



FREMONT TOWNSHIP 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

**AUGUST 10, 2020 - 700 P.M.
22385 W. HWY. 60, MUNDELEIN ILLINOIS, 60060**

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the regularly scheduled meeting on the second Tuesday of April was postponed and rescheduled for August 10, 2020. Approval was received from the Lake County Health Department to hold the meeting. A Public notice was published in the Daily Herald and notices were posted at Fremont Township, on the township website and provided for posting at the Mundelein Senior Center and Fremont Public Library.

Clerk McCann called the 2020 Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Elected Officials Present: Supervisor O’Kelly, Hwy. Commissioner Dodd, Clerk McCann, Assessor Herchenbach and Trustees Atleson, Shanahan, Stejskal and Voss.

Others Present: Dan Prezell, Mike Nelson

Clerk McCann welcomed all and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. NOMINATION OF MODERATOR

- Diana O’Kelly moved, and Connie Shanahan seconded the motion to nominate Dan Prezell to act as Moderator. There were no other nominations. **All in favor, motion carried.**

3. ELECTION OF MODERATOR AND MODERATOR’S OATH OF OFFICE

Clerk McCann administered The Oath of Moderator, and Dan Prezell proceeded with the business of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Connie Shanahan moved, and Pat Stejskal seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. **All in favor, motion carried.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

6. SUPERVISOR’S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The FY 2019/2020 Supervisor’s Annual Financial Report was previously filed with the Clerk and is available on the township website. As required, a summary of the Statement was posted at the entrance to the Annual Town Meeting.

- Diana O’Kelly moved, and Keith Voss seconded the motion to approve the FY 2019/2020 Supervisor’s Annual Financial Report for all funds. There was no discussion. **All in favor, motion carried.**

7. OLD BUSINESS

Parks Report

No Report

CERT Report

CERT Team Leader Pat Stejskal reported the following:

- Held spring 6-week training class with 12 participants.
- WRLR “CERT Presents” – ongoing with special programming during COVID-19 Pandemic.
- October 3, 2019 - Chief Filenko from Round Lake Police Department needed assistance with traffic control by Village Hall on Lakeshore Drive
- Quarterly meetings were held for team training.
- Team members were sent to local conferences.
- Had information booth and assisted with Grayslake & Countryside Fire Department Open Houses, Kids’ Health Fair & Mundelein Parade
- Helped with Township events

Community Garden Report

Community Garden Coordinator Alicia Dodd reported on the following 2019 garden highlights:

- Eagle Scout Grant Naylor built an arbor entrance for the garden.
- Hosted numerous summer camps and community volunteers.
- Gave garden tour to Wild Ones – Lakes to Prairie group.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Resolution of the Fremont Township Electors Delegating the Power to Purchase, Sell or Lease Property to the Fremont Township Board

- Trustee Voss moved and Trustee Stejskal seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 8-10-20 delegating the power to purchase, sell or lease property to the Fremont Township Board for a period of 12 months.

Discussion

A small portion of township property along Fremont Center Road and in front of the township administration building on Route 60 will be sold to the Lake County (Department of Transportation) to be used for road improvements at the intersection of Fremont Center Road and Route 60. The project is anticipated to begin in spring 2021.

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

All in favor, motion carried.

9. ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Supervisor O’Kelly reported the following:

- In 2019 Highway Commissioner Grinnell retired and the Board appointed Fremont Township resident Alicia Dodd to the position. Dodd was previously an employee of the Highway Department and has overseen the development and successful growth of the community garden program. Everyone is very happy with Dodd’s appointment and look forward to working with her going forward.
- The conversion from multiple waste haulers to a single waste hauler in the township has gone very well. O’Kelly was thanked for her work on this project with Moderator Prezell and Trustee Shanahan stating residents in their neighborhoods are very happy with the program.

O’Kelly reported the following resident service statistics for the previous year:

- 0 residents qualified for General Assistance
- 13 residents qualified for Emergency Assistance
- 3 residents denied EA & GA
- 8 residents received assistance through Salvation Army
- 54 Benefit Access applications were processed online

1 resident received assistance with application for Safe Link phones
 28 residents received assistance with NICOR gas sharing applications
 11 residents received assistance with SNAP and Medicaid applications
 4 residents received assistance with North Shore Gas Share-the Warmth applications
 5 residents received assistance from Mothers Trust
 631 residents utilized the food pantry
 72 Share the Harvest Thanksgiving baskets were distributed
 118 Holiday food baskets were distributed
 175 residents received gifts from the Adopt-a-Family program
 113 seniors received gift bags from Adopt-a-Senior program
 113 received assistance with LIHEAP applications
 626 residents utilized the half-far taxi program for medical needs
 230 township residents utilized the Ride Lake County West transportation service
 132 residents received assistance with applications for reduced RTA fare passes
 147 residents received 30 diapers per month

Assessor

Assessor Herchenbach reported the following:

- The county-wide assessment software conversion is now complete.
- Assessment blue cards were mailed to residents in June 2019

Highway Commissioner

Highway Commissioner Dodd reported the following:

- Paved Erhart Road, Lakeview Parkway (east of Chevy Chase), N. Oakleaf Court, N. Thorntree Road, W. Beechwood Court, Countryside Valley Drive, Chardon Lane, Imperial Court and a portion of Hickory Ave in Oak Terrace.
- Many culvert changes upgrading deteriorating metal culverts to plastic, both for road and driveways
- Completed engineering plans to connect the two dead ends for Forest Lane in West Shore Park and replacing drainpipe from Forest to the lake.
- Partnered with Mundelein Park District for Wilderness South Retention Pond Improvement
- Created GIS storm sewer database.
- Completed a section of streambank restoration in West Shoreland.
- Purchased a 2018 Ford 150 for Highway Commissioner use
- Sold salt brine system and switched to pre-made de-icing liquid for increased performance and less corrosion.
- Sylvan Lake Dam engineering nearing completion. Project start delayed due to funding. Still waiting for permit from IDNR
- CLC-JAWA completed installation of their new water main along Peterson/Behm Lane/Chardon Road. A large portion of Chardon Road was repaved afterward. Work was completed late in the season, so significant restoration work was required this spring.
- Bill Grinnell retired in December 2019. Alicia Dodd was appointed on December 9, 2019 to complete the end of his term in office.

Clerk

Clerk McCann reported the following:

- Thanked the Board and Supervisor for their support during the busy year of 2019 and especially leading into 2020 and the challenges it has brought thus far.
- Thanked Supervisor O’Kelly for her work successfully implementing the single waste hauler program.
- Congratulated Highway Commissioner Dodd on her appointment and appreciated her invitation to meet with her team to review FOIA laws and how they could best work to help us meet FOIA guidelines.
- Number of FOIA requests has remained steady compared to 2018.

Trustees

Trustees reported the following:

- Trustee Voss thanked the Clerk for her efforts to establish a virtual meeting platform and is thankful to be together again to meet in person.
- Trustee Atleson thanked everyone for their hard work and believes Highway Commissioner Dodd has brought fresh perspectives to the township and has been an integral part of our community.
- Trustee Shanahan thanked the Supervisor, Clerk, Assessor, Highway Commissioner and Board for their efforts. We are fortunate to work so well together as there is another township that requires an attorney to be present at every meeting due to potential conflicts.
- Trustee Stejskal thanked Supervisor O’Kelly for working so hard on the single waste hauler program and thanked Highway Commissioner Dodd for making sure there was a smooth transition after she was appointed to office.

10. 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – TIME AND PLACE

- **Connie Shanahan moved, and Keith Voss seconded the motion to set the date and time for the 2021 Annual Town Meeting for April 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. All in favor, motion carried.**

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Prezell stated we are blessed to have such great township staff and elected officials and that he always hears good things about the township highway department staff and new Commissioner Alicia Dodd.

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

- **Pat Stejskal moved, and Connie Shanahan seconded the motion to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 7:34 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted on _____ day of _____, 2021

Christina McCann, Township Clerk

Dan Prezell, Moderator