

APPROVED Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Joliet Township Joliet Township Regular Board Meeting 175 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432 Tuesday, November 28th, 2023 / 5:00 P.M.

The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 5:01 PM. was called to order by Supervisor Angel Contreras. The following official business was transacted:

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

TRUSTEES:

Tanya Arias

Present

Antione J. Edwards

Present

Cesar Escutia

Present

Raymond F. Slattery

Present

SUPERVISOR:

Angel Contreras

Present

CLERK:

Alicia Morales

Present

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Commissioner Vince Alessio

Not Present

Assessor James Brenczewski

Not Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Finance Director Ivan Diaz

Senior Liaison Jeff Wallace

General Assistance Director Patricia Venziano

Violence Prevention Director Andrea Cambray

Animal Control Director Whitney McGill

Attorney Bryan Wellner

Deputy Clerk Estefany Bonilla

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

<u>Town Board Minutes</u>: Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion. Trustee Slattery motions to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023, Town Board Meeting, Seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call was taken. Motion Carried.¹

<u>Public Bid Hearing for Contract 2023-02 (AC) Minutes</u>: Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion. Trustee Arias motions to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023, Public Hearing for Contract 2023-02 (AC), Seconded by Trustee Edwards. A roll call was taken. Motion Carried.²

<u>Public Bid Hearing for Contract 2023-04 (RD) Minutes</u>: Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion. Trustee Escutia motions to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2023, Public Hearing for Contract 2023-04 (RD), Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call was taken. Motion Carried.³

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE/2024 Holiday Schedule for Joliet Township Government and Road District

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Escutia motions. Trustee Slattery seconds. Motion Carried.⁴

¹ Roll call vote: Ayes (5). Trustees Arias, Edwards, Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

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

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

APPROVE/2024 Board Meeting Schedule for Joliet Township Government

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Slattery motions. Trustee Arias seconds. Motion Carried.⁵

APPROVE/Proclamation for November as Native American Heritage Month

Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Arias motions. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion Carried.⁶ Clerk Morales reads the proclamation out loud.

APPROVE/Annual Contract Renewal/Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance

There was no change for the renewal of the annual contract with BCBS health insurance. Everything within that contract has stayed the same. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Slattery motions. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion Carried.⁷

APPROVE/One Year Contract/Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental Insurance

There was a change for the renewal of the dental insurance with BCBS. This small adjustment resulted in savings, without interruptions to current providers since they will all remain the same. Moreover, it will also allow the inclusion of additional providers as verified. Trustee Escutia posed a quick query to Supervisor Contreras, who noticed how the dental contract is for one year, while the vision contract is for two years. Trustee Escutia inquired about the reasoning behind the staggered timeline between the two contracts. Supervisor Contreras informed Trustee Escutia that both contracts offered a more beneficial deal which was being provided by a different carrier. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Arias motions. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion Carried.⁸

APPROVE/Two Year Contract/Standard Vision Insurance

There was a change for the renewal of the vision insurance with an expansion of the current network providers. The consultants that work with the township were able to negotiate a two-year contract as compared to last year at an affordable price. Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Edwards motions. Trustee Slattery seconds. Motion Carried.⁹

APPROVE/Proposed Town Levy for Posting - Ordinance No. 393-2023

Finance Director Ivan Diaz starts his report for the Proposed Town Levy for posting, which is Ordinance No. 393-2023. Ivan started by defining a levy as he explained how the levy is a local taxing body's request to the county for money for the upcoming fiscal year. The process starts with the assessor's office by creating assessments that are sent for review. Then follows equalization, which makes sure everything is properly accounted for with all the houses at around the same values. The fourth step would be the posting of said levy, which the township is now doing and within the next month it will be adopted. The fifth step is the extension as the county will pay after receiving the documents. The final step will be the collection and distribution which is the 2023 levy to be collectable for 2024 around springtime throughout December. There cannot be a request for unlimited money as there are limiting rates and truth of taxation. It all comes down to which is lesser, either the CPI, Consumer Price Index, or the 5%. The CPI for 2023 was six and a half percent which is 5% less than the limit. The number for this year is around 3.7%, which is below the 5%. The actual number is \$2.8 million for the General Town, Cemetery, Assessors and General Assistance as the previous year was \$2.7 million. Ivan continues to explain how if it isn't raised for a year then the township would lose out on the increased amount and future CPI adjustments every year going forward. This would cause the township to miss out on capturing increased EAV, Equalized Assessed Value, and could potentially leave the funds too low for next year and create a levy over 5%. Ivan explains how the previous year

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extension amount is the starting point for 2023. Every year the EAV goes up, for example, last year it was around \$1.5 billion and this year it's \$1.6 billion, which shows how there's about a \$100 million increase in the EAV from last year to this year and that's for the estimated. Usually, the estimated is underreported when the county says the EAV is around \$1.6 billion which could be a bit higher than that when the county's response comes out during extension time. If the levy went over the 5% a public notice and a public hearing would have been posted. The levy money would go to expansion for new buildings, more programs, more staff to better serve the community, and building upkeep, for example, animal control needed a new roof and their heating systems needed repairs this year. Luckily, multiple grants are secured for the main purpose to aid in these categories so the township doesn't solely rely on the levy dollars. Ivan asked if the audience had any questions and there seemed to be none. Supervisor Contreras then proceeds to ask Ivan to explain the proposed Road District Levy for posting which is Ordinance No. 2023-04 as Vince is absent due to being sick.

APPROVE/Proposed Road District Levy for Posting - Ordinance No. 2023-04 (RD)

Finance Director Ivan Diaz states that the Road District went up by 90 thousand as it is 1.9 million this year. The road doesn't see all that amount as they give out to local municipalities. Last year they got a little under 1.1 million out of the 1.9 million they received so it's a bit different for them. All of this was worked out with Vince and Ivan to make sure everything is correct. Ivan asked if the audience had any further questions on this then they could reach out to him. Supervisor Contreras announces that Clerk Morales will read the public notice that was posted in the newspaper for the posting of the proposed Town and Road District Levies. Clerk Morales starts by stating how the public notice is important to let taxpayers, with enough time, see how the tax levies are being voted on by public bodies and explains how vital it is as a township Clerk to provide that public notice. Clerk Morales reads the public notice out loud and then Supervisor Contreras proceeds to ask for a motion to approve. Trustee Slattery motions. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion Carried.¹⁰

APPROVE/Senior Tax Levy Grants:

Saint Raymond Cathedral Seniors

Is a senior club and has requested \$3,500 for the year. They are in good standing with all their receipts for the year. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Escutia motions. Trustee Edwards seconds. Motion Carried.¹¹

SOAR

Is a senior club and was proposed \$4,000 for the year by the Senior Laison. They are in good standing with all their receipts for the year. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Edwards motions. Trustee Slattery seconds. Motion Carried.¹²

Senior Citizen's Association

Is a senior club and has requested \$7,500 for the year. They are in good standing with all their receipts for the year. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Escutia motions. Trustee Arias seconds. Motion Carried.¹³

Joliet Moose Senior Club

Is a senior club and was proposed \$4,000 for the year by the Senior Laison. They are in good standing with all their receipts for the year. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Arias motions. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion Carried.¹⁴

AMEND/Holsten Human Capital Full Grant

¹⁰ Roll call vote: Ayes (5). Trustees Arias, Edwards, Escutia, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

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The organization applied in 2022 to get assistance from the township for their food pantry. The township assisted and got them outfitted for their food pantry with new refrigerators. Once their brand-new food pantry was up and running, in 2023 they came back and requested a grant to support their drivers and transportation department. When the grant was approved, back in May of this year, there was a misprint on the amount that needed to be approved as it was read from the 2022 packet when it needed to be the 2023 amount during the approval session. The amending amount is \$13,000 instead of \$5,000. The drivers and transportation department have been up and running now. Trustee Arias requested to confirm the amount one more time before approval. Supervisor Contreras repeats the amount of \$13,000 and asks for a motion to approve. Trustee Arias motions. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion Carried.¹⁵

REVIEW/GRANTS:

Community Service Council of Northern Will County

This organization will be reviewed for the requested grant. Supervisor Contreras asked if there's any representatives who would like to speak for the requested grant. None were present.

Family International Outreach Ministries Inc.

This organization will be reviewed for the requested grant. Supervisor Contreras asked if there's any representatives who would like to speak for the requested grant. None were present.

Legacy Fine Arts Inc. NFP

This organization will be reviewed for the requested grant. Supervisor Contreras asked if there's any representatives who would like to speak for the requested grant. None were present.

Little City Foundation

This organization will be reviewed for the requested grant. Supervisor Contreras asked if there's any representatives who would like to speak for the requested grant. None were present.

New Day Employment

This organization will be reviewed for the requested grant. Supervisor Contreras asked if there's any representatives who would like to speak for the requested grant. None were present.

Speak Up

This organization will be reviewed for the requested grant. Supervisor Contreras asked if there's any representatives who would like to speak for the requested grant. None were present.

Warehouse Workers for Justice

This organization will be reviewed for the requested grant. Supervisor Contreras asked if there's any representatives who would like to speak for the requested grant. Two were present and introduced themselves as Amy Sanchez, the Program Director, and her colleague Bobby Frierson, the Protection Organizer, as they both arrived to represent Warehouse Workers for Justice. Amy started to share how the organization requested a grant in 2022 for a small portion to support legal services for people in the community. Amy explains how they are now requesting to increase the requested grant as there is a greater need that is not being fulfilled in their organization for sealing and expungement, other known as criminal record relief. Amy continued by saying how they have a state grant to support the services but specifically over 70% of the people they are helping are from zip codes 60432 and 60433. Amy explained how they found some gaps as they drilled down their typical process in the past and would be referred out to legal resource. They were able to garner from the state funder to

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have a legal attorney in their office. Amy stated how there were some deficiencies in having the ability to fingerprint causing what they call rap sheet assistance days where some of their staff are left in the sheriff's office to assist the people coming in. This whole process has made them build out with the sheriff's department as they weren't doing typical criminal record relief fingerprinting. The police departments that were able to offer it were spread thin throughout the entire country let alone in their county and city which caused very limited hours. Traditionally the organization would not just help the warehouse workers but the community at large and the police departments were only allowing the rap sheet assistance days once a month between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. which caused people to be turned away at the door. Amy continued by saying how they were having to write letters of support explaining how the person they are currently helping are handling personal business matters and how they were supporting them. Amy states they now have an additional day at the sheriff's office supporting them at twilight hours to help some people that are in working hours and how that has led them to increase their staff and their outreach. Amy said the organization had bought a private vendor to come in to assist in their rap sheet assistance days and had an expungement clinic to help as well. They had 101 people registered, 145 showed up and 80 reached out saying they had missed it and were asking for the next one. The need throughout the county is large as the majority are overwhelmingly from Joliet Township for people who just felt discouraged that it was just out of reach. Organizers just like Bobby and the rest of the team are knocking door to door, going to the gas stations, going to food pantries, and going to different locations to bridge these gaps with the people. This is the reason why they have requested an increase for this grant as they are also getting calls from their partnered community-based organizations all over the place requesting their organization to appear in their other locations to help the people there as well. Supervisor Angel expressed understanding as Trustee Escutia inquired about the amount requested from last year to this year. Amy said last year it was \$5,000 and this year it's \$20,000 to last the whole year. Trustee Edwards asked Amy to repeat the percentages of the people in zip code 60432 and if the workers are primarily in Will County, as Trustee Edwards said he knows the residents are, but asked if they are for the working sites in Will County. Amy confirmed over 70% are from zip codes 60432 and 60433 as she didn't calculate and factor in 60435 since that covers a wider range and are from other townships that are incorporated in there, which they have not acquired any other help from other townships just yet. This funding is specially for Will County in Joliet only. Supervisor Angel thanked Amy and Bobby for their time and informed them that the township will be in contact.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Reports

General Assistance Director, Patricia Venziano

Alejandra, Sue, and Patricia attended a General Assistance Law Training seminar sponsored by Hanover Township. Sue and Patricia attended the annual meeting of Will, Kendall, Grundy Continuum of Care which included presentations of how the COC will move forward this coming year and listened to several speakers giving information on their services. Sue, Alejandra, and Patricia attended the Catholic Charities biannual luncheon. Sue and Alejandra attended the Senior Expo at the Clarion as well as the Gallowich YMCA family fun night. Sue attended the Senior Fall Expo at Mount Olive church. Patricia said she is thankful to Sue and Alejandra for representing the township and spreading the word to the community on the services that are provided. Patricia continued to state how they had attended more events in the past year than the township ever had. Every October DHS releases the cash assistance numbers for the year, and their department is required to follow suit. Patricia states how they have raised the amount of General Assistance to \$500.00, which is slightly higher than the required increase from DHS. They now have the toys for tots' collection box in the lobby and Patricia would encourage all to participate in their collection. They have had a steady flow of residents coming in for assistance. Patricia says their department has now slowed down on Com Ed and Nicor assistance as that is available through LIHEAP. Their first outreach LIHEAP event will be here on December 20th from 9am to 3pm. Other than that, it is business as usual.

Animal Control Director, Whitney McGill

Whitney starts by saying how they had their annual meeting with Dr. Mark at Mallard Point (Animal Control's vet clinic). They discussed how their surgery pick up van had been totaled and they will not be getting the funding from NVA to replace

it. Animal Control agreed to bring all the surgical animals to them first thing in the morning as Animal Control had done in years past before they had a van. Mallard Point had agreed to keep all pricing the same, but they will be implementing a ten dollars office visit charge when a newly adopted animal needs an exam due to a condition they acquired while in Animal Control's care. Whitney agreed as this is a reasonable request since an office visit is normally \$95 for the public in general. Joliet Central High School's art club donated their time to create and paint a mural for Animal Control's Pet Pantry. They still have one more session left to complete it, and Whitney will have pictures of the completed project by the next board meeting. The students have been working hard and the mural features a dog and cat around a sign that says, "Pet Pantry". Animal Control hosted a fun Halloween special only on Halloween called "Chip or Treat". Anyone who needed a microchip for their pet could have a registered microchip implanted for \$15 that day. Animal Control had 15 participants and gave out treat bags to all pets who came in for Chip or Treat, as well as pets who stopped by to show off their costumes. Animal Control had such great feedback that they are looking forward to doing it again next year.

Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace

Jeff begins his report by stating how he passed out the senior service calendars for November and December. Jeff would speak about their medical closet quite often and their temporary disability placard program. Their upcoming senior ride share, their upcoming newsletter that is going to be coming out and their violent crime prevention program. Jeff continues to state that he is working with a couple residents about a few problems that he will handle. One being figuring out how to go to the post office for a lady resident. Jeff explained how one of their residents came down a couple of weeks ago for a placard with no problem, but they said they couldn't find a handicap spot and if they could have a couple more handicap spots. The same resident also wanted to know why there weren't any recyclable items such as electronics, Jeff expressed that not every township does the same thing, for example, some don't have Animal Control or do disability placards. Jeff said he will drive to Detroit and drop off his items and call the Will County's recycling department and they will send someone to pick up his recyclable items. Jeff helps seniors with any questions and if he doesn't have the answer, he calls Joliet township for it. Jeff expresses how one of his presidents for one of his clubs, Maddie Sanders, passed away at her upper 80s this past week. There was a Christmas party next Saturday, but it will not be held as that will be for Maddie's burial. There will be a mass program for her this Saturday. The crime prevention program and their seniors' advocates are in the works implementing plans for this, but currently Jeff will update the township about it when more information arrives. Jeff expressed how he misses everyone and asked the audience if they had any questions. Supervisor Contreras answers that there is none and gives thanks to Jeff for his well detailed report. Jeff as a last-minute update mentioned that Saint Joe's seniors are inviting the board through their Christmas luncheon. It will be the 3rd week of this December which will be the 20th. They can accommodate 10 people and thanks the township for the check as it helps with their lunches. Supervisor Contreras will coordinate with the board and let Jeff know who will be coming.

Violence Prevention Director, Andrea Cambray

Peace Over Violence has been operational now since October 2nd, 2023, in this short time Andrea said she is happy to report that they have provided services to a total of 59 participants and counting. They quickly realized the immense lack of services not only in the Joliet region but also in other rural counties. 86% of participants actively engaged in a case plan and goal making with case management. Our outreach team has completed a combined total of 544 canvassing hours, this doesn't count the endless community engagement events the team constantly shows up to. The male staff are working to reinvigorate the local basketball group with the 2nd Baptist Church, "Son's of Thunder". In addition to these peaceful activities, the Outreach Team has responded to 18 total incidents and engaged in several mediations some of which may be ongoing or have resolved local incidents. The entire team engaged in the Local Active Shooter Conference, and Andrea presented a speech regarding PTSD and the cross sections of community violence. Andrea continues by stating that they have handed out food and Turkeys at River Walk and this week they will be hosting a Re-Entry Fair with Will County Workforce on Thursday, November 30th, 2023, from 1pm to 4pm at 2400 S Glenwood. There will be expungement of information and resources, jobs that are background friendly, and community resources, organized by Nicole Lurry with the generosity and help of Will County Workforce and Michelle Stiff.

Clerk, Alicia Morales

Alicia Morales, the township's Clerk, starts her report by properly announcing the new Deputy Clerk, Estefany Bonilla. Alicia explained how the Deputy Clerk is making great progress in her training. The Deputy Clerk has gotten more experience at putting together the hearing for the bids and for the projects the Joliet Township and Road District are undertaking. The Clerk Assistant David Lozano assisted in the training day to day before he went to school next month and Alicia thanked him for all the help regarding the training. Alicia also commented on how Supervisor Contreras expressed that the progress with the anti-violence program is not normal as they are innovative which shows how innovative the township is. Everyone got elected to come in and look at the gaps and see what is working and what is not working. Alicia states that Supervisor Contreras really thinks outside the box and is the number one township in the state of Illinois for the work that is being done. Alicia shows her thanks to Supervisor Contreras for all the hard work he does and how humble he is as a great leader in the township.

Supervisor, Angel Contreras

A part of the township's other grants for the office of Violence Prevention and various grants received for the behavioral health component. This helped hire three full-time behavioral health workers who are here today. Karissa and Latreavette are here today from the team. Within three weeks and the weekends they are doing in-roads, met with various schools, including meeting with different community partners, and working together with the institutions. They've been doing all the training and assisting the Violence Prevention Team as well. There is still one more hire for that position. All the hires are consistently on until they're filled. There is still the transportation department that will finally be up and running in January 2024. The township is currently hiring and interviewing directors and drivers. A few months ago, an agreement was signed with PACE to use their vehicles and for them to do the hiring process. The goal is to have the three components in the transportation department. It won't be open to the public as a whole and rather will be available for the seniors for five days a week and maybe on Saturdays, as other townships have a similar set up, to help seniors get to their medical needs, groceries, and scheduled appointments. Another component was submitted to PACE which had to do with the township's community partners and Will Grundy medical. The township has an MOU with them to always provide some behavioral health services so if that clientele needed. Also, to help schedule that they follow through on the services by offering them transportation, so it doesn't become a barrier. The final component would be working with the township's legal, who will be very busy with community-based organizations for programming during daytime or after school. These entities will be MOUs for their specific program to provide transportation within a small radius. The township is working with a specific program to be able to provide transportation as they are fully licensed, insured, and bonded. Parents are working and can't get their children home to the program at the exact time but within the small jurisdiction available, the township is able to fill in that gap with the number of actual applicants for drivers. That is something that is consistently being done to assist in all categories with a well-planned schedule with no charge for the transportation services. However, there will be a small charge of either \$1 or \$2 for the seniors as Supervisor Contreras answers Trustee Arias's question regarding that matter. The initial startup will be used from the ARPA dollars that was allocated for, but also the township is able to maintain that once it is depleted. Once that occurs there are many federal grants in the work that will be available as the township works hard to acquire them. The program must start off the ground first as these grants only work as a support to assist in what has already been implemented before. For the meantime there will be great efforts in allocating money for the next year's budget for this. He believes that they will be reimbursed so the township can continue expanding. The levy money comes into play as it will help fill in the gaps for unexpected expenditures as the program is being run which is the same scenario that is occurring with the Violence Prevention Program. Supervisor Contreras asked the audience if they had any further questions. Trustee Edwards raises a question regarding the accessibility of the vehicles. Supervisor Contreras explained how the vehicles are through PACE'S municipal vehicle program. Any municipality has access to their vehicles for \$100 a month. The township must pay for the insurance and the driver as they care of the maintenance part. Since it's a federal grant the township receives a discount to be able to start this program. The township will start with three vehicles as stated in the contract and potentially expand to five as more hires apply. Max passengers are 16 for the bigger vehicles and 12 for the smaller ones. The minimum age is eight years old to be able to board for transportation. The township will continue to work on this as many MOUs and waivers must be made in place to help all who are part of this program.

CASH RECEIPTS: Trustee Slattery motions to place the cash receipts into their proper accounts for period ending October 31, 2023. Trustee Escutia seconds. Motion carried.¹⁶

FUND EXPENDITURES:

General Town Fund for October 2023: \$339,068.66

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Arias seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.¹⁷

General Assistance Fund for October 2023: \$22,156.86

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried. 18

Road and Bridge Fund for October 2023: \$155,308.67

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.¹⁹

Animal Control Fund October 2023: \$75,416.64

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Arias seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.²⁰

Capital Fund for October 2023: \$6,980.00

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Escutia seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.²¹

Senior Fund for October 2023: \$26,433.50

Trustee Slattery motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Arias seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.²²

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Contreras gives thanks to everyone for attending the board meeting and informed the board that the township's newsletter will be coming out soon, next month, and they will be sent a digital copy first. Supervisor Contreras asks for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Arias motions. Trustee Edwards seconds. Motion Carried.²³

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Morales Town Clerk

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