



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday, November 10, 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. Supervisor Vera called for a moment of silence to remember the veterans who have served our country and noted that many veterans have been buried at the Township’s three cemeteries.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

TRUSTEES:	Raymond F. Slattery	Present
	Archie Gavin	Absent
	Rosie Verdin	Present
	Brian Hertzmann	Present
SUPERVISOR:	Daniel L. Vera	Present
CLERK:	Julie A. Kinsella	Present
OTHER OFFICIALS:	Commissioner Michael Turnbull	Present
	Assessor James Brenzewski	Present

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney James Harvey, Joliet Township General Assistance Director Patricia Venziano, Joliet Township Animal Control Director Whitney (Armstrong) McGill, Alyssia Benford CPA, and members of the general public, none of whom had signed the attendance sheet.

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town Minutes/October 27, 2020: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 Town Board Meeting with the noted correction, and to waive the reading of these minutes inasmuch as copies had previously been delivered. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A voice vote was taken.¹

¹ Voice Vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0). Absent-Trustee Gavin

Public Comment: NONE

New Business:

Approve/Ordinance No. 368-2020 –Tentative Town Levy for Posting: Motion was made by Trustee Slattery and seconded by Trustee Verdin to approve for posting the Ordinance No. 368-2020-Tentative Town Levy. Roll call vote was taken.²

Approve/Annual Policy Renewal/Blue Cross Blue Shield Health: Supervisor Vera noted that he and Executive Assistant Sarah Gimbel had met via Zoom with Dean Cass of One Digital to review possible health coverage. Several plans were presented with the existing Blue Cross Blue Shield standing out as the best value with a reduction in premium cost of 1.7%. Trustee Verdin motioned that the annual renewal of Blue Cross Blue Shield Health plan be approved, seconded by Trustee Slattery. Highway Commissioner was asked if he was in agreement with using this same plan and he asserted that he was. Roll call vote was taken.³

Approve/Ordinance No. 369-2020- Establishing Compensation and Fringe Benefits for Elected Officials Commencing in Fiscal Year 2021: Trustee Slattery made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 369-2020 – Establishing Compensation and Fringe Benefits for Elected Officials Commencing in Fiscal Year 2021 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Verdin. Roll call vote was taken.⁴

Reports:

Supervisor Vera: Supervisor Vera noted that the Cemetery report is in the board folders and that he had met with Cemetery Coordinator Cabay last week and are on track for the first burial at Oakwood in many years. Marchio Fence has replaced and stained fence sections that had been damaged from both a car accident and from the derecho storm in August. Supervisor Vera worked closely with TOIRMA, the Township’s insurance carrier, to make sure the claim was properly handled. Vera thanked Lindblad Construction who had completed repairs and restoration of the Governor Matteson’s memorial at Oakwood Cemetery. Vera removed the bunting at the cemetery in the Civil War Memorial area this past Saturday, and also reported that Eagle Scout candidate and Township Resident Jackson Ogrizovich was at Oakwood Cemetery. Ogrizovich directed a crew of about 15, people all masked and socially distanced, to work on cleaning memorials as part of his Eagle Scout project. Ogrizovich had been referred to the Township by Mike Sayles of Carlson Holmquist Sayles Funeral Home. Vera also reported that he would be participating in the Township Officials of Illinois Virtual Educational Conference on Monday and he thanked the Clerk for getting that set up. Vera also stated that interviews were in progress for some part-time positions at Animal Control.

² Roll Call Vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

³ Roll Call Vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

⁴ Roll Call Vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

Vera noted that Perella Plumbing will be out to Animal Control to fix the dog washing machine and the utility sink in the morning. Vera thanked Trustee Slattery and Attorney Harvey for their time spent meeting with him to go over various items in the past week.

Clerk Kinsella: Day-to-day operations and preparing for TOI Virtual Educational Conference.

Supervisor Vera asked Commissioner Turnbull for his report and also announced that with the threatening weather, if needed, all attendees should proceed to the lower level to take shelter.

Highway Commissioner: Commissioner Turnbull passed out a written report to the board and clerk. Turnbull noted that a Marcus Mars who had reported on a boat in the ditch at the last meeting had contacted the Road District and spoke to Anna (Donovan). It was determined that the location was not within the Township boundaries as it was on McKinley and is in the City of Joliet's jurisdiction. Turnbull reported that it was a hull and trailer with no motor and no license plates. He then introduced his accountant, Alyssia Benford of Benford Brown Associates. Ms. Benford noted that their firm had been retained in April, 2020 by the Road District to help with some accounting matters. She stated that while she had received answers to some of the questions she had, she was there tonight to ask for the board's help in obtaining more information. She read from a letter that she had sent to the Commissioner including her perception of the timeline for her preparation of the Road District budget. She also gave a copy of the letter to the Town Clerk when she was finished with her recital. The Town Clerk notes that the 2-page letter was dated November 10, 2020, was addressed to Michael Turnbull and signed by Alyssia Benford. She further stated that she would appreciate the Board's reply in writing.

Assessor Brenzewski: Assessor Brenzewski noted that they are finishing up commercial appeals, and other than that, day-to-day.

Animal Control: JTAC Director Whitney McGill noted that the Illinois Department of Agriculture did an annual inspection of JTAC facilities and they passed in all categories with flying colors. She noted that they are interviewing to fill a 25-hour per week position and had four candidates return for working interviews. Those interviews revealed strong customer service and animal care skills by Paula Bauman. At least two-thirds of animal intakes have been returned to their owners. Other than that, day-to-day operations. Supervisor Vera asked McGill to fill the board in on meeting with the City of Joliet. She reported that she and Becky have met with City of Joliet Police Department in order to help streamline animal care ticketing process between the two entities.

General Assistance: GA Director Patricia Venziano noted that she had received notice for TOI that an increase in GA Assistance from \$312.00 to \$319.00 effective October 1, 2020 and also stated that there are not currently clients receiving full grants, so there is no retroactive payments needed and Township GA will increase to \$319.00 effective November 12, 2020. Venziano attended via Zoom Will County Emergency Food and Shelter Board Meeting. She noted that Catholic Charities utilized their grant to provide \$50.00 vouchers to needy families. Other facts presented by Venziano: Northern Illinois Food Bank provided 5.8 million meals since July and Will County Center for Community Concerns housed 34 families in hotels through the first wave of the Covid Crisis. Morningstar Mission provided 23,200 nights of shelter for the homeless through September and has also signed a contract to purchase the Quality Inn on Larkin Avenue with funds provided by Will County. The Quality Inn will be used as permanent supportive housing for those with mental illness. Venziano also reported that the front desk has been busy with mask distribution, and the majority of those coming in have been senior citizens who had seen the information in the Township newsletter. Supervisor Vera thanked Director Venziano for her good idea to put the mask distribution in the newsletter as people have really appreciated receiving them.

Attorney Harvey: Just day-to-day and meeting with elected officials as needed.

Receipts: Trustee Slattery made a motion to deposit all cash receipts into their proper accounts as presented for the period ending November 10, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A voice vote was taken.⁵

Expenditures: The Supervisor presented the following invoices for Town Board approval for the period ending November 10, 2020:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town	\$67,892.52
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Hertzmann	
Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 ⁶	

Capital Fund- No bills presented for this fund.

General Assistance	\$9,672.07
Motion: Trustee Verdin	
Second: Trustee Slattery	
Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0 ⁷	

⁵ Voice Vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

⁶ Roll Call Vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

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FUND

EXPENDITURES

Road and Bridge \$34,473.15

Motion: Trustee Verdin

Second: Trustee Hertzmann

Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0⁸

Commissioner Turnbull asserted that he was in agreement with the bills presented for payment.

Animal Control \$22,799.25

Motion: Trustee Slattery

Second: Trustee Verdin

Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0⁹

Senior Fund -No bills presented for this fund.

Closed Session: none

Adjournment:

Trustee Hertzmann moved to adjourn the town board meeting to Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A voice vote was taken.¹⁰

The November 10, 2020 meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Kinsella

Town Clerk

⁸ Roll Call Vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Verdin, Hertzmann, and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)

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¹⁰ Roll Call Vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Slattery, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera. Nays (0)