



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. was called to order by Supervisor Angel Contreras. The following official business was transacted:

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

TRUSTEES:	Cesar Escutia	Present
	Karl Ferrell	Absent
	Suzanna Ibarra	Present
	Raymond F. Slattery	Present
SUPERVISOR:	Angel Contreras	Present
CLERK:	Alicia Morales	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Tax Assessor Jim Brenczewski	Present
	Hwy Commissioner Vince Alessio	Present

ALSO PRESENT: Township Attorney Brian Wellner, Township Senior Liaison Jeff Wallace, Township Finance Director Ivan Diaz, Animal Control Director Whitney McGill, Animal Control Assistant Director Becky Gomez, General Assistance Director Patricia Venziano, and Rachel Ventura.

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town Minutes and Special Town Minutes: Trustee Ibarra moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting and December 21st 2021 Special Board Meeting, Seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.¹

Public Comment:

Meagan Cooper thanked the township for taping the meetings. She discussed the old Brigg's YMCA that recently asked Joliet for zoning change for temporary housing of homeless and a daycare. She personally spoke with a person on the YMCA board and they informed her that they wanted the property to serve the surrounding community. It was announced that Morning Star Mission was selected to provide daycare and services for kids. The community was ecstatic for programming for kids. At the last minute the community found out that they were throwing in supportive housing. The planning commission shot it down, but the city will be voting for it. This was not announced. The community found out at the last second that the 26 acres would be included in this ask. They have a lot of property that they will be able to build on. Meagan feels they don't have a homeless issue in the area, but they don't have the services that they need. There's no medical services or transportation. She is concerned that people will be put here without services. She asked the township for their opinions. Supervisor Contreras told her they

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would discuss it with her as some of these developments are complex. He stated that everyone is in agreement that we need development that isn't just one type of development. He explained it is complex though and doesn't want to comment on a complex issue without connecting it with the facts of the development.

Public Hearing: Road District, Dedication of a portion of Silver Maple Lane. Trustee Ibarra moved to recess the regular township board meeting to enter into the Public Hearing for the Joliet Township Road District, seconded by Trustee Slattery. A roll call vote was taken.²

The Public Hearing began at 5:13pm and was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

The Supervisor then moved onto new business and reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Contreras explained they would be going out to bid for the grass cutting services at the Oakwood Cemetery. Trustee Ibarra moved to approve the RFQ GT2022-01. Seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.³

Contreras said they were also going out to bid for the open and close grave services at the Oakwood Cemetery. Trustee Ibarra moved to approve the RFQ GT2022-02. Seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.⁴

Contreras asked for a motion for the approval of the yearly contract for Cemetery Administration with Paul Cabay. The supervisor mentioned the report would be given later in the meeting and that they have been busier this year than other years. Trustee Ibarra moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.⁵

The supervisor asked for a motion for approving the resolution for the East Moreland Lighting District which would then be given to the road district. The township took on the lighting district but is dissolving it and giving to the road district. This has been done in the past. The attorney clarified that the township would not be taking this on and nor would it become property of the township and the Highway Commissioner will pass their own resolution taking on this lighting district. Trustee Ibarra moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.⁶

REPORTS:

Finance Director Ivan Diaz: W2 and 1099 were filed. IMRF went down from 2021 to 2022, It was 3.45 last year and now it is 1.33. IL unemployment rate also went down from 3.875 to 2.525. Road District unemployment rate went up slightly to .675% to .725%. There was some payroll check fraud. We do send out some paychecks and we don't know what happened but someone found them, edited them, and cashed them. Everything has been resolved with First Midwest Bank. We expect to receive those funds back. Supervisor clarified that this happened on the end of who got the checks, not from the township. Diaz said he would announce when those funds are returned. Other than that the road district had a large road contract that was paid off.

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Whitney McGill, Director of Animal Control: December was business as usual. Angel, Becky, and I met with Will County Animal control in January to discuss an updated Intergovernmental Agreement. Will County Animal Control also wanted to discuss options for boarding an increased number of stray animals at our facility due to lack of space for animal housing at their own facility. We will be meeting with them again this week with ideas to present to them as an option to board more at our facility while still enabling us to have enough room for our own local strays.

Betty White left behind an incredible legacy that encouraged fellow animal lovers to donate to their local animal shelters on her birthday (January 17). We received many donations in her memory that totaled \$1,600! We have used some of that to get the dogs and cats treats, toys, and other things to keep busy with (such as bully sticks), and plan on sponsoring adoption fees and spay and neuter surgeries for adoptable cats and dogs. Things have been steady at Animal Control even throughout the cold and with all the snow!

Assessor Jim Brenzewski: We are gearing up for when we get our books back. We are getting a lot of walk ins and phone calls about exemptions. We've been handling all of that.

General Assistance Sue Baston: Announced the next vaccine clinic from 9-3 for Feb 18th. The January clinic was very successful. Soledad has been working hard. She is from Chicago area and Sue gave her a tour of the Joliet area including the main streets, restaurants, grocery stores, etc. Soledad and Sue put up Spanish and English flyers. Patricia is on vacation in Mexico. The Supervisor reported that in the last reporting period they serviced 31 clients. Vital, tax program is in full affect. Jesse, Soledad, Patricia, and Ivan are on site people to help with tax preparations with Will County Community Concerns.

Clerk Alicia Morales: Regular day to day. We have been busy with getting the contracts, resolutions, and dedication ready.

Highway Commissioner Alessio: We have been very busy doing the snow plowing. We are coordinating our routes with the city of Joliet to make things more efficient. There are some City of Joliet roads that they are plowing now too. The guys seem to be very happy as it is more efficient. We are outfitting the township to do their own repairs to save the township that money. Alessio is meeting with the Engineers this month to go over what roads need repairs and will meet with Diaz to go over the budget. He also met with Alicia to get the road dedication done. Trustee Slattery asked about the salt supply. Alessio said they almost ran out during the storm but had 500 pounds delivered on Monday. They have two salt barns, but one is a tent and the tent has been removed and the 2nd salt barn has been repaired. They don't know if they will put salt in both right now to be conservative on the cost but it is being repaired. Trustee Ibarra said her neighbors In Ingalls Park absolutely love the road district for having the township handle their plowing. The township plowed earlier than the city and the neighbors appreciated it.

Receipts: Trustee Slattery motioned to place the cash receipts in the proper accounts. Motion seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.⁷

Expenditures: The Supervisor presented the following invoices for Town Board approval for the Period ending February 8th, 2022

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FUND EXPENDITURES

General Town	\$193,383.70
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Escutia	
Roll Call ⁸	
Capital Fund	No bills presented for this fund.
Road and Bridge	\$958,958.10
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Ibarra	
Roll Call ⁹	
Senior Fund	\$3,500.00
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Ibarra	
Roll Call ¹⁰	
General Assistance	\$35,962.02
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Ibarra	
Roll Call ¹¹	
Animal Control	\$99,979.61
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Escutia	
Roll Call ¹²	

Supervisor reminded the public that March 1st is the deadline for adding items to the townhall annual meeting.

Closed Session: None

Adjournment: Trustee Ibarra moved to adjourn the town board meeting to Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken¹³. February 8, 2022 meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Morales, Town Clerk

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