



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township Government Office, Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. was called to order by Supervisor Cesar Guerrero. The following official business was transacted:

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

TRUSTEES:	Quinn Adamowski	Present
	Andrea Bibian	Present
	Archie Gavin	Present
	Betty Washington	Present
SUPERVISOR:	Cesar Guerrero	Present
CLERK:	Kendra Landfair	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Commissioner Vincent Alessio	Present
	Assessor James Brenzewski	Not Present

ALSO PRESENT:
Attorney Priscilla Centeno

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Town Board Minutes: Supervisor Guerrero introduced the town board minutes agenda item. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the February 10, 2026 Town Board Meeting. Trustee Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026, Town Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Adamowski. A roll call was taken. Motion Carried.¹

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Guerrero opened the floor for public comment. Karl Ferrell congratulated Trustee Washington on being inducted into the Quad Counties Black Hall of Fame. Mr. Ferrell expressed respect and honor for her work in the community. Mr. Ferrell, Chair of Black Lives Matter Will County Grassroots, shared that the organization would host a Black Women Are Divine event on March 28, 2026, in celebration of Women’s History Month, and invited everyone to attend. Mr. Ferrell also shared that he is a member of Equity and Transformation and provided an overview of the organization’s Illinois Future Fund program, including its origins. Mr. Ferrell mentioned HB 4443 and the petition associated with the bill.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2025 – 2026 Program Year Presentation – Will Grundy Medical Clinic

Shawn Marconi, the Executive Director of the Will Grundy Medical Clinic (WGMC), thanked the Township for its support and provided an overview of the longstanding partnership between WGMC and Joliet Township Government. Ms. Marconi highlighted that 83% of individuals served by WGMC reside within Joliet Township and presented a summary of the organization’s accomplishments over the past year as a result of the Township’s investment into WGMC. Ms. Marconi expressed her desire to continue a partnership with the Township and opened the floor for the board to ask any questions.

¹ Roll call vote: Ayes (5). Trustees Gavin, Adamowski, Bibian, Washington and Supervisor Guerrero. Nays (0).

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE/Proclamations for Women's History Month; International Day to Combat Islamophobia; International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims; International Day of Remembrance of Slavery Victims and the Transatlantic Slave Trade; International Transgender Day of Visibility; and César Chávez Day

Supervisor Guerrero introduced the Proclamations and shared that the full text of the Proclamations will be made available to the public online on the Township's website and social media pages. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve all of the Proclamations. Motion was made by Trustee Adamowski. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.² Representatives from the Zonta Club of Joliet came to the podium to share remarks on the Women's History Month Proclamation.

APPROVE/Community Grants: Joliet Latino Economic Development Association (LEDA); Northern Illinois Food Bank

Supervisor Guerrero introduced the community grants. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve community grants for Joliet Latino Economic Development Association for \$1,000 and the Northern Illinois Food Bank for \$5,000. Motion was made by Trustee Gavin. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bibian. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.³

APPROVE/Sponsorship of Joliet Public Library Star Wars Day 2026

Supervisor Guerrero introduced the new business item. Supervisor Guerrero shared the sponsorship levels. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the Sponsorship for Joliet Public Library Star Wars Day 2026 for \$1,250. Motion was made by Trustee Washington. Motion was seconded by Trustee Adamowski. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁴

ADOPT/Ordinance No. 421-2026 Restricting the Use of Township Property for Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities and Protecting Township Data Systems

Supervisor Guerrero gave an overview of the Ordinance and mentioned that the Ordinance was reviewed by the Township's legal counsel. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 421-2026 Restricting the Use of Township Property for Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities and Protecting Township Data Systems. Motion was made by Trustee Gavin. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bibian. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁵

ADOPT/Ordinance No. 422-2026 Establishing the Joliet Township Community and Non-Profit Grant Program

Supervisor Guerrero gave an overview of the Ordinance. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 422-2026 Establishing the Joliet Township Community and Non-Profit Grant Program. Motion was made by Trustee Adamowski. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁶

APPROVE/Annual Town Meeting Agenda

Supervisor Guerrero introduced the new business item. Supervisor Guerrero elaborated on the agenda item regarding the electors' advisory questions. Attorney Centeno further explained the process that would take place at the Annual Town Meeting regarding this agenda item. Supervisor Guerrero and Attorney Centeno also outlined the Township's next steps should the advisory questions be approved by the electors at the Annual Town Meeting. Supervisor Guerrero elaborated on the Resolution and Annual Financial Reports on the Annual Town Meeting Agenda. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda. Motion was made by Trustee Gavin. Motion was seconded by Trustee Washington. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁷

² Roll call vote: Ayes (5). Trustees Adamowski, Gavin, Bibian, Washington and Supervisor Guerrero. Nays (0).

³ Roll call vote: Ayes (5). Trustees Gavin, Bibian, Adamowski, Washington and Supervisor Guerrero. Nays (0).

⁴ Roll call vote: Ayes (5). Trustees Washington, Adamowski, Bibian, Gavin and Supervisor Guerrero. Nays (0).

⁵ Roll call vote: Ayes (5). Trustees Gavin, Bibian, Adamowski, Washington and Supervisor Guerrero. Nays (0).

⁶ Roll call vote: Ayes (5). Trustees Adamowski, Gavin, Bibian, Washington and Supervisor Guerrero. Nays (0).

⁷ Roll call vote: Ayes (5). Trustees Gavin, Washington, Adamowski, Bibian and Supervisor Guerrero. Nays (0).

REPORTS:

Lead Transportation Coordinator, Leonardo Haro

The Lead Transportation Coordinator reported that the Department completed 650 trips for individuals working with partner agencies in the Joliet area, including two special transportation requests for seniors at the Victory Centre and grocery shopping transportation for residents of Joshua Arms. During the month of February, the Transportation Department also began providing rides to clients of Trinity Services and completed 10 trips for veterans from the Family and Friends Center.

General Assistance Director, Patricia Venziano

The General Assistance Director was not present to give her report at the meeting, but shared her report with Supervisor Guerrero prior to the meeting that included the following: The General Assistance Department did not have any outreach events during the month of February. For this tax season, the Department has seen a large decrease in returns from the Spanish speaking population. The General Assistance Director attributed this decrease in returns to recent arrivals who have moved on from the area and migrants who may be afraid to file due to IRS information sharing with ICE. The General Assistance Director reported the Department's huge increase in returns last year as a direct result of the large migrant population that the Township was experiencing in 2024. As to date, the combined sites have prepared 304 returns and the General Assistance Director anticipates the number to get to 500 by the end of the filing season.

The General Assistance Director reported that February's LIHEAP outreach was a great success and the next event will take place on March 18th from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The General Assistance Director also reported that requests for assistance has been low however, there has been an increase in requests for handicap placards, as the word has spread that the Township is an easier alternative to waiting in line at the DMV.

Animal Control Director, Whitney McGill

The Animal Control Director was not present to give her report at the meeting, but shared her report with the board prior to the meeting that stated the following: During the past month, the Animal Control Department continued to focus on daily operations and animal care. The Department held a volunteer orientation, with 8 new volunteers. The Department expressed appreciation for the volunteers' willingness to support the shelter and its mission. The Department will have their next volunteer orientation on March 26th at 5:00 P.M., which will be geared towards high school students. The Animal Control Director expressed that their efforts aim to further expand community involvement and provide additional opportunities for youth to engage with and support the work of the Department. Lastly, one of the Animal Control vans was returned after being outfitted by Mavron and is now fully equipped and operational, which will help support the Department's field operations and response capabilities.

Finance Director, Ivan Diaz

The Finance Director was not present to give a report at the meeting. Supervisor Guerrero reported that preparations for the FY 2026 budget are underway, with the new fiscal year beginning on April 1. The Supervisor shared that the Township has until June 30th to approve the budget. Supervisor Guerrero anticipates having the budget on the April agenda, but if it is not possible, the budget will be on the May agenda. Supervisor Guerrero noted that the Township would already be operating under the new budget by this time.

Highway Commissioner, Vincent Alessio

The Highway Commissioner reported that this is the down time of the year for the Road District, however, the Road District staff have remained busy with painting the interior of the Road District building and opening up the drains to maintain water flow. The Highway Commissioner noted that this is the time of year where the Road District typically receives an influx in drainage calls. Commissioner Alessio further reported that, with a severe storm predicted for the evening, the Road District staff are on call. The Highway Commissioner concluded his report by expressing appreciation for members of the armed services and their families. Commissioner Alessio emphasized a commitment to caring for all citizens in the Middle East. The Highway Commissioner pointed out that federal tax dollars can and should be used to enhance human dignity, supporting lives and communities rather than contributing to their destruction, and affirmed that he will consistently stand in support of that principle.

Tax Assessor, James Brenczewski

Tax Assessor Brenczewski was not present to give a report at the meeting.

Program and Policy Coordinator, Tyler Giacalone

The Program and Policy Coordinator provided updates on building renovations and reported ongoing discussions with various government entities regarding continued partnerships and opportunities to improve coordination and service delivery.

Violence Prevention Community Convener, Gabriel Garcia

The Violence Prevention Community Convener was not present to give a report at the meeting.

TIBH Therapist Director, Haydee Martinez-Rosales

The Trauma-Informed Behavioral Health Therapist Director reported that the Department is currently in the 7th week of the trauma-focused group at Lincoln, with 28 of the original 32 students remaining in the program. The Director noted that students have become more comfortable participating in group sessions and are increasingly open to sharing their experiences. The Director has also observed overall improvement in participants' understanding and use of coping skills introduced during sessions. The Director further reported that the Department currently serves 20 active individual clients and over the past month, two additional intakes were completed, and there is a waitlist of 4 Spanish-speaking clients seeking services. The Director shared she has temporarily paused taking new clients while facilitating groups, but that availability will reopen to accept additional clients once the groups conclude in approximately two weeks.

Director of Human Resources, Erica Vauters

The HR Director was not present to give a report at the meeting.

Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace

The Senior Liaison reported that he distributed flyers regarding the tax services throughout the month of February and will continue promoting these services in March and April. The Senior Liaison thanked Supervisor Guerrero for filling in on his behalf at a senior group meeting. The Senior Liaison took the time to acknowledge the friendliness and professionalism of Township staff and expressed pride in the Township. The Senior Liaison informed the board that they can call him if they have any questions. The Senior Liaison's written report that was given to the board included a list of senior groups that he has attended since the last meeting along with a list of senior groups that he will attend between now and up until the next board meeting. The Senior Liaison added that Board members are welcome to join and speak at any of these groups and encouraged them to contact him if interested.

Clerk, Kendra Landfair

Clerk Landfair reported that along with preparing for March's board meeting and the Annual Town Meeting, the Clerk's Office was busy with preparing for the Oakwood Cemetery grass cutting bid opening, including responding to bidder questions, in addition to the ongoing work of organizing the filing cabinets. The Clerk also reported on the Deputy Clerk's work of documenting the building's inventory, with approximately half of the building completed to date, in addition to writing the Ordinances included on today's agenda and responding to FOIA requests.

The Clerk shared that the Program and Policy Coordinator completed the Open Meetings Act (OMA) training promptly, allowing the list of OMA designees to be submitted to the Public Access Counselor at the Attorney General's Office shortly after the last board meeting. The Clerk also shared that the Tax Collector's Oath of Office was completed and filed with the County Clerk. Clerk Landfair went on to share that the County Clerk sent out an email regarding the information to complete the Statement of Economic Interest form. The Clerk mentioned that staff have already begun submitting their forms and reminded those who still need to complete the statement that all required filings must be completed by May 1st.

The Clerk noted the renovations in the lobby and that the Clerk's Office added two bulletin boards that holds all of the organizational charts, salary and budget information, FOIA information, other required public display information, and space for community flyers to make the lobby more aesthetically pleasing and informational for residents. The Clerk's Office submitted communication request forms to the Media Specialist to coordinate social media posts regarding the grass cutting

bid, early voting, and the deadline to place items on the Annual Town Meeting agenda. The Clerk expressed appreciation to the Media Specialist for her continued assistance with public communications, proclamations, and planning social media spotlights for Women's History Month.

Clerk Landfair gave recognition to Trustee Washington for her recent induction into the Quad County Black Hall of Fame. The Clerk expressed that she had the privilege of attending the award ceremony to see Trustee Washington get inducted. The Clerk shared that Trustee Washington was featured in The Times Weekly and that copies of the newspaper were distributed to the board and additional copies were made available for attendees at the front desk by the sign in sheet. Clerk Landfair congratulated Trustee Washington on her award.

Supervisor, Cesar Guerrero

Supervisor Guerrero reported that a grant application was submitted to the Will County 708 Mental Health Board, noting that, if awarded, the funding would help sustain the Township's behavioral health program. Supervisor Guerrero also provided updates on capital improvements to the Township buildings. Additionally, Supervisor Guerrero shared the events he attended, including a Joliet Area Historical Museum event, a senior luncheon at St. Joe's, and a Nonviolence Cities Project panel, highlighting key points discussed during the panel.

CASH RECEIPTS: Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the cash receipts of \$229,644.65. Trustee Gavin motioned to place the cash receipts into their proper accounts for the period ending February 28, 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bibian. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁸

FUND EXPENDITURES:

General Town Fund for February 2026: \$478,458.94

Trustee Washington motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Adamowski seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁹

Capital Fund for February 2026: \$43,749.34

Trustee Gavin motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Adamowski seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.¹⁰

General Assistance Fund for February 2026: \$14,077.84

Trustee Washington motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Gavin seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.¹¹

Road and Bridge Fund for February 2026: \$85,623.10

Trustee Gavin motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Bibian seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.¹²

Animal Control Fund for February 2026: \$79,880.43

Trustee Adamowski motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Gavin seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.¹³

Senior Fund for February 2026: \$40,010.00

Trustee Gavin motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Washington seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.¹⁴

⁸ Roll call vote: Ayes (5). Trustees Gavin, Bibian, Adamowski, Washington and Supervisor Guerrero. Nays (0).

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¹⁰ Roll call vote: Ayes (5). Trustees Gavin, Adamowski, Bibian, Washington and Supervisor Guerrero. Nays (0).

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¹⁴ Roll call vote: Ayes (5). Trustees Gavin, Washington, Adamowski, Bibian and Supervisor Guerrero. Nays (0).

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Trustee Gavin. Motion was seconded by Trustee Adamowski. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.¹⁵

The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.

Sincerely submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kendra Landfair". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kendra Landfair
Town Clerk

¹⁵ Roll call vote: Ayes (5). Trustees Gavin, Adamowski, Bibian, Washington and Supervisor Guerrero. Nays (0).