures with Adults posing with the Bubble Wands and although Joliet Township Government General Assistance Department couldn't be there to represent, they still donated things and she thanks on behalf of Holsten Human Capital. Trustee Ibarra also speaks about the LIHEAP event and how she mostly saw Spanish speaking people walk in through the doors and that Caseworker Alejandra was there and jumped right in and helped. She sees great improvements happening.

Trustee Slattery thanked whom ever worked on the Senior Tax Levy Applications, stating "they were great! We have never had them so thorough before with the breakdowns." Supervisor Contreras mentions that it was Ana Campa Castillo.

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<sup>6</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Trustee Farrell not present.

<sup>7</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Trustee Farrell not present.

<sup>8</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Trustee Farrell not present.

<sup>9</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Trustee Farrell not present.

<sup>10</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Slattery, Ibarra, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Trustee Farrell not present.

**Closed Session:** None

**Adjournment**

Supervisor Contreras moved to adjourn the regular town board meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 5:26pm. It was seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>11</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alicia Morales', written over a horizontal line.

Alicia Morales  
Town Clerk

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