



APPROVED Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Joliet Township The Joliet Township Board  
175 W. Jefferson St., Joliet IL 60432  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023

The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 5:02 PM. was called to order by Supervisor Angel Contreras. The following official business was transacted:

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The Clerk called the roll as follows:

<b>TRUSTEES:</b>	Tanya Arias	Present
	Cesar Escutia	Present
	Raymond F. Slattery	Present
<b>SUPERVISOR:</b>	Angel Contreras	Present
<b>CLERK:</b>	Alicia Morales	Present
<b>OTHER OFFICIALS:</b>	Commissioner Vince Alessio	Present
	Assessor James Brenzewski	Not Present

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Finance Director Ivan Diaz	Attorney Brian Wellner
Senior Liaison Jeff Wallace	Executive Assistant Ana Campa Castillo
Animal Control Director Whitney McGill	(General Assistance Director Patricia Venziano-Not present)
Violence Prevention Director Andrea Cambray	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Town Board Minutes: Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Escutia motions. Trustee Arias seconds. Motion Carried.<sup>1</sup>

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes – RD Bid 2023-01: Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Slattery motions. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion carried.<sup>2</sup>

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes – RD Bid 2023-06: Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Escutia motions. Trustee Arias seconds. Motion carried.<sup>3</sup>

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADOPT/ Ordinance 391-2023 IDHS Grant Agreement**

This grant would be for the three behavioral health specialists and the grant for the Local Advisory Council of Joliet. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Slattery motions. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion carried.<sup>4</sup>

**ADOPT/ Intergovernmental Agreement Hartman Center Ordinance 392-2023**

Negotiations regarding the intergovernmental agreement for the Hartman Center, have been ongoing with the Joliet Park District. Joliet Township will be able to lease with the potential to own. The lease payments may be applied towards the purchase. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Hartman Center Ordinance 392-2023 with legal review and modification. Trustee Escutia motions. Trustee Slattery seconds. Motion carried.<sup>5</sup> Trustee

<sup>1</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Arias, Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

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

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

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

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

Slattery asks about no mercy rental. Supervisor Contreras informs him that it is a basketball club that pays a lease and that we would take that profit. The attorney mentions that one of the Park District stipulations was that anybody they provided a lease to, prior to the negotiations, that the township would continue their lease. Trustee Arias asks if the Township would be staffing the Hartman center. The supervisor says yes but is not sure when they will begin the hiring process. Trustee Slattery asks if after six months if the Township has the option to refuse and purchase. The Supervisor confirms this as correct. Trustee Arias asks that any changes in leases would go through the Township. The Supervisor confirms this as correct. Trustee Arias asks if an assessment has been done and Supervisor Contreras says that it will be done before purchasing. The Park District will hopefully approve the IGA by the next board meeting.

#### **REVIEW/ Municipal Vehicle Program**

Supervisor Contreras mentions the Municipal Vehicle Program has been in the works for a while. It is through Pace and is in the packet for review. The new contract was just sent over and details are being reviewed. The vehicle pricing will remain the same. The only thing that changed is the hiring processes.

#### **REVIEW/ GRANT: BluePrint Agency NFP, History on Wheels Mobile Museum**

#### **APPROVE/ GRANT:**

##### **Step into the Light**

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Slattery motions. Trustee Arias seconds. Motion carried.<sup>6</sup>

##### **LEDA**

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Arias motions. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion carried.<sup>7</sup>

##### **One Collective NFP**

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Escutia motions. Trustee Slattery seconds. Motion carried.<sup>8</sup>

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace**

July was very slow for the senior groups. Jeff only had three or four meetings. August should have more. Jeff discussed the solar clean energy with Diane Elkins, who is the president of that company. They discussed recruitment strategies, and the services that Joliet Township offers seniors. The senior discount for the water bill is ten percent and does not require renewal. Jeff attended the Bicentennial Bluffs neighborhood meeting with Ana and Andrea. Jeff discussed temporary handicap plaques with the Moose seniors and how to obtain them since they are much easier to get than permanent ones. Jeff is assisting a woman with dementia in getting a lockbox installed at her house.

##### **Highway Commissioner, Vince Alessio**

There was a bid opening on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Ingalls Park many of the water mains were changed. The Road District, City of Joliet, and Aqua all worked together and are working to restore it. That area has been under construction for awhile and the residents in that area have had to deal with gravel roads. Austin Tyler Construction was awarded the bid to fix that area. Bids for the Road District renovations will be coming up hopefully in September/October. The Road District building will also need some external projects done (drainage and asphalt). The engineers will investigate this more thoroughly. Patterson and Joliet Street is being made into a concrete corner and a bid will go out for this well. More bids will go out before winter for smaller projects. An employee will be leaving the Road District and a job posting will hopefully be out in September. The Road District is considering not putting CDL requirements on the job application since the road district trucks do not require a CDL to be driven. The Road District ordered a new snowplow truck and a service truck for the winter.

##### **Animal Control Director, Whitney McGill**

The construction in the dog rooms, intake garage, isolation room, and cat room have finally been completed. JTAC opened the rooms back up this week to public viewing for adoption meet and greets by appointment while the remodel was being done. JTAC has gotten many wonderful comments on the updates and additional kennels. Joliet Township sponsored Dog Day at Duly on August 1st which was our Field of Paws event. Two dogs got adopted that night and everyone had a great time. JTAC appreciated the help of some of the summer interns with walking adoptable dogs around the stadium.

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

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

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

### **Violence Prevention Director, Andrea Cambray**

Joliet Township Violence Prevention Program successfully onboarded a total of eight staff as of 8/1/2023. These staff include, one participant service supervisor, two victim advocates, two case managers, and three outreach workers. There is an additional staff, one victim advocate who will begin training with the next group of staff onboarded. The program director has engaged with the Health & Medicine Policy Research Group (HMPRG) that houses the Illinois ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Response Collaborative. HMPRG will provide all staff with extensive training in Trauma 101, Institutional Trauma, and Burnout. For the weeks of July 21<sup>st</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>, all staff participated in 80 hours of Outreach, Case Management, and Victim Advocacy training. In addition to the 80 hours of comprehensive violence prevention training, the staff have been scheduled for various training over the course of 6 weeks, which includes 40 DV training, 40 Crisis Intervention training, Mandated Reporter training, and IRIS training. The program has also engaged in community engagement, which included attending a Community Forum, and canvassing the East side and South end of Joliet. The Director of Violence Prevention has engaged with the local Fire Department, Police Department, Guardian Angel Community Services, Will Grundy Medical Center, Will County Health Department, and Holsten Human Capital Development. Both the Local Advisory Council Coordinator and Director will work to solidify the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with these organizations. Additionally, the Violence Prevention Program has joined The National Office of Violence Prevention Network, that will provide continual support and training to the staff and leadership of the program.

### **Clerk, Alicia Morales**

Clerk Morales reminded trustees and staff regarding the steak dinner for the St. Joes senior group is next Wednesday. Be sure to bring utensils. Alicia Morales oversees the Latino senior clubs. In the past the Latino clubs have been left out and one of the Clerk's goals was to be more inclusive to these groups. Club Social Latino from Mt Carmel and Club Social Latino from St. Johns. Club Social Latino from Mt Carmel meets every Saturday morning from 9:30AM-10:30AM with Zumba for seniors, they just had a successful trip to Starved Rock. To qualify as a senior, you must be at least 51 years old. Club Social Latino from St. Johns has reached for help in booking a bus for their trip. David Lozano has been working hard with the Clerk, and Vince Alessio in preparing the bid hearings. There will be two upcoming bid hearings on July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>. David Lozano and the Clerk will meet with the JJC Entrepreneur and Business Center and LEDA to discuss outreach to small contractors for participation in bids.

### **CASH RECEIPTS:**

Trustee Slattery motions to place the cash receipts into the proper accounts. Trustee Escutia seconds. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried<sup>9</sup>.

### **FUND EXPENDITURES:**

#### **General Town Fund for July 11, 2023: \$293,723.54**

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the cash disbursements and approve them for payment. Trustee Arias seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried<sup>10</sup>.

#### **Road and Bridge Fund for July 11, 2023: \$424,297.59**

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the cash disbursements and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried<sup>11</sup>.

#### **Animal Control Fund July 11, 2023: \$80,753.94**

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the cash disbursements and approve them for payment. Trustee Arias seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried<sup>12</sup>.

#### **General Assistance Fund for July 11, 2023: \$27,164.53**

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the cash disbursements and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried<sup>13</sup>.

#### **General Town Capital Fund for July 11, 2023: \$91,000.00**

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the cash disbursements and approve them for payment.

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<sup>9</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Arias, Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>10</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Arias, Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

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

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

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

Trustee Arias seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried<sup>14</sup>.

**Senior Fund for July 11, 2023: \$1,032**

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the cash disbursements and approve them for payment.

Trustee Escutia seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried<sup>15</sup>.

Supervisor Contreras mentions that the interview process to fill the vacancy on the board will be occurring soon and the vacancy will be filled by the next board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Arias motions. Trustee Escutia seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried<sup>16</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 5:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Alicia Morales  
Town Clerk

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<sup>14</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Arias, Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>15</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Arias, Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>16</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Arias, Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).