

# MARTIN J. SHANAHAN, JR.

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## **EDUCATION**

**John Marshall Law School**, Chicago, IL  
*Juris Doctor*, May 1998

**College of St. Francis**, Joliet, IL  
*BA, Political Science*, May 1994  
*Alumni Award of Merit*, 2010

## **EXPERIENCE**

**OWNER/ FOUNDING MEMBER OF SHANAHAN LAW, LLC**, Joliet IL  
***APRIL 2021-PRESENT***

- **Legal Consulting**
  - Research and provide legal opinions as requested;
  - Document drafting and review;
  - Prepare confidential correspondence pertaining to restrictive topics; and
  - Provide professional representation and guidance on confidential legal matters.

**CORPORATION COUNSEL**, Joliet IL  
***JANUARY 2015-MAY 2017; NOVEMBER 2017-OCTOBER 2018; JUNE 2019-MAY 2020***

- **Logical**
  - Spearhead in-house administrative adjudication process (complex issue that traversed multiple City departments; City Ordinance violations previously prosecuted at County Courthouse; City now prosecutes City Ordinance violations at City Hall and all fees and costs remain with the City). After two-plus years of implementation, estimates of the net gain for the City will be upwards of \$1 million per year;
  - Create and implement a City of Joliet local bidder Ordinance (preference in awarding contracts to City of Joliet businesses);
  - Finalize multi-jurisdictional transfer of property and complete extensive list of Joliet obligations for construction of new train station serving METRA (Metropolitan Regional Transportation System) and AMTRAK; and
  - Research and draft First and Second Mayoral Declarations of Local State of Emergency; initiate public comment procedure conforming with the statutory Open-Meetings Act requirements and shelter-at-home Order during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Innovative**
  - Implement and execute truck permit process (over \$1 million in permit fees collected since 2016 inception);
  - Assist with the creation of a multi-jurisdictional agreement between Joliet and adjoining Village regarding dual-jurisdictional development of property owned by a single entity, including terms on building standards, maintenance and fire and police response to ensure seamless development;
  - Coordinate drafting and passage of first-time Zoning Ordinances regulating cultivation and sale of Adult-Use Cannabis as permitted by Illinois legislation;
  - Draft multi-faceted Ordinance for dangerous/ vicious dogs (one of the strictest in Illinois) and establish associated hearings; and
  - Draft and present a guide approved by the Governor's Office to safely and responsibly re-open Joliet restaurants for outdoor dining during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Problem-solver**

- Coordinate private-party and governmental-entity negotiations and draft three party-agreement for relocation of 1851 limestone house for redevelopment of property;
- Complete rewrite of Rules of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, incorporating over two dozen separate amendments adopted over the course of two-plus decades;
- Dissolve two units of local government (sanitary districts overdue bills in excess of \$500,000; City now direct-bills the customers); and
- Calculate and pay decade-overdue amounts to Fire Protection Districts (kept the City out of a lawsuit by reaching an agreement with the various Fire Protection Districts and paid six-figure amounts rightfully owed).

## **INTERIM CITY MANAGER, Joliet IL**

**MAY 2017-NOVEMBER 2017; OCTOBER 2018-JUNE 2019**

- **Fiscally Responsible**

- Innovative concepts result in savings of millions of taxpayer dollars, including elimination of pension spiking and payment of Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) penalties due to outdated practice and abolish unwritten policy of unlimited vacation-banking for City Hall employees;
- Revise and implement practice of capping maximum number of Compensation (Comp) Time hours and payment of same, eliminating uncapped banking of Comp Time hours;
- Oversee passage of 2019 City Manager recommended \$280 million annual budget with an unassigned fund balance of approximately \$50 million; and
- Accountable for budgetary requests of nine departments with direct reports to the City Manager.

- **Perceptive**

- Recognition of outdated fifty (50) + year-old City-wide Comprehensive Plan and initiate process of updating and revising Comprehensive Plan;
- Identification of escalating costs of Joliet retiree health care with unfunded liability estimates over \$500 million and initiate cost-saving measures and revenue increases;
- Introduce extended efforts to keep downtown Joliet out of revised FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) flood plain; and
- Recognition of payroll system inefficiencies and promote and support its replacement with a more user-friendly platform.

- **Chief Negotiator**

- Draft 77-page (plus exhibits) request for proposals for waste hauling contract, lead the negotiation team and finalize new 10-year contract with additional services including at-your-door hazardous waste collection, weekly recycling and \$250,000/ year community support payment (compared to the previous contract pricing, taxpayers will save upwards of \$50 million);
- Stadium lease (five-year lease to manage and operate City-owned 6,000-seat Stadium generating \$75,000 in rent and draws over 100,000 spectators per year to Joliet);
- Involved in the incentive negotiation package offered to a developer of a successful conversion of a downtown Joliet building into condominiums and apartments;
- Effective mediator and negotiator between private landowners and Community College for vacation of street for expansion of Community College;
- Successfully end decade-long stalemate and coordinate five-year lease of "Old Joliet Prison" constructed in 1858 to Joliet to utilize as tourist destination; and
- Intergovernmental Agreements with Will County, Illinois Department of Transportation, various municipalities and governmental entities relating to boundary agreements, cost-sharing, water-interconnect, land swaps and utility projects.

- **City Ambassador**
  - Oversee over \$300 million of private investments into the City of Joliet;
  - Business advancement (e.g., Cadence Premier Logistics 100+ new employees, MyGrain Brewing, first City micro-brew since 1950's with 20+ new employees and Cullinan/ Rock Run, a proposed major mixed-use project with an estimated 8,000 construction jobs while being built and 5,000 permanent jobs);
  - State Legislators communications (re-establish missing dialogue and meet with State-elected officials which aided in securing \$848 million in 2019-2020 Illinois capital bill for planned improvements to Interstate 80 through Joliet); and
  - Provide representation, input and guidance to the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Government Affairs sub-committee and the Will County Center for Economic Development Executive Board, I-80 Coalition and Communications Sub-Committee and Kendall County Mayors and Managers.

**ATTORNEY, Spesia & Ayers (now known as Spesia & Taylor), Joliet IL**  
**JANUARY 2001-DECEMBER 2014**

- **Progressive Responsibility**
  - Municipal representation for local communities (80-90% of private practice devoted to municipal law representing Rockdale, New Lenox, Manhattan and Minooka); and
  - Prepare for and attend over 300 Board and commission meetings.
- **Address Municipal Concerns**
  - Assist with issues of explosive residential growth, including creative solutions for infrastructure needs and expansion challenges;
  - Plan and organize a successful TIF district from inception to Council passage;
  - Comprehensive decade-long analysis and lead unified campaign to increase amount of court cost funds returned to villages;
  - Continual review and update of Code of Ordinances, including incorporation of International Codes with special provisions and a complete rewrite of Rockdale Code of Ordinances;
  - Successful siting of waste transfer station (key provision secured 20 years of free garbage pick-up for Village residents in exchange for Village support of transfer station); and
  - Building and Zoning Code enforcement violation prosecution.
- **Administrative Hearing Officer**
  - Joliet, Manhattan, Rockdale and Minooka.

**RECENT ACTIVITIES**

- **Community Involvement**
  - High School Mock Trial Judge (2021)
  - Senior Services grocery deliveries during the COVID-19 pandemic (2020).
  - Guardian Angel Dancing with Local Stars fundraiser dancer (2019).
  - Northern Illinois Food Bank volunteer (2017-2019).
  - Old Joliet Prison Break-in festival volunteer (2018-2019)

**SKILLS**

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| • Adaptable               | • Open minded            |
| • Focused                 | • Family oriented        |
| • Government transparency | • Even-handed            |
| • Sense of humor          | • Effective communicator |
| • Undaunted by challenge  | • Driven                 |