

**2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 11, 2017 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 22, 2017; 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 elected officials were present:** Supervisor Diana O’Kelly, Hwy. Commissioner Bill Grinnell, Clerk Christina McCann, Trustee Tami Forman, Trustee Chic Martin and Trustee Connie Shanahan. Trustee Atleson was unable to attend due to observance of Passover.

Thirty-one residents were in attendance.

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

**2. NOMINATION OF MODERATOR**

- Keith Voss moved, and Tami Forman 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 Dan Prezell proceeded with the business of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Tami Forman moved, and Chic Martin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Prairie Crossing Charter School students, Ben Grusmick and Greyson Becker, shared a presentation about their environmental project aiming to educate the public about the importance of water turtles within our eco-system and efforts that can be undertaken to reduce accidental turtle deaths. They are by working with various Lake County governmental districts to install turtle crossing signs at environmentally impactful areas throughout the County.

**6. SUPERVISOR’S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

The FY 2016/2017 Supervisor’s Annual Financial Report and a Summary of the Report were made available to residents in printed form.

- Chic Martin moved, and Tami Forman seconded the motion to approve the FY 2016/2017 Supervisor’s Annual Financial Report for all funds. There was no discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**Parks Committee Report**

Parks Committee Chair Dan Prezell reported the following:

- A new entrance sign was installed at Ivanhoe Park
- Ten recycling centers were constructed at Behm Park
- Residents are enjoying the pickle ball courts at Behm Park, and there has been a high demand for court time during the first full year of operation
- New shade structures and a new entrance sign will be installed at Behm Park in 2017
- Recycling bins will be installed at Ivanhoe Park in 2017

**CERT Report**

CERT Team Leader Pat Stejskal shared a Power Point presentation and reported on the following CERT items:

- FEMA Awards - received honorable mention for Outstanding CERT Initiative
- WRLR GEO Award – received award for “CERT Presents”
- Fremont Library presentations

- Mundelein Parade & Lake County Fair
- Cooperating with surrounding CERTs, particularly Mundelein and Round Lake Beach
- Using quarterly meetings for team training
- Sending team members to local conferences
- Medication dispensing exercise with Lake County Health Department

#### **Community Garden Report**

Community Garden Coordinator Alicia Dodd shared a Power Point presentation and reported on the following items:

- Honey bee fence and hive
- Students visits on Discovery Day and St. Mary's religious education camps
- Scout and corporate work group volunteers
- Harvesting goods for food pantry distribution
- Food Revolution Garden Tasting Party
- Cob house construction
- Mundelein High School solar project

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- Retiring Trustee Chic Martin was recognized for 12 years of service to the township including his commitment to the development of Behm Park and as Chair of the Parks Committee. Trustee Martin stated that he is proud of the work completed by the Board during his tenure and the fact that Fremont officials put their differences aside and work together to meet resident's needs
- Volunteers from the Saddlebrook "Busy Hands" Group were recognized for their contribution of hand knitted hats and scarves which are made available to residents in need
- Fremont CERT was recognized for ten years of providing emergency preparedness education to the residents of Fremont Township

#### **9. ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS**

##### **Supervisor**

Supervisor O'Kelly shared a Power Point presentation and reported the following:

- Assistance to township residents included 1042 food pantry distributions, diaper bank distribution, Community Garden produce distribution, LIHEAP applications, Benefit Access, SNAP, Emergency Assistance and General Assistance
- Community donations and financial assistance to residents in need included a \$20,000 donation from Kirk of the Lakes Church, \$2500.00 donation from Mundelein Jewel, Food drives by businesses, schools, churches, post office, scouts, community groups, Park on Park and meat from the Lake County Fair Auction, donations from residents, Grand Dominion Car Show, school supply and coat drives, gift and food donations for the Holiday Dinner Program (119 meals), Adopt a Family (145) and Adopt a Senior (92)
- Over 2000 children participated in football, baseball, lacrosse, soccer and cheerleading at township parks
- The pickle ball courts, adaptable swing for children with disabilities and new shade structures are popular with park visitors
- Senior services and access to township Dial-a-Ride services continue to expand
- Green efforts include, energy efficient lighting, recycling centers at Behm Park, rain garden, SWALCO shoe recycling, textile recycling and shredding and electronic recycling events
- Thanked Alicia Dodd for garden efforts and reviewed garden outreach efforts
- Congratulated Fremont CERT for FEMA and WRLR recognition awards
- Road District activities included, painting Highway Department facilities to match other complex buildings, replaced 1991 International truck, paced Chevy Chase Rd., improved drainage and paved Sylvan Lake, drainage work throughout the township, numerous culvert replacements in Countryside Highlands, paved part of Highway Department parking lot, road chipped Erhart Rd., Ivanhoe Subdivision and Chardon Rd and participated in "Take a Snow Plow Truck to School" activity at Fremont School
- Assessor's Office oversaw the assessment of 12539 township parcels and worked with residents to ensure proper exemptions are applied to properties

**Assessor** – no report

##### **Highway Commissioner**

Commissioner Grinnell reported the following:

- There was no increase in salt prices over the previous year
- Asphalt prices were down
- Ivanhoe Estates will be added to the Road District's service area via a Special Service Assessment (SSA)
- A WMB grant will be used for improvements in the Diamond Lake Area

- Thanked Trustee Martin for his years of service and welcomed incoming Trustee Voss

**Clerk**

Clerk McCann reported the following:

- FY 2017/2018 Budgets are posted for public inspection
- Budget Hearings for Town and Road FY 2017/2018 Budgets will be held on May 8, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. (Town) and 6:55 p.m. (Road)
- Thanked Trustee Martin for his many contributions to the township and years served on the Town Board

**Trustees**

Trustees reported the following:

- Trustee Martin thanked the Board for working together and stated that newly elected township officials will be working with first class individuals
- Trustee Shanahan thanked Trustee Martin for his years of service
- Trustee Forman thanked Trustee Martin for being a mentor and teaching her how a trustee can best serve Township residents

**10. 2018 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – TIME AND PLACE**

- Chic Martin moved, and Tami Forman seconded the motion to set the date and time for the 2018 Annual Town Meeting for April 10, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. All in favor, motion carried.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**12. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- Chic Martin moved, and Tami Forman seconded the motion to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 8:04 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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Christina McCann, Township Clerk

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Dan Prezell, Moderator