



Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Joliet Township Board  
175 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020

The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. was called to order by Supervisor Daniel L. Vera. The following official business was transacted:

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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:	Beth Ann May	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Commissioner Michael Turnbull	Absent
	Assessor James Brenczewski	Present

ALSO PRESENT:  
Accountant Colleen Witt  
Senior Liaison Jeff Wallace  
Attorney James B. Harvey

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Regular Town/February 11, 2020: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting and to waive the reading of these minutes inasmuch as copies had previously been delivered. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. An error was noted on page 3, the name should be Kathy not Katy. The minutes were accepted as corrected. A voice vote was taken.<sup>1</sup>

**Public Comment:**

None

<sup>1</sup> The motion carried

## **New Business:**

None

## **Old Business:**

### Approve/Intergovernmental Agreement Road District Employees Health Insurance

Trustee Slattery moved to take the matter off the table, seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)<sup>2</sup>

Trustee Slattery spoke on the proposed agreement between the Town and Road District. He indicated this measure seems to be one that is trying to fix a problem when there isn't one. The process currently being followed, where the Supervisor and Board find quality health, dental, and vision policies for all staff, and pay for those plans via monthly premiums deducted from the appropriate funds, has been working for a long time and he feels doesn't require the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Trustee Gavin spoke of his plan through his private employer which is self-insured. Trustee Verdin asked if we have ever had an issue with paying the bill and the Accountant replied no. Supervisor Vera reported speaking to 4 other Townships and none of them are using an IGA for this or any other type of employee needs within their Townships. Attorney Harvey commented on the rational saying one can't be offered and the purported solution is the IGA, where there isn't a problem.

Trustee Slattery moved to reject the IGA proposed by the Road District Commissioner and to not enter into the agreement. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (4), Nays (0) Abstain (1)<sup>3</sup>

Supervisor Vera commented we offer a 30 day notice or the end of this fiscal year, March 31, 2020, for the Road District Commissioner to find insurance for his staff.

### Approve/Ordinance No. 2020-01 (RD) Transfer of Appropriation

Trustee Gavin moved to take the matter off the table, seconded by Trustee Verdin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)<sup>4</sup>

Trustee Gavin moved to table the matter to the March 10, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)<sup>5</sup>

## **Reports:**

Supervisor: Supervisor Vera reported on the bid opening for the lane improvements at the Oakwood Cemetery and working on plumbing issues in the basement of the building.

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<sup>2</sup> Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

<sup>3</sup> Roll Call Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Abstain (1) Supervisor Vera

<sup>4</sup> Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

<sup>5</sup> Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

Clerk: Clerk May reported she continues to work on the Oakwood Cemetery process, specifically, she prepared the contract for the grave opening and closing and participated in the bid opening for the lane improvements. Six bids were received, they are being reviewed by the engineers prior to awarding of the contract. She prepared and mailed the January 2020, monthly County Engineer Report, reflecting the income and expenses of the Road District. A copy of the report has been provided to the Board and the Road District Commissioner. She provided the Road District with its inventory list for the annual risk management insurance from TOIRMA and they returned the updated list to the Office of the Clerk. This information will be combined with the Town side and executed by Supervisor Vera and submitted. This is the first step in the property insurance process. The bill we be forthcoming once the entire list is updated for all departments and submitted by the Supervisor to TOIRMA. She updated the closed session books and logs. She thanked the Board for the new printer in her office. Other than that, just the day to day operations of her office.

Trustee Hertzmann asked if this type of insurance needs to go to bid and Attorney Harvey said he would look into it as there are certain stipulations regarding governments which pool their insurance, such as TOIRMA. He will report back.

Highway Commissioner: Absent, Anna Donovan was present and submitted the written report.

Trustee Hertzmann asked if any solution had been found for Nina Lawlor, who came in to discuss a water problem which is running across her property. Trustee Gavin, said he went out to 118 Oscar to review the problem and there is water, which in the winter forms ice, running across the back side of her property and then into the side and front yard. He received an email from Greg Ratajczak from the Will County Land Use Department who said the water issue is definitely on our right of way. He asked, can we fix this because she needs some relief? Anna Donovan was present and commented indicting, definitely, we can take care of this and she suggested Trustee Gavin give Mike a call. Trustee Gavin also spoke on another problem, he learned from Greg where a property owner on south Briggs Street, has put in a culvert which is too small and it is causing water to flood other properties. This issue also needs addressed.

Assessor: Assessor Brenzewski reported he and his staff continue to work on the CAMA system with changes as issues are resolved with the County system. They have also been working on addressing resident concerns.

Attorney: Attorney Harvey reported he continues to work with the Officials and Staff on day to day issues, specifically the employee contracts and cemetery issues.

**Accountant:** Accountant Witt reported she compiled the financial and payroll information for the TOIRMA report. She has begun working on the year end plan and other than that, just the day to day operations of her office.

**Senior Report:** Senior Liaison Wallace provided a written report. He commented on the meeting he attended and upcoming meetings.

**Receipts:** Trustee Slattery moved to deposit all funds into their proper accounts as presented for the period ending February 25, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A voice vote was taken.<sup>6</sup>

**Expenditures:** The Supervisor presented the following invoices for Town Board approval for the period ending February 25, 2020:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town Motion: Trustee Slattery Second: Trustee Verdin Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 <sup>7</sup>	\$60,602.91
General Assistance Motion: Trustee Verdin Second: Trustee Hertzmann Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 <sup>8</sup>	\$9,262.96
Road and Bridge Motion: Trustee Gavin Second: Trustee Verdin Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 <sup>9</sup>	\$83,541.03

Note: Trustee Hertzmann noted the original bills presented totaled \$85,041.03 and included the transfer of appropriation and payment for accounting services, which was tabled. The adjustment of \$1,500 was made and the total bills paid was reduced.

Trustee Gavin asked about the employee checks for their legal fees. Attorney Harvey indicated the employee contracts have precise language reflecting reimbursement of payment to the employees. It was recommended that Clerk May email Commissioner Turnbull to let him know that the checks can be disbursed once proof of payment is received. This proof can be a copy of a cancelled check or receipt of payment to the attorney. It was noted the invoices presented and requested to be paid directly to their Attorney were made out to each employee not the Road District.

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<sup>6</sup> The motion carried

<sup>7</sup> Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

<sup>8</sup> Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

<sup>9</sup> Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

Animal Control \$35,655.07  
Motion: Trustee Gavin  
Second: Trustee Slattery  
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0<sup>10</sup>

Senior Fund \$1,330.00  
Motion: Trustee  
Second: Trustee  
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0<sup>11</sup>

No bills were presented for consideration under the Capital Fund  
Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

**Closed Session:**

None

**Trustee Hertzmann** commented on the East Joliet Fire Protection District, who serve a large majority of our residents on the east side of the Township, has a referendum on the ballot for March 17. The referendum is needed for operational expenses of the district and there are information meeting planned. Supervisor Vera indicated he would get this posted for the public to be aware of the meetings.

**Adjournment:**

Trustee Hertzmann moved to adjourn the town board meeting to March 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A voice vote was taken.<sup>12</sup> The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Ann May  
Clerk

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<sup>10</sup> Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

<sup>11</sup> Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

<sup>12</sup> The motion carried