



Minutes
173rd Annual Town Meeting
April 11, 2023

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF WILL)
TOWNSHIP OF JOLIET)

The Annual Town Meeting scheduled to be held in said Township and County in the State of Illinois, 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township Government Offices, Town Hall Meeting Room, on April 11, 2023, was called to order by Township Clerk Alicia Morales at 6:15 p.m. The following official business was transacted:

Clerk Morales welcomed everyone to the 173rd Joliet Township Annual Town Meeting and called to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Election of the Moderator:

The Clerk called for the election of a Moderator for this meeting. Mrs. Suzanna Ibarra moved to nominate Ms. Amy Sanchez as Moderator of this meeting. Seconded by Ms. Marge Fleet. The Clerk called two additional times to see if there were any other nominations for Moderator. There being no further nominations Clerk Morales stated that they have one nomination for Moderator as Amy Sanchez. Clerk Morales then administered the Oath of Moderator for the 173rd Annual Town Meeting to Amy Sanchez.

Township History: Read out loud by Joliet Township Resident Ms. Marge Fleet.

Verification of the Call:

Clerk Morales verified that the legal notice for this Annual Town Meeting was published on March 8, 2023 in the Joliet Herald-News, that newspaper being one of general circulation in Joliet Township. Notices of the Annual Town Meeting were also posted at:

- City of Joliet,
- County of Will
- Joliet Public Library, East & West satellites
- Township Government offices and Meeting Room
- Township Website and Facebook page

Moderator Amy Sanchez thanked Ms. Marge Fleet for providing the History of the Township to the residents in attendance and Ms. Ariana Westbrooks for her attendance as Ms. Sanchez stated that young people are the future.

Township Duties: Read out loud by Clerk Alicia Morales.

Minutes:

The Moderator asked for a motion to approve the 2022 Annual Town Meeting minutes of April 12, 2022, which have been made available in copy form for those in attendance. Ms. Sue Bustin motioned to approve the 2022 Annual Town Meeting of April 12, 2022 minutes and was seconded by Mrs. Suzanna Ibarra. The motion passed unanimously by a show of vote cards.

Moderator Amy Sanchez asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the Special Annual Town Meeting that was held on January 24, 2023. Mr. Karl Ferrell motions and is seconded by Mr. Jesse Stiff. The motion passed unanimously by a show of vote cards.

Introductions:

The Moderator introduced the Township Officials present at this 2023 Annual Town Meeting. Supervisor Angel Contreras, Trustee Cesar Escutia, Trustee Ray Slattery, Trustee Suzanna Ibarra, Trustee Karl Ferrell, Township Clerk Alicia Morales, and Highway Commissioner Vince Alessio. Also in attendance was Joliet City Councilman Cesar Guerrero, School Board Member Michelle Stiff, Township Assessor James Brenczewski, District 86 Board Member Sandra Aguirre, and Precinct committeeman Jesse Stiff.

Financial Statements:

The Moderator requested that all financial statements of the Township be read and stated that the financial statements of the Township have been posted in the Town Hall meeting room, Joliet Township Government Office. Moderator Amy Sanchez thanked the Township for enlarging the font on the statements and for the transparent work the Township has been doing. The Moderator requested a motion and a second to approve the reports. Mr. Jeff Wallace made a motion to approve all the financial reports. It was seconded by Mr. Karl Ferrell. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously by a show of vote cards.

Moderator Compensation:

Clerk Alicia Morales thanked Ms. Amy Sanchez for being the Moderator. Every year the Moderator is compensated for their work in leading the Annual Town Meeting. Clerk Morales asks for a motion to approve compensation for Moderator Amy Sanchez. Mrs. Suzanna Ibarra motions to compensate Amy Sanchez \$250 for her work as Moderator and is seconded by Mr. Jesse Stiff. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously by a show of vote cards.

Delegation of Power:

Motioned to delegate authority to the Township Board to purchase, sell, and lease property for a period of twelve months and the setting of a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the public body. Moderator Amy Sanchez asked for clarification on this topic. Supervisor Angel Contreras says the vote would give the Township permission throughout the coming year to purchase property. Any decisions would still need to be approved during a regularly scheduled Board meeting. Mr. Karl Ferrel motions and is seconded by Mr. Cesar Guerrero. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously by a show of vote cards.

Statement from the Supervisor:

Supervisor Contreras stated that all input is not taken for granted, all criticisms are welcome, and perfection is the enemy of good which means that nothing will ever be perfect. As the year went by, the Township was able to grow as the staff expanded and created professional connections to assist the community and to continue collaborating with the existing entities. Especially for the Violence Prevention department as more grants were requested to help reach the community and bridge the resources available to the residents. As a governing body it is crucial to allocate the resources in the best ways possible for the community as the Township will continue to serve its residents.

Moderator Comment:

Ms. Amy Sanchez expressed her utmost gratitude and pride in the elected officials and other governing bodies' foresight to have the Violence Prevention department expand in their response to trauma. Ms. Sanchez noted, specifically on gun violence, on the local advisory committee's work to identify the high density on gun violence in targeted areas in Joliet. Having these funds through DHS helps the Violence Prevention department become more efficient in their trauma response as Ms. Sanchez sees the positive effects it has in the community.

Comments from Township Officials:

Trustee Suzanne Ibarra shared her observations regarding the work the Township has done and how transformational it is for the community. Trustee Ibarra elaborated on why preventing violence is an important priority in the community and how it further creates a safer environment for Joliet residents. Trustee Ibarra also mentioned how upgrading the services to the Spanish-speaking residents has helped tremendously in events such as LIHEAP to present and explain the assistance available.

Public Comment:

On a similar note, District 86 Board Member Sandra Aguirre addressed how proud she is to have the Township's Supervisor Angel Contreras and the staff members working on important solutions to sensitive issues regarding Violence Prevention. She noted how in the past, while she worked for the Township, there wasn't much of a push for these changes and is delighted to see how far the current Township has improved to keep doing good for the community.

Closing Remarks:

Moderator Amy Sanchez explained the "Powers of the Electors" on the green sheet provided to everyone and how it is important to be informed about the process of the thirty-eight action items that can be set for the next Annual Town's agenda.

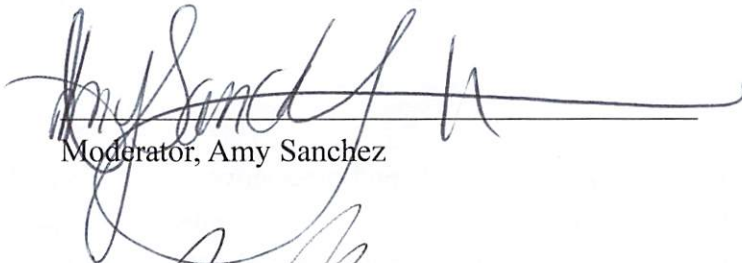
Motion to set time for next Annual Town Meeting:

The Moderator stated that the Annual Town Meetings are set by law and are to be held on the second Tuesday of April. The date is set by statute for April 9, 2024. Mr. Jesse Stiff made a motion to set the time of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting for 6:15 p.m. on April 9, 2024. Mr. Jeff Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a show of vote cards.

The Moderator asked if there was any other business to discuss. There was none. She then called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment:

Ms. Marge Fleet moved to adjourn the 2023 Annual Town Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sue Bustin. The motion passed unanimously by a show of clappers. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Moderator, Amy Sanchez

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Township Clerk, Alicia Morales