



Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Joliet Township
Joliet Township Board Meeting
175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432
Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026 / 4:00 P.M.

The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township Government Office, Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, at 4:00 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 (by video)
	Andrea Bibian	Present
	Archie Gavin	Present
	Betty Washington	Present

SUPERVISOR:	Cesar Guerrero	Present
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CLERK:	Kendra Landfair	Present
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OTHER OFFICIALS:	Commissioner Vincent Alessio	Present
	Assessor James Brenzewski	Not Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Attorney Priscilla Centeno

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular 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 May 19, 2026 Regular Town Board Meeting. Trustee Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026, Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Washington. A roll call was taken. Motion Carried.¹

Special Town Board Minutes: Supervisor Guerrero introduced the town board minutes agenda item and noted the agenda items for this particular meeting. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the May 26, 2026 Special Town Board Meeting. Trustee Washington made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2026, Special Town Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call was taken. Motion Carried.²

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Guerrero opened the floor for public comment. Kevin Brasky came to the podium to share comments regarding the General Town FY 2026/27 Budget & Appropriations – Ordinance No. 423-2026. Supervisor Guerrero mentioned that if the public would like to speak on the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance that it would be better suited for the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Supervisor Guerrero invited members of the public to provide comments at this time. There were no further comments made by the public. Supervisor Guerrero closed the public comment portion of the meeting and proceeded to the Public Hearings.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPT/General Town FY 2026/27 Budget & Appropriations – Ordinance No. 423-2026

The roll call vote on the General Town FY 2026/27 Budget & Appropriations – Ordinance No. 423-2026 was held during the Public Hearing.

ADOPT/ Road District FY 2026/27 Budget & Appropriations – Ordinance No. 2026-01 (RD)

The roll call vote on the Road District FY 2026/27 Budget & Appropriations – Ordinance No. 2026-01 (RD) was held during the Public Hearing.

APPROVE/Proclamations for Caribbean American Heritage Month; Immigrant Heritage Month; 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month; and Gun Violence Awareness Month

Supervisor Guerrero introduced the Proclamations. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the Caribbean American Heritage Month, Immigrant Heritage Month, 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month, and Gun Violence Awareness Month Proclamations. Motion was made by Trustee Bibian. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.³

APPROVE/Honorary Resolution in Recognition of the 135th Anniversary of St. Joseph Catholic Parish

Supervisor Guerrero introduced the Honorary Resolution. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the Honorary Resolution in Recognition of the 135th Anniversary of St. Joseph Catholic Parish. Motion was made by Trustee Washington. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁴

APPROVE/Resolution No. 2026-12 Authorizing the Sale or Disposition of Certain Surplus Personal Property Belonging to Joliet Township from the CVI Behavioral Health Program

Supervisor Guerrero introduced the Resolution and provided a summary of its purpose. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-12 Authorizing the Sale or Disposition of Certain Surplus Personal Property Belonging to Joliet Township from the CVI Behavioral Health Program. Motion was made by Trustee Gavin. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bibian. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁵

APPROVE/Termination of Intergovernmental Agreement between Joliet Township and the Village of Rockdale

Supervisor Guerrero introduced the new business item and noted that it pertains to the Animal Control Department. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the Termination of Intergovernmental Agreement between Joliet Township and the Village of Rockdale. Motion was made by Trustee Gavin. Motion was seconded by Trustee Washington. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁶

CASH RECEIPTS: Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the cash receipts of \$842,900.20. Trustee Gavin motioned to place the cash receipts into their proper accounts for the period ending May 31, 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Washington. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁷

FUND EXPENDITURES:

General Town Fund for May 2026: \$290,058.82

Trustee Gavin motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment. Trustee Bibian seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁸

Capital Fund for May 2026: \$20,628.36

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

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

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

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

⁹ Roll call vote: Ayes (5). Trustees Bibian, Gavin, Adamowski, Washington and Supervisor Guerrero. Nays (0).

General Assistance Fund for May 2026: \$16,269.02

Trustee Gavin motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment.

Trustee Washington seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.¹⁰

Road and Bridge Fund for May 2026: \$191,455.95

Trustee Gavin motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment.

Trustee Bibian seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.¹¹

Animal Control Fund for May 2026: \$70,405.87

Trustee Washington motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment.

Trustee Gavin seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.¹²

Senior Fund for May 2026: \$10.12

Trustee Gavin motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment.

Trustee Washington seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.¹³

REPORTS:**Lead Transportation Coordinator, Leonardo Haro**

The Lead Transportation Coordinator reported that the Transportation Department successfully completed 442 trips during the month of May. The Coordinator also reported that the PACE drug and alcohol audit in addition to the Department's vehicle inspection were both completed.

General Assistance Director, Patricia Venziano

The General Assistance Director was not present to give her report at the meeting, but shared her report prior to the meeting that stated the following: The Bilingual Caseworker attended the Grill and Chill event hosted by the Will County Health Department, where informational flyers highlighting Township services were distributed to attendees. The Workfare Investigator/General Assistance Caseworker and the General Assistance Director attended a quarterly GAP meeting at Lockport Township. During the meeting, representatives from the Salvation Army and the Will County Center for Community Concerns provided presentations outlining the services and resources available through their organizations.

The General Assistance Department's Medical Loan Closet remained busy with new donations and continuing to loan out equipment. It was noted that two pieces of highly adaptive children's equipment, which had been donated several months prior, were successfully placed with The Kids Equipment Network in Itasca. The equipment will be refurbished and refitted, allowing it to be reused by another child. The Department also hosted a LIHEAP outreach event, during which 10 families attended to apply for assistance. The next LIHEAP outreach event is scheduled for July 15th, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Animal Control Director, Whitney McGill

The Animal Control Director reported that the Animal Control Department remained actively engaged in professional development and community outreach throughout the month of May. The Animal Control staff participated in a safety training session conducted by TOIRMA, which focused on workplace safety practices, including the proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE), safety goggles when handling chemicals, hearing protection in kennel areas, and the appropriate use of specialized equipment such as cat bite gloves. The Animal Control team also attended a training focused on the safe handling of fractious and behaviorally challenging dogs in a shelter environment, learning valuable techniques to enhance both employee safety and animal welfare.

The Animal Control Director and an Animal Control team member attended the Prairie States Animal Welfare Conference hosted by the Illinois Animal Welfare Federation. The Animal Control Director shared that the conference offered educational sessions on a variety of topics including volunteer integration, animal forensics, safe animal handling practices, team building, and addressing the mental health crisis faced by animal welfare professionals. The Director stated that the knowledge gained

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from the conference will help strengthen departmental operations and enhance the services provided to the community. On May 13th, the Animal Control staff attended the St. Pat's Neighborhood Meeting, where the team provided residents with an overview of Animal Control services and discussed situations in which community members should contact Animal Control for assistance.

Finance Director, Ivan Diaz

The Finance Director reported that the annual audit began this month and is anticipated to be completed by September. The Finance Director also provided summary points of the General Town budget, elaborating on the grant fund, capital fund, interfund transfers, and ending balance while also highlighting the over one million dollar drop in appropriations.

Highway Commissioner, Vincent Alessio

The Highway Commissioner was present later in the meeting, but not at the time of the Reports portion of the meeting.

Tax Assessor, James Brenzewski

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

Violence Prevention Community Convener, Tyler Giacalone

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 Community Violence Intervention Behavioral Health Program is concluding due to the discontinuation of state funding. Despite the program's closure, the Director highlighted its significant impact on the community. Throughout the duration of the program, the clinicians served 150 individuals, completed 121 trauma screenings, provided psychoeducation to 66 individuals, delivered therapeutic services to 53 individuals, and connected 12 individuals to additional community resources through service linkages.

The Director further reported that the program provided evidence-based trauma treatment, including Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR). In addition to direct clinical services, the program expanded access to behavioral health care through school partnerships, community outreach initiatives, bilingual services, trauma-focused groups, and flexible scheduling designed to reduce barriers to treatment. As the program concludes, the team is focused on successfully closing services, completing treatment goals with active clients and ensuring appropriate referrals and continuity of care when needed.

Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace

The Senior Liaison reported on the upcoming steak fry scheduled for August and shared about a recent senior group meeting at which Supervisor Guerrero served as the guest speaker. The Senior Liaison thanked Supervisor Guerrero for his participation. The Senior Liaison also reported that discussions regarding senior grant applications for the Fall have begun. In addition, the Senior Liaison noted that he regularly shares information and topics of interest discussed at senior groups with other senior groups to promote the exchange of relevant information among the groups. The Senior Liaison highlighted the Moose seniors group dinner and recognized a senior group that is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year.

The Senior Liaison submitted his written report to the board that included a list of senior groups that he has attended since the previous board meeting, a schedule of meetings he plans to attend prior to the next board meeting, and flyers highlighting upcoming community events.

Clerk, Kendra Landfair

Clerk Landfair reported that for the month of May, the Clerk's Office was busy with the bid opening that was held on May 13th, the regular board meeting held on May 19th and the special board meeting held on May 26th. The Clerk reported that a good amount of her time was dedicated to preparing for these meetings and ensuring that the legal notices were published for May's bid opening and special meeting in addition to today's public hearings. Clerk Landfair gave an update regarding the agenda items from last month's regular board meeting, Resolution No. 2026-07 and Resolution No. 2026-08 for the Advisory

Questions approved by the Electors of Joliet Township at the Annual Town Meeting for Placement on the Ballot. The Clerk shared that the Resolutions were filed with the County Clerk's Office on May 20th.

Supervisor, Cesar Guerrero

Supervisor Guerrero reported on several community events he attended, including the History of Wheels (H.O.W.) ribbon-cutting ceremony, which was also attended by Trustees Washington and Adamowski, the Second Baptist Church senior group, and the Township's Pride Month flag raising. The Supervisor also mentioned that he assisted with repairs to Friendship Church's micro food pantry after it was damaged by squirrels.

PROCLAMATION AND HONORARY RESOLUTION REMARKS: Supervisor Guerrero read each of the Proclamations into the record. Following the reading of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation, President Jeff Gregory, Board Member Tracy Ritter, and Finance Committee Chair Gerry Camacho of Joliet Pride Network came to the podium and shared remarks in recognition of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation. Luz Aranda, Lead Community Organizer of the Spanish Community Center shared remarks with respect to the Immigrant Heritage Month Proclamation. Following the reading of the Gun Violence Awareness Month Proclamation, Natavias Ervins, Program Coordinator of Joliet Unity Movement, as well as Steven Evans, Participant Services Supervisor, and Shenette Mitchell, Victim Advocate, both with Illinois Youth and Family Services, shared remarks in recognition of the Gun Violence Awareness Month Proclamation.

Supervisor Guerrero then read the Honorary Resolution into the record. Mary Petrella accepted the Honorary Resolution and Certificate in recognition of the 135th Anniversary of St. Joseph Catholic Parish and offered remarks on behalf of the parish. Several parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Parish also addressed the board and shared additional remarks.

CLOSED SESSION: Supervisor Guerrero informed the audience at this time that the board would enter into a closed session for the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)). Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to enter into closed session. Motion was made by Trustee Washington. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.¹⁴

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION: No action was taken regarding the closed session matter. The Board returned to public session at 5:31 P.M., at which time the June 23, 2026, Regular Town Board Meeting was reconvened.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 P.M.

Kindly submitted,



Kendra Landfair
Town Clerk

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¹⁵ Roll call vote: Ayes (4). Trustees Washington, Gavin, Bibian and Supervisor Guerrero. Nays (0).