



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday August 9th, 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	Absent
SUPERVISOR:	Angel Contreras	Present
CLERK:	Alicia Morales	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Hwy Commissioner Vince Alessio	Present
	Assessor Jim Brenzewski	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 July 12th, 2022, Regular Town Board Meeting, Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken.¹

Public Comment:

Supervisor Contreras called for public comment. A public comment was made to Highway Commissioner, Vince Alessio and Supervisor Angel Contreras. Five residents of Spencer St. and Burger Ave stated there has been a history of flooding affecting resident homes and asked the Township to intervene. Supervisor and highway commissioner stated Township will do its part and will coordinate with road district, city, county, to try to find a solution as this is going to take an engineer to review.

New Business:

Supervisor Contreras requested a motion to approve Holsten Human Capital Development Grant. Trustee Escutia motioned to approve and authorize; it was seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.²

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

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

Supervisor Contreras requested a motion to approve Joliet Latino Economic Development Association, (LEDA), grant. Trustee Slattery made the motion, it was seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.³

Reports

Highway Commissioner, Vince Alessio

Highway Commissioner Alessio stated road district is continuing with highway maintenance. Additionally, road district is working on two projects. One of the projects is road improvement in various stages of engineering as well as sugar creek bridge project. Highway Commissioner Alessio states there has been maintenance on trucks and they have been efficient in costs due to the investments into parts, equipment and staff. Highway Commissioner states road district is still waiting on two trucks since May 2021 in ordering process. Trustee Slattery asked if there is any idea when trucks will be available. The Highway Commissioner replied that he has called every month and there is no estimated time. The Highway Commissioner stated, with new maintenance of these two trucks they will still be able to plow this year and this will increase savings in costs. Additionally, the Highway Commissioner stated there has been positive feedback on permitting service on website due to permits being easily accessible. Trustee Slattery questioned flooding issue from public comment. Vince Alessio stated Road District begins process where actual flow of water in Burger Ave begins.

Township Assessor, Jim Brenzewski

This is the time of year when the Assessor's office turns in their assessing books to Will County. The County will send out notices, beginning the process of people filing complaints about their assessments in September. County is able to file a complaint until September 13. The Assessor's office has sent out all 33,000 assessments to county and up for review and then requires signature. Assessments should be coming next Wednesday once published. Once published, county has 30 days to file a complaint.

General Assistance Director, Patricia Venziano

Sue has attended multiple events for outreach. Sue and Patricia attended a meeting at Plainfield township that featured presenters from Catholic charities and from IDES. General assistance has hired a new bilingual caseworker and is set to start August 15th. Patricia and Angel have reviewed Emergency Assistance Program and based on phone calls received, electric disconnects has been added to the programs as well as vehicle repairs to menu of allowable expenditures. Vehicle repairs are being done in the form of an employment support and requires an individual to be employed. Additionally, Will County center for community concerns will be at township office on September 8th for light heap applications. September is for senior citizens in households with disabled persons and added undocumented individuals.

Finance Director, Ivan Diaz

The ARPA application was submitted and received an email stating they deemed Animal Control's vehicles ineligible. He will respond with another option and replace with PACE transportation and will meet with ARPA again.

Animal Control Director Whitney McGill

July has been a busy month for animal control. Cat intakes and adoptions have doubled since June. Additionally, preparing for events especially Dog Day ay Duly. Supervisor Contreras has prepared a team with planning the complex and exciting fundraiser. Promotional pictures and videos were made to ensure a successful event. Animal control will be collaborating with Inwood athletic club with doggy yoga. Animal control will have some adoptable dogs interacting with yoga group during class. Whitney and Veronica; an animal control officer met with Trustee Ibarra for coffee with the trustee on August 5th to discuss animal control duties and answer any questions citizens had. Additionally. New dog kennels were ordered to allow additional cag space to keep up with local demand for more animal intakes and will be arriving within the next week or two. The next volunteer orientation day is September 17th. Whitney reached out to district 86 regarding a school; supply drive and running a back-to-school adoption special for cats.

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

Clerk Alicia Morales

Clerk Alicia Morales began by stating interns have completed their assignments of digitizing documents so that they will be more accessible, creating posts for the township's activities and social media, labeling files, and presenting a comprehensive comparison of Will County townships. Interns presented to trustees at different time, so OMA was not violated at any time as well as supervisor and highway commissioner.

Supervisor Angel Contreras

Supervisor Angel Contreras began his report by stating their intern, Derick, will be at township until the end of the month for the cemetery project. The cemetery project is finally moving along and gathering data and information generated into the program. Supervisor Contreras stated that moving onto the next phase of the project will realistically be until October-November to ensure accuracy. Supervisor Contreras and Sue attended outreach events including youth and kids' fest downtown. Citizens were receptive to information regarding services township offers. Supervisor Contreras will continue working with Ivan with ARPA. Additionally, coordinating with animal control and planning with Doggy Day at Duly. Supervisor Contreras stated new key entry system has been installed for community purposes and public space. Additionally, Will Grundy Medical has done their pharmacy claims during the day and was well attended as well as vaccination clinic every Tuesday.

Cash Receipts

Trustee Slattery motioned to place the cash receipts into the proper accounts. Trustee Ibarra seconded. A roll call vote was taken.⁴

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: \$161,122.98

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

Trustee Escutia seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.⁵

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

General Assistance Fund: \$13,734.69

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

Trustee Escutia seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.⁶

Road and Bridge Fund: \$149,446.39

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

Trustee Escutia seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.⁷

Animal Control: \$119,270.68

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

Trustee Ibarra seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.⁸

Senior Fund: \$3,000.00

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

Trustee Ibarra seconded.

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

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A roll call vote was taken.⁹

Closed Session: None

Adjournment

Supervisor Contreras moved to adjourn the regular town board meeting on Tuesday, August 9th, 2022, at 6:25pm. It was seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.¹⁰

Respectfully submitted,



Alicia Morales
Town Clerk

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