



Minutes of a Meeting of the
Joliet Township Board
175 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432
Tuesday, December 8, 2020

The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. was called to order by Supervisor Daniel L. Vera who announced that this meeting was being held via telephone conference due to Governor Pritzker’s prior orders as well as recent Executive Order No. 2020-73 – Tier 3 Mitigation.

The following official business was transacted:

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Following the Pledge. Supervisor Vera called for a moment of silence in remembrance those who served and lost lives in the attacks on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1939.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

TRUSTEES:	Raymond F. Slattery	Present
	Archie Gavin	Present
	Rosie Verdin	Present
	Brian Hertzmann	Present
SUPERVISOR:	Daniel L. Vera	Present
CLERK:	Julie A. Kinsella	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Commissioner Michael Turnbull	Present
	Assessor James Brenczewski	Present

ALSO PRESENT: Township Attorney James Harvey, Township Finance Director Colleen Witt, Alicia Benford, and Diane Harris.

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town Minutes/November 24, 2020: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2020 Town Board Meeting, and to waive the reading of these minutes inasmuch as copies had previously been delivered. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call vote was taken.¹

Public Comment:

Diane Harris asked a question about Rebuild Illinois, not the CARES Act and said she noticed the Township had not participated. Supervisor Vera directed her to Will County

¹ Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0).

for any questions about Will County usage of such a program. No other public comments were stated.

New Business:

Adopt/Ordinance No. 368-2020 Township Levy- Finance Director Witt asserted that the Town Levy as posted on November 10, 2020 has had no changes made. Motion was made by Trustee Slattery and seconded by Trustee Hertzmann to adopt Ordinance No. 368-2020 Township Levy. Roll call vote was taken.²

Adopt/Road District Levy – Ordinance No. 2020-04(RD): Highway Commissioner Turnbull asserted that the Road District Levy was under 105% as he had done at the November 24, 2020 meeting as well, and that no changes had been made to the Road District Levy that was turned in on November 13, 2020. Trustee Hertzmann made a motion to approve the Road District Levy-Ordinance No. 2020-04(RD) which was seconded by Trustee Gavin. Roll call vote was taken.³

Approve/Senior Grants: Motion was made by Trustee Gavin, to approve total Senior Grants in the amount of \$117,000.00 for this fiscal year which was seconded by Trustee Verdin. Roll call vote was taken.⁴

Approve/PACE Contract: Supervisor Vera stated that the routes were clarified. The final agreement with PACE was in the amount of \$19,114.00 for the Joliet Township portion. Motion was made by Trustee Slattery to approve the PACE Contract in the amount of \$19,114.00, seconded by Trustee Verdin. Roll call vote was taken.⁵

Reports:

Supervisor Vera: Supervisor Vera noted that reports for General Assistance, Joliet Township Animal Control, and the Road District were in the board packets. He reported that plumbing issues were repaired at JTAC. Other than that, day-to-day. Vera stated that the Township Cemeteries are in good shape for winter. Zarley and Mound Cemeteries are inactive, but Oakwood Cemetery is still operating with burials.

Town Clerk: Clerk Kinsella reported just day-to-day operations.

Assessor: Assessor Brenzewski reported day-to-day operations and that he is looking forward to the new computer system that will be implemented after the holidays.

² Roll Call Vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

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⁴ Roll Call Vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

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Finance Director: Director Witt reported that bank reconciliations for November are available at the office for your review. November financial statements were prepared and in board folders. She stated that she sent the Highway Commissioner his financials as well as his reconciled bank statements via email. Financial statements also include the cash and investment statements as of November 30. State unemployment rate for 2021 was also reported by Witt: General Town rate will be 3.875% (up from 2.525 % last year) whereas the Road District will be .675% (up from .625 %). The wage base will be \$12,960.00 which is an increase from the previous \$12,740.00. IMRF final determination for 2021 will be 3.45% (which is in agreement with the preliminary amount she had mentioned in a previous meeting) which is down from the current rate of 4.13%. Other than that, just day-to-day operations.

Highway Commissioner: Although Supervisor Vera stated that we had already received his written report, Commissioner Turnbull stated that his accountant had some questions for us. Turnbull's accountant Alicia Benford said that she had expected questions answered by the board when she had handed a letter for the record to Clerk Kinsella at a prior meeting. Clerk Kinsella noted that Mike had sent her an email recently requesting some information and a meeting, but that the time that the clerk could meet was not convenient for Mike, and perhaps this was the information Benford was seeking. Benford asserted that the questions were in the letter she had left with the Clerk at the prior meeting. Kinsella stated that the letter you left at the meeting was addressed to Mike, and while she (Clerk) was not an accountant, it seemed like similar information. Once Mike gets a time situated, the Clerk would certainly meet with Mike to review the information.

Attorney Harvey: Attorney Harvey reported routine day-to-day matters.

Receipts: Trustee Slattery made a motion to deposit all cash receipts into their proper accounts as presented for the period ending December 8, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. Roll call vote was taken.⁶

Expenditures: The Supervisor presented the following invoices for Town Board approval for the period ending December 8, 2020:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town	\$50,616.90

Motion: Trustee Slattery
Second: Trustee Verdin
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0⁷

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Capital Fund: No bills presented for this fund.

General Assistance \$8,997.80
Motion: Trustee Gavin/Second: Trustee Slattery
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0⁸

Road and Bridge \$32,380.38
Motion: Trustee Verdin
Second: Trustee Slattery
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0⁹
Commissioner Turnbull asserted that he was in agreement with the bills presented for payment.

Animal Control \$26,836.74
Motion: Trustee Gavin
Second: Trustee Verdin
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0¹⁰

Senior Fund -No bills presented for this fund.

Closed Session: NONE

Adjournment:

Trustee Hertzmann moved to adjourn the town board meeting to Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A roll call vote was taken.¹¹ The December 8, 2020 meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Kinsella, Town Clerk

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