

2013 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 16, 2013 7:00 P.M.

22376 W. ERHART ROAD, MUNDELEIN ILLINOIS 60060

After notice was given in the Daily Herald on April 5, 2013; and after notices were posted at the following locations: Fremont Public Library, Mundelein Senior Center, Fremont Township and Fremont Township web page, Clerk Tonkery called the 2013 Annual Town Meeting to order. There was a moment of silence for the victims of the horrific events that occurred at the Boston Marathon.

Seventeen residents signed the attendance sheets. The following township elected officials were present: Bill Grinnell, Mike Gustafson, Chic Martin, Chris McCann, Connie Shanahan, Pete Tekampe and Barb Tonkery.

Clerk Tonkery introduced the Township elected officials and the officials elect that were present; then welcomed everyone.

NOMINATION OF MODERATOR

Judy Valancius moved and Judy Hammel seconded the motion to nominate Diana O’Kelly as moderator. There was no discussion. **All in favor, motion carried.** The nomination of moderator was called three times. Since there were no additional nominations, it was suggested that, one **unanimous vote be cast for Diana O’Kelly as moderator of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting.** **All in favor, motion carried.** The Oath of Moderator was administered. Ms. O’Kelly proceeded with the business of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Nick Tonkery motioned to approve the minutes of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting. Donna Cardwell corrected a typo in the minutes; it should reflect that the electorate were approving the minutes of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting. **Donna Cardwell moved and Jeri Atleson seconded the motion to amend the original motion and approve the minutes of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting as corrected.** **All in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

SUPERVISOR’S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

GENERAL TOWN FUND

BALANCE MARCH 1, 2012	\$1,622,819
REVENUES	1,180,468
OPENING BALANCE	2,803,287
EXPENDITURES	<u>939,212</u>
BALANCE FEBRUARY 28, 2013	\$1,864,075

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

BALANCE MARCH 1, 2012	\$ 224,344
REVENUES	145,305
OPENING BALANCE	369,649
EXPENDITURES	<u>68,358</u>
BALANCE FEBRUARY 28, 2013	\$ 301,292

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

BALANCE MARCH 1, 2012	\$ 99,558
REVENUES	276,852
OPENING BALANCE	376,410
EXPENDITURES	<u>303,066</u>
BALANCE FEBRUARY 28, 2013	\$ 73,344

PERMANENT ROAD FUND

BALANCE MARCH 1, 2012	\$ 140,711
REVENUES	1,090,235
OPENING BALANCE	1,230,946
EXPENDITURES	<u>629,264</u>
BALANCE FEBRUARY 28, 2013	\$ 601,682

Nick Tonkery moved and Chris McCann seconded the motion to approve the Supervisor's 2012-2013 Annual Financial Report for all funds. Discussion: Mike Hayek questioned if more dollars could be expended in General Assistance. Supervisor Tekampe replied that the State dictates the required levels to qualify for assistance. And, for unknown reasons the number of clients have decreased this past year. Clerk Tonkery explained that money was carried over in the Permanent Road Fund escalating the ending balance; a major project was not started. Judy Valancius questioned the project; permits were not received from the Army Corp of Engineers for the Sylvan Lake Dam and Spillway Improvement Project. **All in favor, motion carried.**

TOWNSHIP ITEMS

Judy Valancius moved and Judy Hammel seconded the motion to approve the sale or purchase of miscellaneous township items that may exceed \$2500 excluding real estate. It was explained that this motion was necessary by statute; if it becomes necessary to purchase an item more than \$2500 during the year, approval of the electorate is necessary. **All in favor, motion passed.**

OLD BUSINESS

Parks- presented by Pete Tekampe

Behm Homestead Park

- Lake County Lightning has over 500 games scheduled for the 2013 season on the two fields
- Improvements have been made to the baseball infields and a roof has been constructed over the small field dugouts
- MJFL had a good season. With the additional parking, that issue has been resolved.
- Mundelein Soccer is looking for additional fields. The Township property at the corner of Erhart and Fremont Center Roads is being researched; because of road improvements by the County on Fremont Center Road, it is not known how much frontage will be taken. The proposed layout for the 6 acres may have to be reconfigured.
- Lacrosse games have begun for this season.

Ivanhoe Community

- Base paths were sodded between first and third
- Drainage improvements were made to the outfield

CERT- presentation by Lou Bruno

- Fremont CERT is a group of volunteers trained to provide emergency response capabilities in times of emergencies and to offer assistance during community events; they are partnering with Mundelein CERT in sheltering, education, training and other functions of the organization. Classes are free; after completing the classes you may join the team or use the information learned for self-usage.
- A power point presentation was given illustrating CERT's history, training sessions, sponsored events and various activities.
- Future events include: shelter care, amateur radio license class, chain safety class and a session on mental health for emergency workers.
- Judy Valancius asked if anyone had a snowmobile to donate to the organization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Well & Water – Connie Shanahan

Because of our proximity to the Great Lakes, water seems to be plentiful; this may come to an end. If you are in a community that is not fortunate to be able to utilize Lake Michigan water, then you are dependent on wells. The committee discusses local wells, aquifer depths and abandoned wells. We are working with Lake County Health Department regarding abandoned wells. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.

- Glenn Garamoni asked if the committee was concerned with the quality of available water. The Ivanhoe Club tapped into the aquifer by his residence and the water level dropped over 100 feet. He questioned if the County and/or local government had control over who takes water out of the ground and at what depth they can place well heads.
- Trustee Martin - The wells that the Ivanhoe Club dug were below 600 feet; private wells are usually at the 150-250 mark. The deep wells are in different aquifers than the residential wells.
- Judy Valancius questioned what is done with abandoned wells. They should be capped.

Parks –Nick Tonkery

- An analogy between the movie Field of Dreams and Fremont Parks was made: "If you build it, they will come." Who came: Mundelein Baseball and Softball Association, Mundelein Jr.

Football and Cheerleaders, Lake County Lightning, Mundelein Missiles, Mundelein Jr. Soccer Club and Mundelein Lacrosse.

- Improvements at Behm and Ivanhoe in 2012: 3 scoreboards were purchased and will be installed, sport turf is being installed in the batting cages at Behm and for safety reasons we are going to grass to grass infields on the baseball diamonds.
- We are looking at developing soccer field(s) on property the Township owns at Erhart and Fremont Center Roads.
- The parks are an ongoing community asset and the people of Fremont Township should be proud of them.

A resident asked about parking for the proposed soccer field(s). The design, when approved by Lake County, must include parking.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

On behalf of the Board of Trustee, Elected Officials and Fremont Township residents: Trustee Martin recognized Supervisor Tekampe for his 20 years of faithful and fearless service. He will always be heralded for his unsurpassed excellence and vision with the construction of the Township Administration building, buying and developing Behm Homestead Park and acquiring and improving Ivanhoe Community Park. His vision and contributions challenge new leaders to continue what he has started.

Trustee McCann recognized Trustee Gustafson for his 24 years of dependable service to Fremont Township. He is the longest standing trustee and has worked well with many administrations. Mike was a senior trustee giving good guidance and instruction to other trustees; he was a mentor.

Highway Commissioner Grinnell thanked Clerk Tonkery for the 24 years she devoted to the Township and Highway Department. She has gone over and beyond her duties as clerk. Good luck in her retirement.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Assessor – None

Clerk – Thanked everyone for attending tonight. 24 years has gone by quickly. The people have made it interesting and rewarding. Good wishes and much success are extended to the incoming regime.

Highway Commissioner –

- Thanked the outgoing officials and welcomed the new officials.

Supervisor –

- Despite the decrease in the assessed valuations in the Township, Fremont did not maximize the levy and remained fiscally responsible with the tax payers' dollars. The extension will be approximately \$60,000 less this year.
- The activity in the General Assistance Program for the past year was highlighted: 3 residents qualified for GA, 23 residents qualified for EA, 2 residents were denied GA and EA, 834 families utilized the food pantry, 65 share the harvest food baskets were distributed, 18 Holiday Food baskets were given out, 148 residents received holiday gifts and 43 senior citizens participated in the holiday gift bag. 119 winter LIHEAP applications were processed and 43 summer. We assisted 24 clients with Circuit Breaker applications and 4 SAFELINK phone applications. 15 recipients, from the Mundelein area, received assistance from the Salvation Army. 6 NICOR Gas Sharing program applications were given out. A garden plot was cultivated on Township property to grow fresh vegetables for the food pantry; it was maintained by volunteers.
- This will be Supervisor Tekampe's last Annual Town meeting and he leaves with mixed feelings. Supervisor Elect O'Kelly thanked him for a smooth transition.

Trustees

Chic Martin

He has focused his time this past year on operational costs and assuring the safe operation of the Township parks. He attended the TOI Conference in Springfield this past November and came away with many good ideas. He thanked the Board for a productive year; there is not always agreement, but as a team they come up with the best solutions. He wishes the three faces leaving the board good luck and appreciates their friendship and camaraderie; he hopes they will have an active and healthy life.

Mike Gustafson

After 24 years, it is time to turn over the baton. He has witnessed great progress - the move from the garage to this building was noted. Supervisor Tekampe has done an outstanding job; he has maintained the general assistance rolls efficiently and has kept the tax rate low.

Connie Shanahan

He is still the new kid on the block. He will miss the outgoing officials but looks forward to working with the new ones.

Chris McCann

Thanked Supervisor Tekampe for the good condition he has left the Township; we are lucky to have had his leadership for 20 years and he has been financially and fiscally responsible to the township constituents. She is preparing to move into her position as Township Clerk by reviewing the responsibilities of her new position.

2014 Annual Town Meeting will be held the second Tuesday in April - April 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rose Marie Domeny – She thanked Supervisor Tekampe for his fiscal responsibility and for leaving the Township in the black. She could not leave without reiterating Reverse 911 – “let’s get it done”.

Glenn Garamoni – Wished Diana O’Kelly and the other new Board members good luck.

Rose Marie Domeny moved and Jeri Atleson seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:02p.m. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully,

Barbara Tonkery, Township Clerk

Diana O’Kelly, Moderator