



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township Government Office, Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, at 5:01 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
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CLERK:	Kendra Landfair	Present
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OTHER OFFICIALS:	Commissioner Vincent Alessio	Present
	Assessor James Brenczewski	Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Attorney Jayman Avery	Executive Assistant, Ana Campa Castillo
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Town Board Minutes: Supervisor Guerrero introduced the minutes agenda item for the August Regular Town Board Meeting. The Supervisor asked the board if there were any questions. No questions were raised. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026 Regular Town Board Meeting. Trustee Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026, Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Adamowski. A roll call was taken. Motion Carried.¹

Closed Session Minutes: Supervisor Guerrero introduced the minutes agenda item for the Closed Session of the August Regular Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026 Closed Session. Trustee Washington made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026 Closed Session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call was taken. Motion Carried.²

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Guerrero acknowledged that several individuals in the audience were present for New Business items and stated that they may speak during the New Business portion of the meeting. Supervisor Guerrero opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments made by the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE/Proclamations for National Hispanic Heritage Month and International Day of Democracy

Supervisor Guerrero introduced the Proclamations. Trustee Bibian read the National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation aloud for the record. Trustee Adamowski read the International Day of Democracy Proclamation aloud for the record.

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

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

Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the Proclamations for National Hispanic Heritage Month and International Day of Democracy. Motion was made by Trustee Gavin. Motion was seconded by Trustee Washington. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.³ Nancy Garcia spoke on behalf of the Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project regarding the National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation. Nancy also spoke on the Democracy Project, as it correlates to the International Day of Democracy Proclamation.

APPROVE/Senior Tax Levy Grants: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet: Senior Companion Program & Foster Grandparent Program; Joliet Area Retired Teachers Association; Latino Social Club - Spanish Community Center; National Hook-Up of Black Women Inc. – Joliet Chapter; Senior Citizens Association; St. Johns Baptist Social Club; St. Joseph Parish Senior Club; St. Raymond's Cathedral Senior Club; St. Paul the Apostle Church Senior Club – the Paulites; Senior Outreach Ministry at Second Baptist Church; Will County Association for Home and Community Education; Seniors on the Go; Prairie State Legal Services; Joliet Moose Senior Club

Supervisor Guerrero introduced the Senior Tax Levy Grants and noted that the Joliet Moose Senior Club would be included in the vote for a recommended amount of \$4,500. The Supervisor stated that the recommended amounts for the other senior groups, as outlined in the board packet, would remain the same. The Supervisor asked the board if there were any questions. Trustee Washington asked about the Joliet Moose Senior Club's recommended amount, noting that the club requested \$4,000 while the recommended amount was \$4,500. Supervisor Guerrero explained the process used to determine the recommended amounts and addressed the question. There were no further questions from the board. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the Senior Tax Levy Grants. Motion was made by Trustee Gavin. Motion was seconded by Trustee Adamowski. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁴

The following senior group representatives were present and spoke in the following order:

1. St. Raymond's Cathedral Senior Club - Carol Embling, Club Treasurer
2. Catholic Charities: Senior Companion Program & Foster Grandparent Program – Natalie Gonzalez, Senior Companion Program Supervisor
3. St. Joseph Parish Senior Club – Marcia Smith, Club Secretary
4. Will County Association for Home and Community Education – Mary Barrett
5. Senior Outreach Ministry at Second Baptist Church - Marilyn Dixon
6. Senior Citizens Association – Anthony "Chuck" Corso, Club President
7. National Hook-Up of Black Women Inc. - Joliet Chapter – Debra Upshaw, President of the National Hook-Up of Black Women Inc. - Joliet Chapter
8. Joliet Area Retired Teachers Association and St. Paul the Apostle Church Senior Club, the Paulites – Ray Kaufman, Club President
9. St. Johns Baptist Social Club, Club 51 y Mas Club Social – Beatriz Ulloa Mireles, Club President
10. Seniors on the Go – Karen Cannady, Club President and Barb Bonner, Club Treasurer
11. Latino Social Club, Spanish Community Center – Lorena Penaloza, Executive Director of the Spanish Community Center

Trustee Gavin shared comments following remarks from the Catholic Charities representative regarding its senior program. Supervisor Guerrero thanked the senior group representatives for attending the meeting.

REPORTS:

Lead Transportation Coordinator, Leonardo Haro

The Lead Transportation Coordinator was not present to give his report at the meeting. However, the report was submitted prior to the meeting and presented by Supervisor Guerrero, as follows: During the month of August, the Transportation Department completed 372 trips for all partnerships and seniors.

The following trip totals were reported:

- Senior Trips: 73 (24 trips more than in the month of July)

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

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

- Salvation Army/YMCA Trips: 27
- Family Guidance Centers Trips: 233
- Will-Grundy Medical Clinic Trips: 36
- Trinity Services, Inc.: 3

The Department is anticipating partnerships with two additional nonprofit organizations to provide transportation services to individuals in need to help in ensuring that they have reliable access to transportation in order to meet their essential needs.

General Assistance Director, Patricia Venziano

The General Assistance Director shared that she and the Bilingual Caseworker have been busy with providing notary services, as the Will County courthouse has a form that refers individuals who are in need of free notary services to the Township. The General Assistance Director reported that the Caseworker/Workfare Investigator has continued to work with workfare clients, including one client who cleaned the Township basement and organized the medical equipment. The Director commended the client for their outstanding work. The General Assistance Director also reported that the Department received a large donation of adult diapers the previous week. A social media post was made on People Helping People Will County to advertise the available diapers and to help reduce the Department's excess supply. The General Assistance Director shared that three residents have since visited the office to pick up diapers. Lastly, the General Assistance Director reported receiving the upcoming season's schedule for LIHEAP outreach from Will County Community Concerns, with the first date taking place on December 16th from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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 which stated the following: Animal Control has remained very busy over the past month, particularly with calls for service and bite cases with the Joliet Police Department. The Department had 16 cases to review at the monthly Animal Crime Team meeting with the Joliet Police Department, keeping the team actively involved in investigations, follow-up, and case management. The Animal Control Director also reported that the wildlife trapping activity has also remained busy. During the past month, the Department rented out 17 wildlife traps, with the majority being used to address nuisance and problematic skunk activity. Overall, the Animal Control Department continues to experience a high volume of activity. Despite the ongoing demands, the Animal Control Director noted that the team continues to work hard to keep up with calls for service, animal care, investigations, wildlife concerns, and the day-to-day challenges of operating the shelter.

Supervisor Guerrero discussed the pending intergovernmental agreement with the City of Joliet for Animal Control services.

Finance Director, Ivan Diaz

The Finance Director was not present to give a report during the meeting. Supervisor Guerrero highlighted a \$50,000 transfer within the expenditures and provided an update on the HVAC issues discussed at the previous month's meeting. The Supervisor asked the board if there were any questions. No questions were raised.

Highway Commissioner, Vincent Alessio

The Highway Commissioner reported that the Road District primarily focused on storm cleanup throughout August, which concluded the previous week. Commissioner Alessio shared adjustments made to the Road District's regular work schedule, in particular to perform maintenance for New Lenox Road. The Highway Commissioner discussed the salt bid opening and the increase in cost for salt. The Commissioner mentioned that the budget would be reviewed to determine whether adjustments are necessary due to the increased cost. Commissioner Alessio reported that there will be another bid at the end of September for the spillway on Sugar Creek Road. The Highway Commissioner further reported that the Road District is working with their engineering firm on overlay projects, noting that it may not get completed during this current construction season.

Tax Assessor, James Brenzewski

Tax Assessor Brenzewski reported that the Assessor's Office has been working on closing its books. The Assessor noted that next Monday is the last day for residents to file a complaint regarding their assessment. Assessor Brenzewski elaborated on the process that takes place after complaints are received. Tax Assessor Brenzewski shared that Florinda Garcia has been with the Assessor's Office for 30 years and gave her praise.

Violence Prevention Community Convener, Tyler Giacalone

The Violence Prevention Community Convener reported on the food pantry and encouraged individuals to attend, with the next scheduled for this Thursday from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The Violence Prevention Department also launched a new outreach email for local and regional community partners to provide updates on violence prevention matters. The Convener referenced a recent shooting in Crest Hill and applauded Illinois Youth & Family Services for their prompt response. The Convener also announced that the next CREW meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th at 1:00 P.M. in the Board Room and discussed plans for upcoming CREW meetings. The Violence Prevention Convener noted that the past several weeks have been busy with an increase in flex fund applications. Trustees Gavin and Bibian asked about the start times for the upcoming events. The Convener answered the Trustees' questions. Trustee Gavin shared comments regarding the victim of the Crest Hill shooting and their family connection.

Senior Liaison, Jeff Wallace

The Senior Liaison reported that he and the Executive Assistant to the Supervisor reviewed the senior grant applications. The Senior Liaison also reported that he is distributing sign-up sheets for the annual Veterans Luncheon. The Senior Liaison recognized and expressed appreciation for Veterans and shared a story about a Veteran.

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 and a schedule of meetings that he plans to attend prior to the next board meeting along with a neighborhood clean-up flyer event for the Bicentennial Bluffs area.

Clerk, Kendra Landfair

Clerk Landfair reported that, in addition to her regular duties, she has been working on two Road District bids and preparing employee and elected official spotlights for National Hispanic Heritage Month. The Clerk also reported that, in August, she and the Violence Prevention Community Convener attended the annual Steak Fry and she attended the Black Joy Parade along with the Trustees.

Supervisor, Cesar Guerrero

Supervisor Guerrero mentioned recent and upcoming parades in Joliet, as well as another upcoming community event. The Supervisor congratulated Florinda on her work anniversary. Supervisor Guerrero also acknowledged the passing of a life long Joliet resident John Sheridan, President of the Cunningham Neighborhood Association, and asked for a brief moment of silence. While on the topic, the Senior Liaison shared that the Township was represented with his attendance at the wake of Sharon Parker-Love, President of the 2nd Baptist Church senior group.

CASH RECEIPTS: Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the cash receipts of \$224,628.39. Trustee Gavin motioned to place the cash receipts into their proper accounts for the period ending August 31, 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Adamowski. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁵

FUND EXPENDITURES:

General Town Fund for August 2026: \$277,210.64

Trustee Washington motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment.
Trustee Gavin seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁶

Capital Fund for August 2026: \$83,085.66

Trustee Gavin motioned to certify the expenditures and approve them for payment.
Trustee Bibian seconded. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.⁷

General Assistance Fund for August 2026: \$16,819.43

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

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

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

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

Road and Bridge Fund for August 2026: \$77,429.26

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

Animal Control Fund for August 2026: \$64,645.74

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

Senior Fund for August 2026: \$4,010.00

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

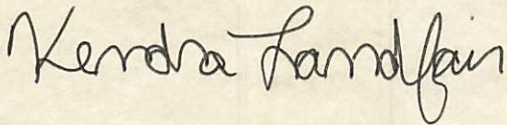
CLOSED SESSION (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)): Supervisor Guerrero informed the audience that at this time a closed session will be held. Supervisor Guerrero asked for a motion to enter into closed session. A motion was made by Trustee Gavin to enter into closed session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bibian. A roll call was taken. Motion carried¹² at 6:19 P.M.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION: No action was taken regarding the closed session matter. The Board returned to public session at 6:50 P.M., at which time the September 8, 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 Adamowski. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.¹³

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Formally submitted,



Kendra Landfair
Town Clerk

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

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