

Minutes Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
COUNTY OF LAKE
TOWN OF FREMONT

The Fremont Township Board of Trustees met at 22385 IL RT. 60, Mundelein, IL 60060 on August 14, 2013 to conduct a **Regular Board Meeting**.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Diana O'Kelly	Supervisor
Christina McCann	Town Clerk
Bill Grinnell	Highway Commissioner
Ed Sullivan, Jr.	Assessor
Trustee Atleson	Town Trustee
Trustee Forman	Town Trustee
Trustee Martin	Town Trustee
Trustee Shanahan	Town Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE

Supervisor O'Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT - Supervisor O'Kelly, Trustee Atleson, Trustee Forman, Trustee Martin, Trustee Shanahan

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT - Clerk McCann, Highway Commissioner Grinnell.

OTHERS PRESENT – Kevin McKay, Rose Marie Domeny, Judy Hammel, Tim & Donna Cardwell, Nick Tonkery, Dan Prezell

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rose Marie Domeny shared information about the Lake County Court System's Child Advocacy Program.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Trustee Martin moved and Trustee Shanahan seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
- Trustee Martin moved and Trustee Shanahan seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2013 Executive Session Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 Ordinance Establishing A Policy For Cutting Weeds & Similar Nuisances

- **Trustee Shanahan moved and Trustee Forman seconded the motion to approve the Ordinance Establishing a Policy for Cutting Weeds & Similar Nuisances with an expiration date of May 1, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.**

Discussion: Trustee Shanahan voiced concern that an overzealous Town Board could enforce the Ordinance beyond its intended purpose. The consensus of the Board was to approve the Ordinance with an expiration date at the end of the current Board's term.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Behm Homestead Park Walking Trails

- **Trustee Martin moved and Trustee Atleson seconded the motion to extend the Behm Homestead Park walking trails at a cost of approximately \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.**

Discussion: The job will be completed by Township staff. The cost will be determined by the amount of refuse that needs to be dumped.

7.2 Community Room Microphone/Speaker System

A microphone/speaker system will be purchased for the lower level community room.

7.3 Electrical Aggregation

Board consensus is to not seek a referendum on this program.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Parks

8.1.1 J&M Irrigation Contract

- **Trustee Martin moved and Trustee Atleson seconded the motion to approve option #1 of the contract with J&M Irrigation at a cost of \$14,000.00 to install an irrigation system on the infield at Ivanhoe Community Park. All in favor, motion carried.**

8.1.2 Van's Enterprises Contract

Discussion: Board consensus is that the work can be done in-house with Herb overseeing staff from the Parks and Highway Departments. No action was taken on this contract.

8.2 Well & Water – No Report from the committee.

Supervisor O'Kelly reported that she will be appointing members to the Well and Water Committee at the September board meeting.

9. CERT REPORT

CERT member Rose Marie Domeny handed out information pertaining to an abbreviated disaster preparation course that CERT trainers will offer to community groups. This is an opportunity for residents who do not want to take the full 20 hour CERT certification course to receive basic disaster preparedness training.

10. ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORT

10.1 **Assessor** – No Report

10.2 **Clerk**

Clerk McCann clarified the process for court ordered taxpayer refunds due to objections typically filed by corporations. The States Attorney’s Office is authorized by statute to represent local governments and negotiate a settlement for the refunds. The negotiated settlement is then deducted from the levy disbursement given to the local government. Refunds are processed in arrears so there is no way to budget for them in the current fiscal year budget. It is the opinion of the States Attorney’s Office that it would cost a local government more money to legally fight these objections than it would to accept the settlement. Clerk McCann spoke to State Rep. Ed Sullivan, Jr. regarding potential legislation to remedy this problem, especially for local governments such as ours who are fiscally responsible and plan for potential acquisitions without going to referendum and/or borrowing funds which typically requires a tax rate increase.

10.3 **Highway Commissioner** – Highway Commissioner Grinnell reported on the following projects:

Ivanhoe Lane

Paving will be completed by the end of the week.

Blackhawk Drive

Paving will begin early next week.

Sylvan Lake Project

Ongoing preliminary work continues with the project. A meeting was held with the stakeholders to discuss continued delays with IDNR related to permit approvals. Commissioner Grinnell reports that permits have been submitted in a timely fashion. IDNR often approves aspects of the project but then changes their mind and asks for further revisions on the same items. Funds for this project have been allocated in the past two budget cycles. The Highway Department is prepared to move forward immediately. Unfortunately IDNR has the project in a holding pattern. Residents in the Sylvan Lake neighborhood eagerly await the completion of this project.

Forest Lane Project

A bid opening is scheduled at the Highway Department for this project on Thursday, August 22nd at 10:00 A.M. A meeting was held with the stakeholders for this project last week and another will be held within the next two weeks. The Forest Lane retaining wall project will also go out to bid later this year.

10.4 **Supervisor** – Supervisor O’Kelly reported on a variety of activities including:

School Supply Drive

Each year we receive numerous requests from low income families to assist them by providing required school supplies. Del Webb residents and employees from the Medline Corporation helped to meet the need this year by donating supplies for 20 families. Fremont Township thanks them for their efforts.

Senior Center Meeting

The Supervisor met with the seniors to discuss better coordinating their needs and assisting with advertising their programs to encourage better attendance.

Building and Zoning

The Supervisor and Hwy. Commissioner met with the Lake County Building and Zoning Department to discuss the shortage of storage space at both the Township and Highway Departments. We are exploring ways to add new storage space to house valuable equipment.

Whether the space is built at Behm Park or the Township Center is yet to be determined based on zoning requirements and project costs. Discussions are ongoing and the Supervisor will report options to the Board at a later date.

Facebook Page

There are currently 221 followers on our Facebook page.

Shredding and Electronic Recycling Event

A shredding and electronic recycling event for residents is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 14 from 9:00 A.M. to Noon. Further information will be forthcoming.

10.5 Trustees

Trustee Atleson reported that she attended the TOI training session for newly elected officials on July 18 in Lisle, Illinois. She also reached out to numerous residents and organizations to discuss ways in which they can assist the Township with outreach needs.

Trustee Martin reported that he has actively been meeting with the Supervisor and Head of the Parks Department to discuss ongoing plans for Behm Homestead and Ivanhoe Community Parks.

11. GA/EA/FOOD PANTRY REPORT

This month the food pantry received the donation of three hogs from the Steffenhagen Family, one hog from Roland Tekampe and one lamb from Mary Lou Diebold. The Township thanks each donor for helping to meet the needs of the less fortunate in Fremont Township

A total of 84 residents received food from the pantry this month. Vegetables were delivered to the low income senior housing project on Rt. 45 and the MHS Food Pantry.

One resident received GA with medical, one resident received GA without medical, and no residents received EA this month.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rose Marie Domeny inquired why there are utility flags near the roads in Fairfield Estates Subdivision.

Nick Tonkery asked what the subject matter will be for the Executive Session.

13. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- **Trustee Martin moved and Trustee Forman seconded the motion to audit and approve for payment of Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$12, 942.63, Permanent Road Fund in the amount of \$ \$68,318.21 and General Town Fund in the amount of \$70,169.59.**

ROLL CALL: Trustee Atleson, Aye, Trustee Forman, Aye, Trustee Martin, Aye, Trustee Shanahan, Aye. All in favor, motion carried.

- **Trustee Martin moved and Trustee Shanahan seconded the motion to Audit and approve for payment of General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$3,734.21. All in favor, motion carried.**

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Trustee Shanahan moved and Trustee Martin seconded the motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition at 7:50 P.M. All in favor, motion carried.
- Trustee Shanahan moved and Trustee Martin seconded the motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 8:14 P.M. All in favor, motion carried.

15. ADJOURN

- Trustee Martin moved and Trustee Shanahan seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully

Christina McCann

Fremont Township Clerk

Approved