



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 5:07 PM. 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:	Tanya Arias	Present
	Cesar Escutia	Present
	Raymond F. Slattery	Present
SUPERVISOR:	Angel Contreras	Present
CLERK:	Alicia Morales	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Commissioner Vince Alessio	Present
	Assessor James Brenczewski	Not Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Finance Director Ivan Diaz	Attorney Brian Wellner
General Assistance Director Patricia Venziano	Senior Liaison Jeff Wallace
Animal Control Director Whitney McGill	Executive Assistant Ana Campa Castillo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Town Board Minutes: Supervisor Contreras asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023, Town Board Meeting. Trustee Escutia Motions and is Seconded by Trustee Slattery, roll call was taken. Motion Carried¹.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- **Budget & Appropriation Township Ordinance No 390-2023**

Trustee Slattery makes a motion to open a public hearing for Township Ordinance No 390-2023. Trustee Escutia seconds. Roll call². Motion Carried. Clerk Morales verifies public notice and opens it up to public comment. Finance Director Diaz briefly discusses the changes to this year’s budget. Clerk Morales asks for a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Slattery motions and Trustee Escutia Seconds. Roll call. Motion Carried³. Adjourned at 5:13 PM.

- **Budget & Appropriation Road District Ordinance No 2023-03 (RD)**

Supervisor Contreras asked for a motion to open a public hearing for Ordinance 2023-03 (RD). Trustee Escutia Motions and is Seconded by Trustee Slattery. Roll call. Motion Carried⁴. Clerk Morales verifies public notice and opens it up to public comment. Finance Director Diaz briefly discusses the changes to this year’s Road District budget. Clerk Morales asks for a motion to close the public hearing and reconvene the June 13th Regular Town Board Meeting. Trustee Slattery

¹ Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Arias not appointed yet.
² Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Arias not appointed yet.
³ Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Arias not appointed yet.
⁴ Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Arias not appointed yet.

motions and Trustee Escutia Seconds. Roll call. Motion carried⁵. Adjourned at 5:16 PM. Re-entered June 13th Regular Town Board Meeting at 5:16 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **ADOPT/General Town FY 2023/24 Budget Ordinance No 390-2023**

Supervisor Contreras asks for the adoption of General Town FY 2023/24 Budget Ordinance No 390-2023. Trustee Slattery motions and Trustee Escutia Seconds. Roll Call. Motion carried⁶

- **ADOPT/For Road District FY 2023/24 Budget Ordinance No 2023-03 (RD)**

Supervisor Contreras asks for the adoption of Road District FY 2023/24 Budget Ordinance No 2023-03. Trustee Slattery motions and Trustee Escutia Seconds. Roll Call. Motion carried⁷.

- **ADOPT/Resolution 2023-02 to Appoint New Trustee**

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to appoint Tanya Arias as a new trustee. Trustee Escutia Motions and is Seconded by Trustee Slattery. Roll call. Motion carried⁸. Tanya Arias comes forward and takes her oath with Judge.

- **APPROVE/ MOU-Thriveworks Administrative Services, LLC**

This MOU is pending attorney. Attorney Wellner states that The MOU in front of the trustees is practically the same it just needs some further modifications from him. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve MOU-Thriveworks Administrative Services, LLC subject to attorney modification. Trustee Slattery motions and Trustee Escutia Seconds. Roll call. Motion carried⁹.

- **APPROVE/Position of Human Resource Coordinator**

The Township is planning to hire many people therefore this position is needed to help with administrative services for employees. Trustee Escutia Motions and is Seconded by Trustee Slattery. Roll call. Motion carried¹⁰.

- **APPROVE/ Contractor-TBD on Tuesday 6-13-23 for Road Improvement Paving Project 2021-03**

An open bid hearing occurred June 12th, 2023. The Township does not have a authority of this project. Supervisor Contreras skipped.

- **APPROVE/Juneteenth Proclamation**

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve the Juneteenth Proclamation. Trustee Slattery Motions and is seconded by Trustee Escutia. Roll call. Motion carried¹¹. Trustee Escutia reads the Juneteenth Proclamation.

- **APPROVE/LGBTQIA+ Proclamation.**

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve LGBTQIA+ Proclamation. Trustee Escutia Motions and is seconded by Trustee Slattery. Roll Call. Motion carried¹². Supervisor Contreras reads the LGBTQIA+ Proclamation.

⁵ Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Arias not appointed yet.

⁶ Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Arias not appointed yet.

⁷ Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Arias not appointed yet.

⁸ Roll call vote: Ayes (3). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0). Arias not appointed yet.

⁹ Roll call vote: Ayes (3) Abstentions (1). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

¹⁰ Roll call vote: Ayes (3) Abstentions (1). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

¹¹ Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

¹² Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

- **APPROVE/ Position of Bookkeeper**

Ivans work continues to expand. A bookkeeper is needed to help with bookkeeping with our partners. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve the Position of Bookkeeper. Trustee Slattery Motions and is seconded by Trustee Escutia. Roll call. Motion carried¹³.

- **APPROVE/ Grants**

Greater Joliet Area YMCA

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve the Greater Joliet Area YMCA grant. Trustee Escutia motions and is seconded by Trustee Slattery. Roll Call. Motion carried¹⁴.

Harvey Brooks Motivation & Development Foundation

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve the Harvey Brooks Motivation & Development Foundation grant. Trustee Escutia motions and is seconded by Trustee Slattery. Roll Call. Motion carried¹⁵.

Holsten Human Capital Development, NFP

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve the Holsten Human Capital Development, NFP grant. Trustee Escutia motions and is seconded by Trustee Slattery. Roll call. Motion carried¹⁶.

The Art Movement, Inc.

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve The Art Movement, Inc grant. Trustee Slattery motions and is seconded by Trustee Escutia. Roll call. Motion carried¹⁷.

Spanish Community Center

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve the Spanish Community Center grant. Trustee Escutia motions and is seconded by Trustee Slattery. Roll call. Motion carried¹⁸.

OLD BUSINESS:

General Assistance, Patricia Venziano

Sue, Jesse and Patricia attended the Catholic Charities Headstart luncheon with guest speaker Loren Underwood. Sue attended a Woman's Health Outreach event at Riverwalk. The GA department has begun signing up residents for Community solar. We have had an influx of residents coming to us for help with Electric Service that is disconnected. In the past Com Ed offered a hardship program which had applications taken at WCCCC but Com Ed ended that program in December of 2021 leaving our residents with no assistance available until the fall when LIHEAP starts up again. Other than that, it is business as usual.

¹³ Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

¹⁴ Roll call vote: Ayes (3) Abstentions (1). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

¹⁵ Roll call vote: Ayes (3) Abstentions (1). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

¹⁶ Roll call vote: Ayes (3) Abstentions (1). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

¹⁷ Roll call vote: Ayes (3) Abstentions (1). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

¹⁸ Roll call vote: Ayes (3) Abstentions (1). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

Animal Control Director, Whitney McGill

Kennel renovation update- The dog room is complete, and we are able to start moving dogs into that room so that the intake garage can be worked on. Everything is going smoothly with the construction! We have formed a partnership with Forepaws, a pet food store in Minooka, that allows us to house adoptable cats in their free roaming cat socialization room. They can conduct adoptions for the cats at their facility 7 days a week and all we need to do is provide the healthy, fully vetted cats and their food! We are looking forward to this partnership as it allows us to adopt more cats due to our own facility having more room and also enabling adoptions during hours JTAC is closed. Officer Rivera has resigned from the animal control officer position and Assistant Director Becky and I are in the process of interviewing candidates to fill the vacancy.

Finance Director, Ivan Diaz

The auditors are in today. A rescheduling occurred. An update will be available soon.

Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace

Senior service calendars were passed out for the month of June. Prices on them have gone up to \$130. Jeff also has been in contact with Solstice clean energy about reducing delivery charges. The Veteran luncheon was a success. Jeff Wallace gifted Anna Campa for her all her hard work.

Clerk's Report: Alicia Morales

Clerk Morales congratulates Tanya Arias on her trusteeship. She thanks Jeff Wallace and Ana Campa for their work with the Veteran luncheon. Clerk Morales hired an intern, David Lozano, to assist in her office. The Clerk's office has received many FOIAS as of recently. Clerk Morales has also been in contact with the contractor for the AC remodeling.

Supervisor, Angel Contreras

The Township has been busy with the Peter Claver center and with hiring individuals for the violence prevention program. Trustee Escutia adds that tomorrow is flag day, and he would like to have a new flag created for Joliet Township. Trustee Arias would like to thank the board for her appointment, and she is looking forward to meeting the staff and serving Joliet Township residents.

CASH RECEIPTS:

Trustee Slattery motioned to place the cash receipts into the proper accounts, seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.¹⁹

FUND EXPENDITURES:

Trustee Slattery noted there was no expenditures in the General Town Capital Fund

General Town Fund for June 13, 2023:

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the cash disbursements and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried²⁰.

Road and Bridge Fund for June 13, 2023:

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the cash disbursements and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia seconded. Roll call. Motion carried²¹.

¹⁹ Roll call vote: Ayes (3) Abstentions (1). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

²⁰ Roll call vote: Ayes (3) Abstentions (1). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

²¹ Roll call vote: Ayes (3) Abstentions (1). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

Senior Fund for June 13, 2023: \$400

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the cash disbursements and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried²².

General Assistance Fund for June 13, 2023:

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the cash disbursements and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried²³.

Animal Control Fund for June 13, 2023:

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the cash disbursements and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.²⁴

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to adjourn the regular town board meeting of June 13, 2023. Trustee Escutia motions and is seconded by Trustee Arias. Roll call. Motion carried²⁵. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Alicia Morales
Town Clerk

²² Roll call vote: Ayes (3) Abstentions (1). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

²³ Roll call vote: Ayes (3) Abstentions (1). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

²⁴ Roll call vote: Ayes (3) Abstentions (1). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

²⁵ Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Escutia, Slattery, Arias, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).