



SUPERVISOR CALLS MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:02 PM
CLERK LEADS THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG CLERK
CALLS ROLL AS FOLLOWS:

TRUSTEES

CESAR ESCUTIA
RAY SLATTERY

SUPERVISOR
CLERK

ANGEL CONTRERAS
ALICIA MORALES

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting April 11, 2023. Trustee Slattery motions for approval, Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion carried¹.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT/Resolution Declaring Vacancy, Trustee

Suzanna Ibarra's resignation has been accepted and she is now a Joliet City Council woman. By the afternoon of May 10th 2023, the township will open up applications for eligible candidates that would like to apply for the open trustee position. A selection will be made at the next board meeting. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to ADOPT/Resolution Declaring Vacancy, Trustee. Trustee Slattery motions and Trustee Escutia Seconds. Motion Carried².

Trustee Karl Ferrell was found to be ineligible to hold office by the Dirt District Appellate Court. A final mandate is needed from the courts to officialize this. Once/If this happens the township will open applications for eligible candidates that would like to apply for the open trustee position.

ADOPT/Ordinance 389-2023/Joliet TWSP Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act

Townships in the state of Illinois must create a Decennial Committee to ensure townships are working efficiently. The first meeting will be in late June. The Decennial Committee includes all Trustees and two township residents. Supervisor asks for motion to approve mandate ordinance. Trustee Escutia motions and is seconded by Trustee Slattery. Motion carried.³

¹ Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Slattery, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0)

² Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Slattery, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0)

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



ADOPT/Ordinance 2023-02/Road District Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act

The Council clarifies that Vincent Alessio will need to adopt his own Decennial Committee.

APPROVE/For Posting, Tentative General Town FY 2023/24 Budget Ordinance No 390-2023

Ivan asks if anybody has specific questions to reach to him directly. We started with how much cash we had last year, which ties up with last month's financial reports. We watch where we spend based on what we spent last year. Overall, we are in a better spot than we were last year. Trustee Slattery motions to adopt General Town FY 2023/24 Budget Ordinance No 390-2023. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion carried⁴.

APPROVE/For Posting, Tentative Road District FY 2023/24 Budget Ordinance No 2023-03

Trustee Escutia motions. Trustee Slattery seconds. Motion carried⁵.

APPROVE/Engagement Letter

The township has been involved in an ongoing legal issue for almost ten years and seeks new legal services. Trustee Slattery moves to approve engagement letter. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion carried⁶.

APPROVE/ Contract for Dog Day at Duly Health and Care Field on August 1, 2023

Supervisor Contreras asks for approval of the annual contract for Dog Day at Duly Health and Care Field. He notes that is an Animal control fundraiser and a day for awareness and adoptions. Trustee Escutia motions. Trustee Slattery seconds. Motion carried.⁷

APPROVE/ Sponsorship of Joliet Public Library Star Wars Day 2023

This very popular event was on the brink of not happening again. Since it occurs within the township limits. We have become an annual sponsor to maintain and grow it. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion. Trustee Slattery motions and it is seconded by Trustee Escutia. Motion carried.⁸

APPROVE/for Posting, Hiring of one full-time Seasonal Intern Manager

Last summer, many township internships were open. This coming summer it has been opened to high school students as well. We are now in need of a full-time intern manager to manage our new interns. Our new interns will be working with our various partners/community organizations. Trustee Slattery motions. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion carried⁹.

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

⁵ Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Slattery, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0)

⁶ Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Slattery, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0)

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APPROVE/MOU Aggregated Energy with Solstice Power Technologies, Inc. (Community Solar)

The state has set mandates that some people who apply qualify for this program. We will be the host agency in the area. It has been vetted by the city of Joliet and the county. Families have the opportunity to sign up for this program and receive a permanent reduction to their electricity bill. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion. Trustee Escutia motions. Trustee Slattery seconds. Motion carried.¹⁰

REVIEW/Hiring of Consultant for Violence Prevention Program Operations

We have finally gotten permission to announce we are hiring for this entire program. We will be hiring 18 full-time position to address gun violence in a clinical and public safety minded style. Postings are out. The whole program is hopefully set to begin in July. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion. Trustee Slattery motions. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion carried¹¹.

APPROVE/ Grants

After The Peanut Foundation Grant
Joliet Park District FY23 Grants

Justice for Wives Foundation Grant
Prestige Athletic Club

Dr. Coleman speaks on behalf of the Peanut Foundation. The Peanut Foundation non-profit was started in 2017. They hold a summer camp at Lewis University where they cover various STEM subjects. This partnership is going to allow them to pick up students from Joliet Township community and be to attend for free. They want to work with community organizations such as the Spanish Center and River walk. The goal is to create more programs and educate students on STEM. The program is open to 7–14-year-olds from anywhere in Will County. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve the After the Peanut Foundation Grant. Trustee Slattery motions. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion carries¹².

Since we live in the existing Joliet Park District. We have partnered with Nowell Park. We asked them what the township residents' needs are. This partnership will help ensure recreational programs for children and our community in the area. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Escutia motions. Trustee Slattery seconds. Motion carried¹³.

Nicole Lurry is the CEO and founder of the Justice for Wives Foundation. This foundation empowers women who have dealt with tragedies. They host events that also support the youth such as Easter, Christmas, and coat drive events. Trustee Slattery motions and it is seconded by Trustee Escutia. Motion carried¹⁴.

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¹³ Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Slattery, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0)

¹⁴ Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Slattery, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0)

Katelyn Morris is the VP of the Prestige Athletic Club. They started in November of 2021. They are a non-profit track and field organization. Last summer they sent 12 athletes to the Junior Olympics. They have many other programs and would like to add a summer media program for high school students. The students will be working with professional film makers, taking master classes, and will produce a docuseries “The Journey to the Junior Olympics.” Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Escutia motions. Trustee Slattery seconds. Motion carried¹⁵.

REVIEW/ New Grant Applications

Greater Joliet Area YMCA
Harvey Brooks Motivation & Development
Foundation

Holsten Human Capital Development, NFP
Spanish Community Center
The Art Movement, Inc.

Donnie Chestnut from the YMCA. The summer day camp program already has a waiting list. The summer camp teaches children to make good decisions and introduces them to possible careers, so they have an idea of what they may want to do when they reach high school. They also teach healthy eating. This includes the subject of gardening. They have about 200 students for the K-5 summer camp, and about 90 for the middle school summer camp.

Melvin Leech speaks on behalf of the Harvey Brooks Motivation & Development Foundation. Harvey Brooks was the founding pastor of all nations church. The 3rd pastor of the church decided to make a community organization to help expand their services across the community. They provide after school tutoring, STEM opportunities, and swimming at the YMCA. They also discuss and teach gardening and even eat the food they grow.

Scott Reed, food pantry coordinator. speaks on behalf of Holsten Human Capital Development, NFP. They are asking for funding to help with driving. They need an individual to drive to stores and pick up donated food. With additional funding for drivers, they will be able to pick up food from more stores around town.

The Spanish Community. They provide early childhood education, social services, legal immigration services, and adult education services. They were approached by Danzon Azteca traditional dance group. They have been very active and are looking to expand their group and display indigenous roots to the community. This group is very passionate and active about their tradition. Many want to join; however, traditional wear is very expensive and has been getting funded out of pocket and has prevented some people from joining due to high cost.

These are still under review. None of these are going to get approved until the June meeting.

REPORTS

¹⁵ Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Slattery, Escutia and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0)



Highway Commissioner Vincent Alessio:

His budget will adjust slightly but nothing will be changed drastically. There is a spot-on Patterson Road that he wants to do some deeper fixing. In the older neighborhoods extra money will be spent to properly mow the road and fix them. Right now, the road district is out fixing potholes.

General Assistance Director Patricia Venziano:

Patricia and Alejandra attended a meeting in Frankfort. They saw many presentations regarding disability resources, Social Security benefits, immigration, confidentiality, snap benefits. Alejandra represented the township at the family fun event where 150 families in attendance. We are also going to be a regular stop for LIHEAP. There were 440 tax returns reviewed and prepared at the office. Supervisor Contreras comments that he wants to keep expanding and that it is a great service that we are offering.

Finance Director Ivan Diaz:

Ivan mentions that the ppot funds increased for both town and road 72 percent. Some expenses that have increased are subscriptions (more adobe programs), equipment, furniture, and health/safety (partnership with Will-Grundy County medical), building maintenance, vehicle repair. Expenses on phone serves decreased by 25 percent. PPRT funds for the Road district increased. There were increases in building maintenance, and vehicle repair. There were also less road projects therefore decreasing expenses by 75 percent. John from the auditors will be here most of the week as of next Tuesday.

Senior Liaison Jeff Wallace:

Jeff Wallace is proud that the board supports so many organizations within our township. Last year the first Veterans luncheon was held. The next Veterans Luncheon will be at the moose lodge on May 26th at 12PM. There will be food and entertainment. These veterans in attendance are part of senior clubs we already support. Jeffrey Wallace would like to make this an annual luncheon. Jeffrey also reached out to the Disability resource center for assistance.

Animal Control Director Whitney McGill:

Director McGill was invited to a volunteer fair at Carillion Lakes in Crest Hill. Director McGill and another employee named Sarah set up a table and spoke with several members of the community about volunteering at JTAC. Six people signed up for orientation from the tabling event. Three of the volunteers have already stopped in and started doing some hours. Director McGill realized there is no official pet policy for employees of JTAC. She is currently working on it. The Kennel renovations are coming along very well. The main dog room will be increased to 40 cages and the intake room increasing 56 cages. Director McGill is happy about the increase in space, and this will only increase JTACS capabilities to bring in more stray animals. In the future JTAC will need another kennel worker and another vet tech on staff.



Clerk Alicia Morales:

As member of the Will-Grundy Medical Center, she is grateful for all the Township support. Will-Grundy Medical center is having a fundraiser on the rooftop of the Historical Museum on May 11th.

The Collins St. Neighborhood Council cleaned up Heggie Field Park, Collins and Henderson streets.

On April 23rd, Alicia and Alejandra spoke to a Latino Senior Club at St. Johns church about all the services the Township offers. Club Social Latino, SCC, met April 1st, 8th, 15th for Zumba. Alicia hired a summer intern, David Lozano, He is currently in school at JJC and has been working with Alicia twice a week until he graduates.

Supervisor Angel Contreras:

This summer we will launch the Anti-Violence prevention program. We recently purchased the Peter Cleaver Center because our building is full, and we do not have space. Supervisor Contreras hopes by August that The Peter Cleaver Center will be ready and serve as a public space for the Township and community members. Applications for Township Trustee will be sent out, and the Supervisor and Trustees will be working to appoint a new trustee. Supervisor Contreras and the board are also waiting for the District Appellate Court's mandate to be filed with the Will County Circuit Clerk. Until that process is complete, we will not be moving forward. Supervisor Contreras states that a lot of these newer programs are getting funded by state and federal programs that we have applied for. Supervisor Contreras is striving to institutionalize the Township permanently, so they continue to exist for years. Transportation services with Pace are also on the way.

APPROVAL OF RECEIPTS



Trustee Slattery asked for motion to place cash receipts into their proper accounts. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion carried¹⁶.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES/BILLS

1. General Town:

Trustee Slattery makes a motion to certify that our cash disbursements of \$175,247.55 are correct and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia Seconds. Motion carried¹⁷.

2. Capital Fund:

Has one cash disbursement of \$37,000.00. This was a transfer from General town fund and then it was expended out of this fund. Trustee Slattery makes a motion to certify the \$37,000.00 cash disbursement as being correct and approve it for payment. Trustee Escutia Seconds. Motion carried¹⁸.

3. General Assistance:

Trustee Slattery makes a motion to certify that our cash disbursements of \$19,575.67 are correct and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia Seconds. Motion carried¹⁹.

4. Road and Bridge:

Trustee Slattery makes a motion to certify that our cash disbursements of \$123,158.20 are correct and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia Seconds. Motion carried²⁰.

5. Animal Control:

Trustee Slattery makes a motion to certify that our cash disbursements of \$67,662.39 are correct and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia Seconds. Motion carried²¹.

6. Senior Fund:

Trustee Slattery makes a motion to certify that our cash disbursements of \$3,000 are correct and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia Seconds. Motion carried²².

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Lastly, Supervisor Contreras would like to thank the two Decennial Committee community members for volunteering their time when they start.

CLOSED SESSION: There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Contreras asks for motion to adjourn. Trustee Escutia motions. Trustee Slattery seconds. Motion carried²³. The Joliet Township Regular Board meeting adjourned at 6:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Alicia Morales

Town Clerk