



APPROVED Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Joliet Township
The Joliet Township Board
175 W. Jefferson St., Joliet IL 60432
Tuesday, September 12, 2023

The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 5:00 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:

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 Brenzewski	Not Present

ALSO PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Town Board Minutes: Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Escutia motions. Trustee Slattery seconds. Motion Carried.¹

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE/Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Arias motions. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion Carried.² Trustee Escutia reads Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.

APPROVE/ GRANT:

BluePrint Agency NFP

Is an agency that helps assist women who are victims of domestic violence and provide counseling services. They are currently operating out of the Spanish Community Center. They requested more money. The Supervisor could only approve the grant for five thousand dollars since the township is expanding its own programming. Supervisor Contreras offered the townships community space for any meetings they would need to conduct. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Slattery motions. Trustee Arias seconds. Motion Carried.³

OLD BUSINESS:

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

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Highway Commissioner, Vince Alessio

The Road District has an Office Build out bid coming up this month. There are also two additional road bids coming. One of them is at Henderson Road. The asphalt has been pushed out. It is being replaced with concrete to handle the truck traffic through that area. There is an employee moving out of state. They hope to have employment applications open for one full-time employee and a temporary winter employee. The Road District will be receiving a new snowplow truck and a new service truck.

General Assistance Director, Patricia Veneziano

Sue and Alejandra have continued to represent the township at various outreach events and will be at the senior fair on the 20th. Alejandra had the interns visit various medical offices in the area passing out flyers for our medical loan closet and handicap placards. Patricia Veneziano has put in an application with the state to become SHIP certified which will allow us to offer assistance to seniors next year when they enroll in Medicare. Training for this certification is not offered until May of 2024 so we will be ready for next fall. GA have had a very busy summer with utility disconnects assisting 36 families to the tune of \$17,600 to avoid disconnection and provide reconnection assistance since the first of June. Patricia Veneziano has also been very busy notarizing residency affidavits for children returning to school.

Violence Prevention Director, Andrea Cambray

Joliet Violence Prevention Program has named itself Peace Over Violence (POV). POV has also engaged/ with Sharing Connections, Will County Workforce Center, Non-Violent Cities Project, Will Grundy Medical Center. The Joliet Fire Department assisted POV to complete a Heat Map which the current outreach team is using to inform hot spot canvassing. Bonterra Apricot reported the technology will be completed the last week of October. The program is set to launch October 2nd. The Peter Claver Center is closer to opening as well. The team will launch 3-4 weeks prior to the technology being completed to start outreach and incident responses. The Joliet Police Department has confirmed they will be able to send notification of incidents to the POV team. Staff that are on call or working during regular hours, for outreach and victim service, will have a goal to respond within one hour of notifications. Once fully staffed, POV will train all staff in conducting Peace Circles and CPR/Stop the Bleed, provided by all Joliet Training Providers. Currently, POV continues to seek Bilingual Outreach Workers. POV staff engaged with the Rainbow Push Coalition with other Joliet officials and organizations. All staff will be completed 40-hour Sexual Assault and Crisis Intervention Training by 9/14/2023 and will finalize all forms and marketing material needed prior to the launch.

Clerk, Alicia Morales

The Clerk's office has been working with the Road District for the upcoming office build out bid. The Clerk's office has reached to businesses to encourage them to bid. They are also preparing for two additional road bids. David Lozano, the intern, has agreed to stay longer. The Clerk has been interviewing candidates for deputy clerk and an appointment will be made soon.

Animal Control Director, Whitney McGill

Ruby Bahena, Calisa McGill, Antwanet Gregory, Paula Bauman, and Jamie McKeen completed their Shelter Technician Certification course and passed their exam to be certified. Their course consisted of a variety of topics including shelter cleanliness, animal behavior, disease exposures, and animal care. JTAC gave a presentation to Cornerstone Services about how important animal care is even during a mental health crisis and the benefits and legalities of Emotional Support Animals. JTAC has been busy with animal intakes. Including two cat hoarding houses this past month totaling over 30 cats, many needed significant medical attention.

Township Supervisor, Angel Contreras

The Township closed on the Hartman center. Keys will be received next Monday 09/18/2023. Tours will be available next week. The transportation program will be implemented there immediately. The building is ready to go. The space will help the township apply for grants that require space. The Peter Claver Center has small lighting and plumbing issues but is useable.

Supervisor Contreras allows Claudia Lopez to speak. Claudia Lopez is the community outreach coordinator for the VNA Health center. The VNA is new clinic on Jefferson Street. They have other twelve locations in many other counties. They are a non-profit that provides primary care services for families. They accept private insurance and uninsured people. Trustee Morales confirms the location of the VNA with Claudia Lopez. Claudia is also on the board for the Aurora Hispanic Chamber and the International Women of Influence. Claudia is looking forward to working in the Joliet community. Trustee Slattery asks about the doctors at the VNA. The VNA has many different types of medical professionals and services available. Clerk Morales asks how the VNA is funded. The VNA is funded by the state government, federal government, and grants.

CASH RECEIPTS: Trustee Slattery motions to place the cash receipts into their proper accounts. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion carried.⁴

FUND EXPENDITURES:

General Town Fund for August 31, 2023: \$350,120.69

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Arias seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried⁵.

General Assistance Fund for August 31, 2023: \$30,223.23

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried⁶.

Road and Bridge Fund for August 31, 2023: \$209,662.24

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Arias seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried⁷.

Animal Control Fund August 31, 2023: \$74,630.07

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried⁸.

General Town Capital Fund for August 31, 2023: \$8248.00

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Arias seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried⁹. Trustee Slattery mentions that there is an expenditure for \$4,600 with no name due to the use of a credit card to make the purchase.

Senior Fund for August 31, 2023:

No expenditures in this fund. A motion is not needed.

CLOSED SESSION: Supervisor Contreras call for closed session to discuss trustee vacancy appointment. Trustee Arias motions to go into closed session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2 C5) and to discuss the selection of person to fill public office (5 ILCS 120/2 C3). Trustee Escutia seconds. A roll call is taken. Motion Carried.¹⁰

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Alicia Morales
Town Clerk

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