



The regular town board meeting, being held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 5:01 p.m. was called to order by Supervisor Angel Contreras and Clerk Alicia Morales led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The following official business was transacted:

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Township Attorney Brian Wellner, Township Senior Liaison Jeff Wallace, Township Finance Director Ivan Diaz, Animal Control Director Becky Gomez, Deputy Clerk Rachel Ventura, Executive Assistant Ana Campa Castillo, General Assistance Director Patricia Venziano, Sue Bustin, Soledad Ruiz, and Madison Vardix.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Regular Town Minutes/Oct 12, 2021: Trustee Escutia motioned to approve the minutes of the October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>1</sup>

**Public Comment:** None

**New Business:**

Supervisor Contreras explained Resolution No 2021-07 To Authorize the Expenditure of Funds for the Benefit of Senior Citizen Services. Trustee Ibarra motioned to approve, seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>2</sup>

Supervisor Contreras entertained a motion to adopt 2022 Board Meetings and Holiday Schedules. Trustee Ferrell motioned to approve, seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Escutia, Ferrell, Ibarra, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>2</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Escutia, Ferrell, Ibarra, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>3</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Escutia, Ferrell, Ibarra, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).



## Reports:

Mr. Jeff Wallace, Joliet Township Senior Liaison: Senior Citizens Association met 10/14 with 178 members for a lunch meeting. Jeff brought calendars, and medical flyers. Suzanna attended. The ukulele moonshiner provided entertainment. Bingo followed. St Joes Seniors met on 10/20 with 60 members. President Rich Churnovic talked about the passing of one of their officers, Delores Abrozich. Jeff took them calendars and medical closet flyers. Bingo was held afterwards. St Raymond's seniors met 10/21 with around 50 members. Jeff brought calendars and animal control flyers. Box lunch was served, and a member played the piano for entertainment. Retired Steelworkers (SOAR) met 10/28 with 20 members and guest Suzanna Ibarra. Lunch was served and the president discussed member insurance changes. They are having an upcoming Christmas party at Al's steak house on 12/16/21 at noon. Jeff brought newsletter, calendars, and animal control flyers. They played "Let's Make A Deal". Jeff brought signup sheet for veterans. Moose seniors met 11/1 with 34 members. Their president discussed how their pork dinner went. Jeff brought newsletter and calendars as well as a sign up for veterans and a 50/50 raffle. St Paul's Paulites met 11/11 had 44 members in attendance for dinner and entertainment. Jeff brought newsletters, calendar, and veterans sign up. He introduced Cesar. Cesar talked about how much he enjoyed being involved in township government and what township government can do for their citizens. Cesar also helped chairs away Jeff brought a gift for the 50/50 raffle. Jeff listed the upcoming meetings: senior citizens association on 11/11 for a flag folding flag presentation. Widow & Widowers 11/13. St Joes Services 11/17 will have flag folding. St Rays 11/25. St Paul's Paulites 12/1. Moose Seniors 12/5. Senior Citizens Association 12/8. Widow & Widowers 12/11. John Wojciechowski donated a couple of items to the medical closet. Jeff asked to send a thank you card. Carol Papesh asked if she could donate an electric scoter, might need a battery. Jeff told her it was too large after talking with Sue Bustin. Jeff discussed the flag folding presentations coming up.

Animal Control Director Becky Gomez: Whitney had a doctor appointment, so Becky gave the report. They had a promotion in October, adoption fees were sponsored and waived on cats and dogs. This really helped get a lot of animals adopted out. This was our busiest month this year for adoptions since pre-covid. They are looking forward to having Christmas pet photos with Santa at the facility on December 4th for donations to help with medical costs for some of the animals who need a bit of extra TLC. They will be advertising that on their Facebook page. They welcomed Pablo Rivera this month to their team as a full time Animal Control Officer. He started last month and has been a great extension to the facility. The officers have been very busy. The white van is being used for operations. The blue van should be done shortly, waiting for vinyl. The lights have been put on. Pablo is training now but should be in rotation by December. Becky has been working with the Joliet police on the animal cruelty cases. Angel mentioned it has been over 2 years since the last holiday photo event. They are looking forward to it and will have a few other volunteers who will help out.

Assessor Jim Brenzewski: Winding down on the hearings. Jim is down with his. Dale has two more this week and then they will be done for the year. They will then regroup for next year.

General Assistance Director Patricia Venziano: Sue and Jess attended the kid's fest at Jack Hammer's Stadium. They brought jump ropes, water bottles, and hand sanitizer. Pat attended the monthly meeting for the continuum of care. The director is considering spending more grant dollars on youth homelessness, so they will need to do a count and report it to HUD. They are in the planning stages of who to partner with in order to get the most accurate data. Patricia presented at both symposiums for the Regional Office of education to let the educators know what type of services are available through township. Pat attended the monthly meeting for the Community Service Council, the guest speaker was Jes McIlvain with Will County Pride Coalition. Received notification that the DHS levels for GA programs was raised from 319-322, so they put change into effect. Angel and Patricia have a meeting tomorrow at Will County Community Concerns to discuss partnering with them on the VITA program so we will be offering tax services to low and moderate income residents under the umbrella of Community Concerns program (they are the IRS approved agency). Anyone preparing the returns will take the IRS training and be certified with the IRS. New employee, Soledad, is the new case worker started Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. Angel commented on how good the VITA program will be for the township. "Win-Win".

Clerk Alicia Morales: The clerk's office is continuing with the day-to-day operations. Alicia thanked everyone for the thoughts, prayers, condolences for the passing of her father. The deputy clerk and clerk have been working on FOIAs, property liens, preparing for open enrollment, updating the employee handbook. Both Rachel and Alicia are now notary publics and can notarize documents. The finance director has also applied, and his will be coming in the mail in the next couple of weeks. The clerk's office is working with Ana, the executive assistant with updating the website. Ventura has been busy with preparing the flag folding flyers for Mr. Wallace as well as the animal control flyers. Ana has helped translate them to Spanish as well as the Medical Closet flyer to Spanish.



**Receipts:** Trustee Escutia motioned to place the cash receipts in the proper accounts. Motion seconded by Trustee Ibarra. A roll call vote was taken.<sup>4</sup>

**Expenditures:** The Supervisor presented the following invoices for Town Board approval for the Period ending Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

FUND EXPENDITURES

General Town	\$149,538.10
Motion: Trustee Escutia	
Second: Trustee Ferrell	
Roll Call <sup>5</sup>	
General Assistance	\$15,378.83
Motion: Trustee Escutia	
Second: Trustee Ferrell	
Roll Call <sup>6</sup>	
Road and Bridge	\$227,608.51
Motion: Trustee Escutia	
Second: Trustee Ferrell	
Roll Call <sup>7</sup>	
Animal Control	\$58,010.10
Motion: Trustee Escutia	
Second: Trustee Ferrell	
Roll Call <sup>8</sup>	
Senior Fund	No bills presented for this fund.
Capital Fund	No bills presented for this fund.

**Closed Session:** NONE

**Adjournment:** Trustee Ibarra moved to adjourn the town board meeting to Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Escutia. A roll call vote was taken<sup>9</sup>. The Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Morales, Town Clerk



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<sup>4</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (5) Trustees Escutia, Ferrell, Ibarra, Slattery, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

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<sup>6</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Escutia, Ferrell, Ibarra, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>7</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Escutia, Ferrell, Ibarra, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>8</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Escutia, Ferrell, Ibarra, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).

<sup>9</sup> Roll call vote: Ayes (4) Trustees Escutia, Ferrell, Ibarra, and Supervisor Contreras. Nays (0).