

Minutes Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
COUNTY OF LAKE
TOWN OF FREMONT

The Fremont Township Board of Trustees met at 22385 W. Illinois Route 60. Mundelein, IL 60060 on January 12, 2015 to conduct a **Regular 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.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisor O'Kelly, Trustee Atleson, Trustee Forman, Trustee Shanahan.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Clerk Christina McCann, Hwy. Commissioner Bill Grinnell

OTHERS PRESENT

Pat Stejskal, Doug Eickhoff, Joe Herchenbach,

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Trustee Forman moved and Trustee Shanahan seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2014 Regular board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Township received several thank you notes from local seniors who voiced appreciation for the Thanks giving food basket program and the holiday gift program. Local businesses and residents donate food and gift items which are distributed by the Township to residents who meet income requirements.

A resident called with concerns about the appearance of a private cemetery located near Rt. 83 and Winchester Rds. The property is privately owned, but efforts are being made to contact the owner and/or the landscaping company that previously maintained the property.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Parks

- Trustee Shanahan reported on behalf of Committee Chair Dan Prezell who was absent.
- The Committee met on January 7, 2014 to discuss replacing ten lights at Ivanhoe Park, approving a maintenance contract for the electronic gates at Behm and Ivanhoe Parks, and the need for the Parks Department to acquire a new heavy load truck for park maintenance. The current truck is quite old and was donated to the Parks Department by the Highway Department.
- The committee is working with a volunteer resident committee to explore options for the installation of pickleball courts next spring at Behm Park.
- Parks Manager Herb Riedel also reviewed the 2015/2016 Parks operating budget.

8.2 Well & Water

- No one responded to the Supervisor's request for volunteers to join the committee.
- After the recent resignation of the Committee Chair, the group needs to re-evaluate the committee's goals and mission. The Supervisor suggested the committee explore outreach efforts to better inform residents about water issues in our area.
- For the time being the committee is inactive.

9. ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORT

Assessor – None

Clerk – None

Highway Commissioner

Highway Commissioner Grinnell reported on the following:

- Commissioner Grinnell reported winter road maintenance is going well and conditions have been less severe than last winter.

Forest Lane Drainage Project

- The start date of the project was pushed back due to weather. They will begin preparing the site for moving pipes on Thursday of this week. The Commissioner anticipates the first phase of the project will take one month, and the final phase will be completed in the spring.

Supervisor

Supervisor O'Kelly reported on the following:

- More than 5000 pounds of food was recently donated to the food pantry. Fifty residents responded to the Facebook post to assist with sorting the food donations.

- The holiday dinner and gift program for lower income residents was a huge success:
- Forty two (42) dinners with food items donated by township residents and local businesses were assembled and distributed to qualified families.
- Forty (40) families with a total of 165 residents received gifts donated by township residents.
- Seventy eight (78) seniors received gift bags donated by township residents.
- The Township thanks local residents and businesses for their donations, and in particular Family Video for donating hams, and Nancy Lech for organizing and implementing distribution of the gifts and dinners.
- A recent winter coat drive was successful and many coats are available at the Township for needy residents. Surplus coats were distributed to local agencies

Trustees - None

10. GA/EA/FOOD PANTRY REPORT

The following statistics were reported for the month of December 2014:

- Zero residents received General Assistance with Medical.
- One resident received General Assistance without medical
- One resident received Emergency Assistance
- Eighty five residents received food pantry assistance
- Twenty six residents submitted applications for LIHEAP assistance
- One hundred fifty five taxi coupons were purchased
- Eleven residents participated in the diaper bank
- Nine residents submitted applications for RTA passes

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Doug Eickhoff is against removing the basketball courts from Behm Park to make room for pickleball courts. Mr. Eickhoff said he voiced his opinion at the Annual Town Meeting in April and since then he's paid attention to the courts and sees people using them on a regular basis. Trustee Shanahan added that the Parks Committee is struggling with the decision and appreciates his opinion. Mr. Eickhoff also voiced concern about a dilapidated house on Allegheny Road. The home is abandoned and is a danger to anyone who might wander onto the property. Supervisor O'Kelly requested the address of the property and said she will ask Lake County Building and Zoning to do an inspection of the property. Mr. Eickhoff also offered the services of the Lake County Sheriff's Senior Advocacy Committee to assist with township needs.

12. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- **Trustee Shanahan moved and Trustee Forman seconded the motion to audit and approve for payment of Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$22,667.84, Permanent Road Fund in the amount of \$74,881.69, and General Town Fund in the amount of \$75,997.48. All in favor, motion carried.**

ROLL CALL: Aye: Trustee Atleson, Trustee Forman, Trustee Shanahan.

- **Trustee Shanahan moved and Trustee Forman seconded the motion to audit and approve for payment of General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$6,448.14. All in favor, motion carried.**

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

14. ADJOURN

- **Trustee Forman moved and Trustee Shanahan seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.**