

Budget Meeting  
November 20, 2023

A. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

At the call of the President, Sue Gulas, the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting in the Board Room of the Inwood Athletic Club, 3000 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL. The meeting began at 2:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Raasch, Perez, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas  
Commissioners Absent: None

C. Opportunity For The Public To Speak - 3 minute time limit

When given the opportunity to comment no one from the public came forward to address the Board.

D. Discussion

1. January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 Operating Budget

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director, thanked Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance, and staff as this budget presentation is a month earlier than usual. The following are the highlights of 2023:

- S&P Bond Rating upgraded to A- (up all the way from NEGATIVE in 2019)
- Acquired GameTime grant for three playgrounds
- Opened new Pickleball/Tennis Courts at Inwood
- Record crowd (55,000) at 2023 Taste of Joliet, grossing over \$1.1 million
- Brought 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks back to Stadium
- New 100' flagpole placed at Joliet Memorial Stadium
- Granted legislation allowing the sale of Splash Station
- Airport Main Terminal repainted
- Announced new naming rights partnership with Emediate Cure for Inwood Athletic Club
- Received payment for completed Greenhouse OSLAD project (\$770,000)
- Hosted Parkwood playground ribbon cutting

Mr. Staab then proceeded to explain that the budget will be reviewed during this meeting, that it will then be approved for 30day public display at the Board meeting this evening.

Mr. Staab presented the budget by department to the Board.

E. Action Item

1. January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 Operating Budget –  
Seeking Approval for 30 Day Public Display

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to approve 30 day public display for the tentative January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 Operating Budget. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

F. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by President Gulas. The motion was seconded by Vice President Tatro, and it carried unanimously. The time was 3:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin  
Recording Secretary