



The Regular Meeting via Telephone Conference held at 175 West Jefferson Street, Joliet Township government offices, on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Supervisor Vera and Clerk May were present at the Town Hall meeting room. All others participated via telephone conference call. The meeting 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.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

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

- SUPERVISOR: Daniel L. Vera Present

- CLERK: Beth Ann May Present

- OTHER OFFICIALS: Commissioner Michael Turnbull Present
- Assessor James Brenzewski Present

- ALSO PRESENT: Accountant Witt
- Attorney James Harvey

Clerk May asked if anyone from the public, on the conference call, would like to be acknowledged but there was no response.

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 12, 2020: Trustee Slattery moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting and to waive the reading of these minutes inasmuch as copies had previously been delivered. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)¹

¹ Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

Public Comment:

Clerk May acknowledged that no emails were received to be read under public comment. She called 3 times asking if any members of the public were on the call and wished to speak and there was no response.

New Business:

None

Reports:

Supervisor Vera commented that he hoped everyone survived the storm from this past Saturday. Large tree limbs and branches were down in all three cemeteries after the storm. The civil war reenactment group did hold a short program at Oakwood Cemetery over Memorial Day weekend to acknowledge those that have served our country and are no longer with us. It was a very small gathering of members.

Clerk May reported she worked with Attorney Harvey on a recent Attorney General inquiry. The Trustees executed the bill sheets from the telephone conference meetings, March 24-May 12. She completed all of the filing of the FOIA requests from October, 2019 through present. She attempted to organize the Road District files, placing notes where appropriate when Commissioner Turnbull has not provided documentation. She cleaned out the former Deputy Clerk's Office. She organized the files on the Town side. She also created pending files for both Town and Road and shared a list of outstanding matters with Ms. Gimbel and Accountant Witt.

Clerk May commented on a recent statement by Commissioner Turnbull, relating to his accusations of the Board delaying the purchase of the new trucks and therefore risking the safety of the residents of the Township. She presented a timeline which offered a contrary view, reflecting how long it took the Commissioner to create the specs for the bid; his inability to identify extra funds in his budget in order to obtain a Transfer of Appropriation; and his delay in requesting the check for payment. She also commented on the fact that the trade in vehicles were continued to be used and the Road District even had to pay for repairs on those trucks, even though a trade in price had already been received and the trade in vehicles had been surplused. She commented that the Board should not be blamed for the delay in the purchase but rather Commissioner Turnbull. It was he who risked the safety of our residents.

The Clerk also commented on the salary for the Secretary at the Road District Anna Donovan. She stated, Ms. Donovan started with the Road District in July, 2013 at \$15/hour and over the past 6 years she has had a 73% increase in salary for a current hourly rate of \$25.88/hour. Clerk May, indicated perhaps Ms. Donovan wouldn't need to make as much money if perhaps she did her own work and kept better records, of the

documents she produced, at the Road District Office, instead of always doing the work of the Clerk. Clerk May commented, Ms. Donovan isn't the Clerk of the Road District and she isn't the Clerk of Joliet Township and she should stop doing the work of the Clerk.

Clerk May reviewed the pending matters pertaining to the Road District: 1) items surplused last fall have still not been sold or taken in for scrap. When she has inquired about the status the Commissioner just replied, I will take care of it later this year; 2) The check for legal services to Ambroziak is still on the Clerks desk because no W9 has been received; 3) The East Joliet Lighting District bill still has not been paid, total due \$13,311.22. The last payment made was for the billing period 9/11-10/10/2019. The appropriation is in the Road District budget. She commented the Commissioner continuously states that he has concerns for the safety of the residents of Joliet Township. Apparently he doesn't know the Ridgewood neighborhood is in the Township and that the Commissioner is responsible for the payment of the electric bill to keep their street lights on to keep them safe.

Accountant Witt reported she received the outstanding documents from the Road District so that she was now able to complete the year end, March 31, 2020, financials. Both the year end financials and the bank statements were emailed to the Commissioner. She completed all the other year end entries and completed the reports for the auditor. The auditor will be in the office tomorrow, May 27, 2020. She also reported discussions with First Midwest Bank regarding changes in our interest rates on certain accounts. Other than that, just day to day operations of her office.

The Supervisor called for any other reports but there was no response.

Receipts: Trustee Slattery moved to deposit all funds into their proper accounts as presented for the period ending May 26, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Gavin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)²

Expenditures: The Supervisor presented the following invoices for Town Board approval for the period ending May 26, 2020:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Town Motion: Trustee Slattery Second: Trustee Verdin Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ³	\$99,293.69
General Assistance Motion: Trustee Gavin Second: Trustee Slattery Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0 ⁴	\$9,055.49

² Roll Call Ayes (5) Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

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Road and Bridge \$32,338.86

Motion: Trustee Verdin

Second: Trustee Gavin

Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0⁵

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

Animal Control \$28,032.98

Motion: Trustee Slattery

Second: Trustee Verdin

Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0⁶

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

Closed Session:

None

Trustee Slattery thanked Clerk May for her service to the Township and wished her a happy retirement. The other members of the Board also extended good wishes.

Adjournment:

Trustee Hertzmann moved to adjourn the town board meeting to June 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes (5), Nays (0)⁷
The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Ann May
Clerk

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