

**Minutes**  
**Special Town Meeting**  
**January 24, 2023**

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
COUNTY OF WILL            )  
TOWNSHIP OF JOLIET        )

The Special Town meeting scheduled to be held in said Township and County in the State of Illinois, 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township Government Offices, Town Hall Meeting Room, on January 24, 2023 was called to order by Township Clerk Alicia Morales at 6:03 p.m. The following official business was transacted:

Clerk Morales welcomed everyone to the Joliet Township Special Town Meeting and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Verification of the Call:**

Clerk Morales verified that the legal notice for this Annual Town Meeting was published on Friday, January 6, 2023, in the Joliet Herald-News, that newspaper being one of general circulation in Joliet Township. Notices of the Annual Town Meeting were also posted at:

- City of Joliet,
- County of Will
- Joliet Public Library, East & West satellites
- Township Government offices and Meeting Room
- Township Website and Facebook page

**Election of the Moderator:**

The Clerk called for the election of a moderator for the meeting. Ms. Suzanna Ibarra moved to nominate Ms. Amy Sanchez as moderator of this meeting. The Clerk called two additional times to see if there were any other nominations for a moderator. Seconded by Mr. Karl Ferrell. Clerk Morales stated, we have one nomination for Moderator, Ms. Amy Sanchez. She called for the voice vote to elect Ms. Amy Sanchez as Moderator and the motion passed unanimously. Clerk Morales administered the Oath of Moderator for the Special Town Hall Meeting to Ms. Amy Sanchez.

### **Introductions:**

The Moderator introduced the Township Officials present at this 2023 Special Town Meeting. Supervisor Angel Contreras, Clerk Alicia Morales, Trustee Cesar Escutia, Trustee Karl Ferrell, Trustee Suzanna Ibarra, Trustee Ray Slattery, and Highway Commissioner Vince Alessio was present.

### **Financial Statements:**

The Moderator stated that the financial statements of the Township have been posted in the Town Hall meeting room, however we will table this issue since there are no updated Financials yet. They will be updated and read at the Annual Town Hall Meeting in April. She welcomed everyone to review last year's Financials for both Township and Road District which were posted on the board room walls.

### **Discussion on Powers of Electors:**

The Moderator Amy Sanchez continues by reading the Discussion on the Powers of the Electors "Delegate the Authority to the Township Board to Purchase, Sell, and Lease Property for a period of 12 months" and then mentions that after this is discussed, she will ask for any comments that need to be made on this issue. Supervisor Contreras mentions that this is a yearly process that happens however, he would like to add the fact that there is a potential to purchase a property located at 172 S. Chicago St. in Joliet Township and for the Township to move forward or do anything official, this meeting must take place. With this delegated authority, the moderator moves to read the resolution.

Resolution 2023-01. A Resolution to Delegate Authority to the Township Board to purchase, sell, and lease property.

Whereas, pursuant to Section 85-10 of the Township Code (the "Code") (60 ILCS1/85-10), Joliet Township, Will County, State of Illinois (the "Township") may acquire and hold property, both real and personal, for the use of its inhabitants and may sell and convey that property; and Whereas, pursuant to Section 30-50 of the Code (60 ILCS 1/30-50) the electors of the Township may make all orders for the purchase, sale, conveyance, regulation, or use of the Township's corporate property that may be deemed conducive to the interest of its inhabitants; and Whereas, pursuant to Section 30-50 of the Code, the electors may delegate the power to purchase, sell, or lease property to the Township Board (the "Board") for a period of up to twelve (12) months; and Whereas, the electors of the Township deem it conducive and in the best interest of the Township's inhabitants to delegate the power to purchase, sell, or lease property to the Board for a period of twelve (12) months now, therefore, be it resolved by the electors of Joliet township duly assembled at the special town meeting of Joliet township, will county, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1 - Recitals. That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety. Section 2 - Delegation of Authority.

The Electors of the Joliet Township hereby delegate to the Township Board of Joliet Township all authority to purchase, sell, and lease property, both real and personal, for a period of twelve (12) months from the date hereof, in all manners they may deem necessary and proper and as otherwise provided by law. Section 3 – Severability. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate, or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect. Section 4 – Repealer. Any policy, resolution, or ordinance that conflicts with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5 - Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective after its passage, approval and publication in a manner provided by law. ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 by the Electors of the Joliet Township, duly assembled at the Special Town Meeting of Joliet Township, Will County, Illinois.

Moderator Sanchez asks the Electors for a Motion to Approve this Resolution. Elector Jesse Stiff makes a motion to give Joliet Township Government the Authority to purchase the said property. Motion seconded by Elector Suzanna Ibarra. The Moderator repeats who made the motions and asks the electors present to hold their clappers if in favor or against and all the electors voted unanimously. Motion carried.

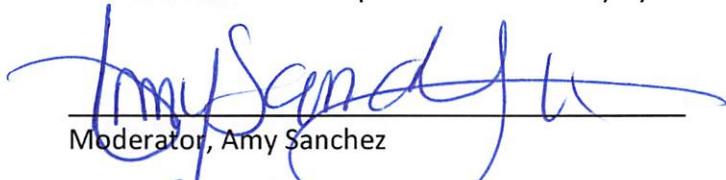
Resolution 2023-01 was unanimously approved. The Moderator asks the Supervisor and Clerk for any closing remarks. Clerk Morales just thanked everyone for engaging in their civic participation as electors and thanked everyone for coming out to support the Township in moving forward. Supervisor Contreras thanked everyone for supporting the Township. Trustee Ibarra thanked everyone for attending and mentioned that this was necessary. Trustee Escutia concurred with his colleagues. Trustee Slattery thanked everyone for attending on a cold night.

The Moderator thanked everyone for attending and thanked the Supervisor and Trustees for the phenomenal work they are doing followed by late father who was a big supporter of making sure that all the resources and services that our government entities offer, don't leave the community.

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Trustee Karl Ferrell moved to adjourn the 2023 Special Town Meeting. The motion was seconded by Elector Jesse Stiff. The motion passed unanimously by a show of clappers. The meeting adjourned at 6:15p.m.



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Moderator, Amy Sanchez



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Township Clerk, Alicia Morales