



Minutes of a Meeting of the
Joliet Township Board
175 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432
Tuesday, June 9, 2020

The Regular Meeting via Telephone Conference held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Supervisor Daniel Vera, Attorney Jim Harvey, and Temporary Deputy Clerk Julie Kinsella were present at the Town Hall meeting room. All others participated via telephone conference call. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Vera. The following official business was transacted:

Attorney Jim Harvey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Supervisor Vera called the roll as follows:

TRUSTEES:	Raymond F. Slattery	Present
	Archie Gavin	Present
	Rosie Verdin	Present
	Brian Hertzmann	Present

SUPERVISOR:	Daniel L. Vera	Present
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CLERK:	Vacant
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OTHER OFFICIALS:	Commissioner Michael Turnbull	Present
	Assessor James Brenzewski	Present

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney James Harvey and
Temporary Deputy Clerk Julie Kinsella
Accountant Colleen Witt
Executive Assistant Sarah Gimbel

Supervisor Vera commented this meeting is being held in this fashion due to the COVID- 19 and we are following the Executive Orders 2020-07 & 10, signed by Governor JB Pritzker. All recommended precautions for social distancing are being followed.

Approval of the Minutes:

Regular Town/May 26, 2020: Supervisor Vera noted corrections for 2 dates as scrivener error. Under Receipts, incorrect date was listed as May 36, 2020 and should be May 26, 2020. Under Expenditures, incorrect date listed as May 28, 2020 and should be May

26, 2020. Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes with corrections noted of the May 26, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting and to waive the reading of these minutes as copies had previously been received. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5) Nays (0)¹

Acceptance/Resignation, Town Clerk-

Trustee Gavin motioned to accept resignation of Beth Ann May, Township Clerk. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. Roll called. Ayes (5), Nays (0) ²

Adopt/Resolution 2020-03/Declaring Vacancy, Town Clerk- Trustee Verdin motioned to adopt. Trustee seconded by Trustee Slattery. Roll called. Ayes (5), Nays (0)³

Special Appointment:

Approve Resolution Warranty of Appointment No. 2020-02/Temporary Deputy Town Clerk-Trustee Slattery motion to Approve Resolution Warranty of Appointment No. 2020-02/ Temporary Deputy Town Clerk for compensation of \$25.00 per hour and to approve Julie Kinsella as Temporary Deputy Town Clerk. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0).⁴

Swearing In-Temporary Deputy Town Clerk:

Attorney Jim Harvey executed the Warrant of Appointment and administered the oath of office to Julie Kinsella for Temporary Deputy Town Clerk. Julie Kinsella recited the oath to carry out the duties of Temporary Deputy Town Clerk.

Public Comment:

Supervisor Vera acknowledged that no emails were received to be read under public comment. Two persons, Anna Donovan and Kirk Allen had comments for the board:

Anna Donovan via phone commented that she did not appreciate what she considered uncalled for comments by former Clerk May and hopes Clerk May's retirement brings her happiness. Donovan did not like the Township handling of Covid-19 and she felt meetings put public health at risk. She did appreciate the phone option for meeting participation once that was in place. Donovan would like the phone option to continue. She also spoke to her desire that the Township meetings are open to all and that the Township will not keep the residents in the dark. Donovan stated that she did not feel posting of meeting notice on Friday at 4PM prior to meeting on the following Tuesday gave public enough notice. She would like Township meeting times to not conflict with other governmental agencies, notably that of City of Joliet. Donovan also did not want the Township to "overstep and limit public freedom".

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PUBLIC COMMENT- Kirk Allen via phone stated that he disagreed with several Township meeting policies and recommended new legal counsel for the Township Board if current counsel is the one who gave advice on this area. Regarding directing public to specific person/trustee or department, he did not agree. Regarding the policy that profanity shall not be used, Allen stated that he would be (*expletive*) if the Township would limit his choice of words. Regarding not allowing an individual appearing under the influence of alcohol/drugs to address the board. He did not feel it was within the purview of the Township to judge and that he felt the Township should not limit freedom of the public to speak.

Public Hearings:

Supervisor Vera then turned the meeting over to the Temporary Deputy Clerk, Julie Kinsella to begin the Public Hearing. Temporary Deputy Clerk Kinsella read the Public Hearing notice and noted the current time of 5:17 p.m. Supervisor Vera asked to entertain motion to recess regular meeting and enter into Public Hearing for the Budget & Appropriation Township Ordinance No. 363-2020

Budget & Appropriation Township Ordinance No. 363-2020

Trustee Slattery moved to recess the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2020 to enter into the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 363-2020. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. Roll was called. Ayes (5), Nays (0)⁵

The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:18 p.m. by Temporary Deputy Clerk Kinsella who verified the legal notice was published in the Joliet Herald-News on Friday May 8, 2020 and read the legal notice into the record. The Public Hearing Notice on said Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No.363-2020 was read by the Temporary Deputy Town Clerk Kinsella.

Public Comment:

Temporary Deputy Town Clerk Kinsella opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 363-2020 for Public Comment and called three times asking if any members of the public were on the call and wished to speak and there was no response. Hearing no response, Kinsella stated that this ordinance will not be approved at the Public Hearing but at the Regular Meeting, previously recessed and called for a motion to close the Public Hearing and return to recessed Regular Meeting.

Motion to Close Public Hearing

Trustee Gavin moved to adjourn the Public Hearing and to return to the previously recessed June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Slattery. Roll was called. Ayes (5), Nays (0)⁶
The Public Hearing closed at 5:22 p.m.

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MOTION TO RECONVENE-Regular Town Board Meeting- Kinsella noted the Regular Town Board Meeting reconvened at 5:23 p.m. Supervisor Vera called for motion to go back into Regular Session, previously recessed. Trustee Gavin motioned to go back to regular township board meeting. Second by Trustee Verdin. Roll Called. Roll was called. Ayes (5), Nays (0)⁷

NEW BUSINESS:

Adopt/Ordinance No. 363-2020/Budget & Appropriation Town.

Trustee Verdin motioned to adopt Ordinance No-363-2020/Budget & Appropriation Town. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. Roll called. Ayes (5), Nays (0)⁸

Adopt Ordinance 364-2020/Purchasing & Accounts Payable Policy and Procedure.

Trustee Gavin motioned to adopt Ordinance 364-2020/Purchasing & Accounts Payable Policy and Procedure. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. Roll called. Ayes (5), Nays (0)⁹

Adopt/Resolution 2020-04/Surplus Equipment.

Trustee Hertzmann motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-04/Surplus Equipment. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. Roll called. Ayes (5), Nays (0)¹⁰

Adopt/Resolution 2020-05/Public Participation at Township Meetings.

Trustee Gavin motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-05/Public Participation at Township Meetings. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. Roll called. Ayes (5), Nays (0).¹¹

REPORTS:

Supervisor Vera reported that all reports from General Assistance, Animal Control, Cemetery, and Highway have been received and distributed to board members prior to the meeting. In addition to usual daily items, Supervisor Vera noted the appreciation for the gift from Erin Webster O'Brien, President and the Will County Bar Association to the Township in the amount of \$750.00 to be used for the refurbishment of and resetting the stone of the memorial of suffragette Miss Lettie Lavilla Burlingame who was the first female member of the Will County Bar Association. Supervisor Vera also thanked and noted the generous gift of \$500.00 to aforesaid memorial from Charlene Recio, President and the Women's Bar Association of Will County for a total of \$1,250.00 towards this project in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the women's right to vote. Thank you on behalf of Township to both Will County Bar Association and the Women's Bar Association of Will County.

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Highway Commissioner Turnbull Report: Turnbull requested that the Highway Commissioner's Report be included in these minutes of the Township Board meetings. Turnbull stated that the monthly highway commission report were sent by Clerk May to the Will County Engineers. Issuance of permit on crosscuts were not issued by and was not authorized by him but were initiated and signed by Clerk May and not him. He wanted to know where the money is for those permit bonds. Turnbull further stated that he has contacted the Highway Department's legal counsel and asked him to contact the State's Attorney with this issue. Turnbull also stated that former Clerk May had not provided documents to him regarding prior spending and budget items needed for submitting documents for his budget before the end of month. Turnbull stated that he plans to submit his budget at the next Township Board meeting of June 23, 2020. Turnbull continued, 364-2020 stating that it appears to him to give Township Board additional spending powers, contrary to his interpretation of state statute and he believes is unlawful. Also regarding 2020-04 Surplus Equipment, he questions why items are not specified. He noted 3 computers from Animal Control he thought needed a certificate of destruction. He also questions whether records exist that certify that computers destroyed from Animal Control have been certified as "destroyed" prior to being sold, refurbished or recycled. He also cited 2020-05 Public Participation which he thinks has been designed to prevent right of public to speak; and said the Township Board should be prepared for some citizens to "let you have it."

Approval of Receipts:

Trustee Slattery motioned to deposit all funds into their proper accounts as presented for the period ending June 9, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. Roll was called. Ayes (5), Nays (0)¹² Deposit of receipts approved unanimously.

Expenditures: The Supervisor presented the following invoices for Town Board approval for the period ending June 9, 2020:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town	\$96,080.45
Motion: Trustee Slattery	
Second: Trustee Verdin	
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ¹³	
General Assistance	\$7806.29
Motion: Trustee Verdin	
Second: Trustee Gavin	
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Road and Bridge \$57,764.01
Motion: Trustee Slattery
Second: Trustee Verdin
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0¹⁵

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

Animal Control \$31,625.35
Motion: Trustee Gavin
Second: Trustee Slattery
Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0¹⁶

No bills were submitted for consideration for the Senior Fund or the Capital Fund. Certifications for all funds were passed unanimously.

Closed Session: None

Adjournment:

Trustee Hertzmann moved to adjourn the town board meeting to June 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)¹⁷
The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Kinsella
Temporary Deputy Town Clerk

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