

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 October 8, 2018 to conduct a Regular Meeting.

Diana O’Kelly	Supervisor
Christina McCann	Town Clerk
Bill Grinnell	Highway Commissioner
Joe Herchenbach	Assessor
Jeri Atleson	Town Trustee
Patricia Stejskal	Town Trustee
Connie Shanahan	Town Trustee
Keith Voss	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

Trustee Shanahan, Trustee Stejskal, Trustee Voss, Supervisor O’Kelly

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor Herchenbach

OTHERS PRESENT

Rose Marie Domeny, Judy Hammel

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rose Marie Domeny stated that the Lake Forest Civic Orchestra’s event in November will honor veterans and military families.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Trustee Shanahan moved, and Trustee Stejskal seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 Regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Health Insurance Policy Renewal

- Trustee Voss moved, and Trustee Shanahan seconded the motion to accept purchase health insurance policy with Blue Cross Blue Shield Illinois for coverage between December 1, 2018 and November 30, 2019.

Roll Call

Aye: Trustee Shanahan, Trustee Stejskal, Trustee Voss. **Nay:** None. **Absent:** Trustee Atleson. All in favor, motion carried.

8. PARKS REPORT

Supervisor O’Kelly reported the 2018 accomplishments of Alicia Dodd:

- Planted and maintained 1.25 acres of native prairie on admin property with 4 mowings and spot weeding
- Hand weeded problem plants in rain garden
- Acquired Class C driver's license to operate 550s
- Coordinated workdays and planting with 90 Fremont Middle School 6th graders. Planted 500 plugs of native forbs and grasses, 30 shrubs and 8 trees
- Acquired Herbicide Applicators license
- Removed debris from 3 drainage ditches maintained by Fremont and did frequent visits to pull or chemically treat invasive plants, such as reed canary grass, dames rocket, purple loosestrife
- Removed willows from Behm retention areas
- Spot treated Behm retention areas for invasive plants
- Attended Burn training class at Morton Arboretum
- Submitted burn permits for spring 2019 burns at Behm and drainage ditches
- Attended flagger and deicing training at Lake County
- Planted a no-mow grass along ditch on Behm Lane and in swales in parking lot at Behm to reduce maintenance in difficult areas.
- Planted Behm memorial garden, parking medians, and signs with natives
- Met with lake County Stormwater to evaluate drainage ditch issues in West Shore
- Build hoop house in community garden and completed another successful year of food production, volunteer management, as well as taught 2 CLC horticulture students, hosted a CLC permaculture visit and led property tour for Wild Ones organization.
- Added irrigation to 75% of garden.

Plans for Winter 2018-2019

- Seed natives over septic field at Behm and expand native area around irrigation pond
- Burn retention areas at Behm reduce organic matter accumulation from cattails. Treat for reed canary and then reseed to add more plant diversity in retention areas.
- Consider seeding no mow grasses in areas to cut down on maintenance at Behm.
- Submit ditch restoration plan to Army Corp of Engineers for West Shore.
- Continue maintaining existing native areas.

9. **CERT REPORT**

Team Leader Pat Stejskal reported the following:

- Helped with traffic control for recycling event at the Township on Saturday, September 22.

Upcoming Event Dates:

- Sunday, October 7 – Countryside Fire Open House
- Saturday, October 13 -- Joint CERT Training Exercise at Wauconda Fire #3 on Gilmer up near Volo. Board members are encouraged to stop by
- Monday, October 15 – CERT Team Meeting—guest speaker is Township Supervisor, Diana O’Kelly
- Sunday, October 21 – Grayslake Fire Open House
- Tuesday, October 23 – CERT presentation at Fremont Public Library on Sear4ch & Rescue. All are welcome.

10. **COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORT**

No Report

11. **ELECTED OFFICIALS’ REPORT**

Assessor

Assessor Joe Herchenbach reported the following:

- The appeals are finished.
- Staff has had new software training and the conversion is in November.

Clerk

No Report

Highway Commissioner

No Report

Supervisor

Supervisor O’Kelly reported the following:

- Liheap is open
- Attended Ride Lake County West Meeting. Avon Township may not have funding for program.
- Supervisor O’Kelly and Highway Commissioner Grinnell were on radio with CERT
- Successful Recycling Event
- Received reimbursement from State for GA client
- Taxes on cell tower being paid 10/12/18
- Concrete job approved last month will be done in May due to weather.
- New law requiring Clerk to attest to all township payments

Trustees

- Trustee Stejskal cannot attend the November 5 board meeting.

12. GA/EA/FOOD PANTRY REPORT

The following statistics were reported for the month of August 2018:

- Sixty-one (61) residents received food pantry assistance
- Zero (0) residents applied for Liheap assistance
- Nine (9) residents received assistance with RTA pass applications
- Three (3) residents applied for the Benefit Access Program
- Eleven (11) residents received Diaper Bank donations

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

14. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- Trustee Shanahan moved, and Trustee Stejskal seconded the motion to audit and approve for payment of Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$23099.63, Permanent Road Fund in the amount of \$113215.99 and General Town Fund in the amount of \$94518.39.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Trustee Shanahan, Trustee Stejskal, Trustee Voss. Nay: None. Absent: Trustee Atleson. All in favor, motion carried.

- Trustee Voss moved, and Trustee Shanahan seconded the motion to audit and approve for payment of the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$3052.09. All in favor, motion carried.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

16. ADJOURN

- Trustee Stejskal moved, and Trustee Shanahan seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Supervisor Diana O’Kelly

Respectfully Submitted, Christina McCann, Fremont Township Clerk

Approved: November 5, 2018