

2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 12, 2016 7:00 P.M.

22385 W. Highway 60, MUNDELEIN ILLINOIS 60060

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

After notice was given in the Daily Herald on March 25, 2016; and after notices were posted at the following locations: Fremont Public Library, Mundelein Senior Center, and Fremont Township web page, Clerk McCann called the 2016 Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The following residents signed the attendance register:

Keith Voss, Terry Cox, Pat Stejskal, Rose Marie Domeny, Judy Hammel, Bryan Pawlak, Beth and Joe Herchenbach, Tom and Janice Powell, Tom Dolan, Don St. Aubin, Anne Walker, Mary Beatman, Michael Atkinson, Jason Kral, Michael Peterman, Bryan Burns, Barb Tonkery, Nick Tonkery, John R. Hughes, Jill Hughes, Carl Hartkopf, Terry Wittert, Doug Eickhoff, Dan Prezell, Pam Nachowicz, Lou Bruno, Randee Bruno, Alicia Dodd, Ana Bahena, Christine Seidner, Patrick Flanigan.

The following elected officials were present: Supervisor Diana O’Kelly, Hwy. Commissioner Bill Grinnell, Clerk Christina McCann, Trustee Jeri Atleson, Trustee Tami Forman, Trustee Chic Martin and Trustee Connie Shanahan.

Clerk McCann led the Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed the Electors and introduced elected officials.

2. NOMINATION OF MODERATOR

- **Rose Marie Domeny moved and Janice Powell seconded the motion to nominate Dan Prezell to act as Moderator. All in favor, motion carried.**

3. ELECTION OF MODERATOR AND MODERATOR’S OATH OF OFFICE

Being there were no other nominations, the Oath of Moderator was administered and Mr. Prezell proceeded with the business of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Chic Martin moved, and Tami Forman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

6. SUPERVISOR’S ANNUAL REPORT

The FY 2015/2016 Supervisor’s Annual Financial Report was available to residents in printed form. A summary statement of the report was also presented as follows:

<u>GENERAL TOWN FUND</u>		
BALANCE MARCH 1, 2015		\$ 1,524,075.35
REVENUES		1,132,486.01
OPENING BALANCE		2,656,561.36
EXPENDITURES		1,506,375.21
BALANCE FEBRUARY 28, 2016		1,150,186.15
<u>GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND</u>		
BALANCE MARCH 1, 2015		\$ 388,186.83
REVENUES		50,502.38
OPENING BALANCE		438,689.21
EXPENDITURES		84,280.84
BALANCE FEBRUARY 28, 2016		\$ 354,408.37

<u>ROAD & BRIDGE FUND</u>	
BALANCE MARCH 1, 2015	\$ 130,480.45
REVENUES	746,330.01
OPENING BALANCE	876,810.46
EXPENDITURES	590,442.52
BALANCE FEBRUARY 28, 2016	\$ 286,367.94
<u>PERMANENT ROAD FUND</u>	
BALANCE MARCH 1, 2015	\$ 625,243.39
REVENUES	1,202,113.47
OPENING BALANCE	1,827,356.86
EXPENDITURES	1,141,218.46
BALANCE FEBRUARY 28, 2016	\$ 686,138.40
<u>FOOD PANTRY FUND</u>	
BALANCE MARCH 1, 2015	\$ 64,857.80
FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS	11,860.45
OPENING BALANCE	76,718.25
EXPENDITURES	6,638.30
BALANCE FEBRUARY 28, 2016	\$ 70,079.95

- **Mike Atkinson moved and Janice Powell seconded the motion to approve the FY 2015/2016 Supervisor’s Annual Financial Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

7. OLD BUSINESS

Parks Committee Report

Parks Chair Dan Prezell reported on the following:

- The newly installed pickle ball courts have been a great success and are consistently used at Behm Park.
- During the previous year, there was good participation in all sports played at Behm and Ivanhoe Parks.
- The junior football program is transitioning to flag football for younger ages.
- Supervisor O’Kelly will cover more information about the parks in her report.

CERT Report

CERT Team Leader Pat Stejskal reported on the following:

- Reviewed the mission statement and purpose of Fremont CERT.
- The Team, founded in 2006, has 30 active members.
- The Team is sponsored and funded by Fremont Township and receives additional funding from the Lake County Department of Health.
- The Team cooperates closely with surrounding fire departments and other CERT groups.
- Reported the history of Team activations for call-outs.
- Reviewed 2015/16 training, outreach and drill activities.
- “CERT Presents” is produced by Fremont CERT members and airs on WRLR on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.
- Fremont CERT Twitter and Facebook page.

Community Garden Report

Community Garden Coordinator Alicia Dodd reported on the following:

- Volunteers harvest produce from May to October.
- Construction of a grape arbor, storage shed, honey bee hive and sign
- Volunteer assistance with the garden comes from community groups, school groups, home school groups, corporate volunteers and other individuals.
- Eagle Scout Daniel Scheuer completed his project to construct an insect hotel, bee hive and rain dripper.
- A rain garden is being installed next to the Hwy. maintenance building.
- Applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$1800.00 from the Liberty Prairie Group to purchase tools, supplies and fruit trees/bushes.
- Introduced the growth of shitake mushrooms to the garden.
- Developed and launched a garden website at www.fremontgarden.org

- Upcoming projects will include the installation of a Hugelkulture Mound, fencing around the bee hive, and a natural play area (cob house).

8. NEW BUSINESS

CERT Recognition

- Fremont CERT team members were formally recognized for ten years of volunteer service and providing emergency preparedness outreach programs for the community.

Community Garden Recognition

- Alicia Dodd was formally recognized for her leadership abilities, organizing volunteers and planting and harvesting food from the garden. The garden produce is distributed to township seniors and families in need.

9. ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Elected Officials reported on the following projects and activities during FY 2015/2016:

Supervisor

Supervisor O’Kelly reported on the following:

- Township programs and services
- Road District services
- Take a Snow Plow Truck to School contest
- Assessor’s Office services
- Completion of construction on Road District maintenance building approved by electors at the 2015 Annual Town Meeting
- Behm Park improvements included pickle ball courts, repaired walking paths and seal-coated the parking lot and walking paths.
- The parking lot at Ivanhoe Community Club Park was expanded and seal-coated.
- Township residents now have access to PACE Dial-a-Ride services 5 days per week.
- Recycling efforts initiated at the Township
- Outreach efforts include presentations at homeowners’ associations, the Supervisor’s e-newsletter and Facebook page and the Township website at www.fremonttownship.com.
- Presented 2015/2016 General Assistance Statistics as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>12 Month Total</u>
General Assistance	21
Emergency Assistance	10
Food Pantry	878
Share the Harvest Thanksgiving Dinners	69
Holiday Dinners	70
Adopt-a-Family Gifts	145
Adopt-a-Senior	92
Diaper Bank	201
LIHEAP (winter assistance)	118
NICOR Sharing (heating assistance)	2
North Shore Gas Share-the-Warmth (heating assistance)	3
ComEd Cares (electric assistance)	3
Salvation Army	35
SNAP/Medicaid	22
Mother’s Trust	1
Benefit Access (reduced license plates & free RTA passes)	35
Safelink (free cell phones)	5
Half Fare Taxi (for medical transportation only)	856
NW Demo Pace Bus Trips	220
RTA Reduced Fair Passes	66
School Supplies	47

Assessor

Assessor Ed Sullivan submitted a written report on the following:

- Mr. Sullivan is unable to attend due to being in Springfield for his role as State Representative.

- Going forward the Assessor's office will only be allowed to revalue individual properties every four years.
- All other years, other than the General Assessment year, will have values changed based on the Township Multiplier.
- This means that in these years, depending on whether homes increase or decrease in value, there will be a percentage value placed on the property.
- This summer we believe the statistics will tell us that overall Township values will grow by about 6% to 7%.
- If residents have further questions regarding the assessment process, they are encouraged to stop by the Assessor's Office or call at 847-223-2846.

Highway Commissioner

Commissioner Grinnell reported the following:

- The new maintenance building is complete and being used to store vehicles and equipment. It's great to have everything under one roof with more room to operate.
- Commissioner Grinnell thanked and congratulated CERT on ten years of service and thanked Alicia Dodd and David Eubanks for help installing the rain garden.
- The 2015/2016 winter season was light on snow which was helpful when maintaining the roads.
- The Road District has received a \$28,000.00 grant from Stormwater Management Commission for the West Shore Park drainage project, and \$5500.00 grant to renovate the creek near Lemon and Landau Roads in Ivanhoe.
- Ivanhoe Estates has petitioned the County to establish an SSA for road maintenance in their community. The SSA will contract with the Fremont Road District to maintain their roads.
- After much delay the Road District has received permits from IDNR to begin work on the Sylvan Lake project.

Clerk

Clerk McCann reported the following:

- Continuing to digitally scan documents for electronic storage
- 2016/2017 Town and Road District budgets are available for public inspection on our website and hard copies are available upon request.
- Budget Hearings will be held on May 9 at 6:45 p.m. for Road District and 6:55 p.m. for the Town budget.
- Township makes public records available on the website under the "Transparency" link which is found on the Home page. Residents can find all board meeting minutes, agendas, public hearing notices, Annual Town Meeting minutes, financial reports and statements, and more.
- Continue to work with Hwy Commissioner to prepare petitions, public notices and hearings for various projects
- Continues to be a busy year with preparation for primary and general elections. Voter registration is open and available through two deputy registrars at the township. Please call if you need further information.
- It's been a pleasure watching the CERT group grow and expand their outreach efforts in the community.
- Applied to nominate CERT for FEMA's Preparedness Awards. Fremont CERT is a small group with limited resources, but they've found unique ways to increase their outreach efforts. Hopefully FEMA commends them for that work.

Trustees

Trustees reported the following:

- Trustee Atleson thanked CERT for 10 years of serving the community, and Alicia Dodd for her efforts overseeing the garden to provide food for the needy.
- Trustee Forman Thanked CERT, and Alicia Dodd for their contributions to the Township.
- Trustee Martin thanked the board for accomplishing many efforts over the past three years and thanked Township residents for supporting the transfer of funds at last year's Annual Town Meeting to pave the way for building the new highway department facility.

- Trustee Shanahan stated that no one group runs the Township because it takes many groups and volunteers to get it all done.

10. **2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – TIME AND PLACE**

- **Chic Martin moved and Mike Atkinson seconded the motion to set the date and time for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting for April 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. All in favor, motion carried.**

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Rose Marie Domeny thanked Chris McCann for getting the CERT Program off the ground ten years ago.
- Doug Eichoff reminded residents they can dispose of prescription drugs they no longer need at a prescription drop-off event scheduled for April 16 at Saddlebrook Farms. Last year over 12,000 pounds of prescription drugs were collected at a similar event.
- Mike Atkinson, former CERT Team Leader, thanked current Team Leader Pat Stejskal for her efforts to advance and expand the team's service and outreach.
- Countryside Fire Protection District Chief spoke about his district's efforts to serve the community including responding the 4376 incidents in 2015. Seventy percent of those incidents were ambulance calls involving paramedics. He reminded residents last year in Lake County there were 400 incidents with paramedics administering Narcan to patients to reverse the effects of opiate overdose. The Chief reminded residents to watch for spring storms and get a weather radio to receive indoor warnings.
- Rose Marie Domeny thanked Chief Steingart for working with other fire chiefs to bring reverse 911 warnings to the unincorporated areas of Lake County.
- Janice Powell thanked the Township for being responsive to residents needs and concerns.
- Patrick Flanigan stated the township has a problem with drainage due to broken field tiles that are causing flooding. Commissioner Grinnell said he will follow up with Mr. Flanigan after he reviews the Forest Preserve field tile study. In the meantime, he referred Mr. Flanigan to speak to the County about the issue.
- Lou Bruno thanked the Lake County Citizens Corps Council and the Department of Health for their support with the CERT Program. Without their support, it would not be possible to do the WRLR radio program.

12. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- **Janice Powell moved and Patrick Flanigan seconded the motion to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 8:14 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted on _____ day of _____, 2017

Christina McCann, Township Clerk

Dan Prezell, Moderator