



## **FREMONT TOWNSHIP 2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 13, 2021 - 700 P.M.  
22385 W. HWY. 60, MUNDELEIN ILLINOIS, 60060

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

Clerk McCann called the 2021 Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Elected Officials Present:** Supervisor Diana O’Kelly, Hwy. Commissioner Alicia Dodd, Clerk Christina McCann, Assessor Joe Herchenbach, and Trustees Jeri Atleson, Nick Dollenmaier, Connie Shanahan and Keith Voss.

**Others Present:** Christine Seidner, 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 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Keith Voss moved, and Diana O’Kelly seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

**All in favor, motion carried.**

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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

The FY 2020/2021 Supervisor’s Annual Financial Report was 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 Connie Shanahan seconded the motion to approve the FY 2020/2021 Supervisor’s Annual Financial Report for all funds. There was no discussion.

**All in favor, motion carried.**

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**Parks Report**

Connie Shanahan reported the following:

- Parks are open
- Baseball, Lacrosse, and Soccer fields in use
- Restrooms open without drinking fountain
- Ivanhoe Park – investigating upgrading field lights
- Behm Park - pickleball court repairs will be done by June 2021

**CERT Report**

CERT Team Leader Christine Seidner reported the following:

- Team volunteers are busy assisting at vaccination distribution sites and testing centers
- Hoping for a full training class this year to replace team members who retired during the pandemic
- Existing team members plan to meet soon to discuss team viability with fewer members – what does that look like, or is it better to combine volunteer resources with another local CERT?
- O’Kelly thanked Seidner and the entire team for answering calls to assist others throughout the pandemic

**Community Garden Report**

Community Garden Coordinator Alicia Dodd reported the following:

- It was a great year for the garden with many helpful volunteers assisting with maintenance chores
- Planted a small bed in memory of Pat Stejskal

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**9. ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**Supervisor**

Supervisor O’Kelly reported the following:

- We had an extremely busy year! While other government agencies limited their hours, Fremont Township remained open and operated regular business hours to provide needed services to our residents. With masks required in the building, hand sanitizing units installed, and social distancing followed, we had no cases of Covid in our building. We made changes in the way we operated to protect our staff and residents with drive up appointments for food pick up, at your car Li-heap and assistance programs and limited one resident in the building at a time.
- Fremont Township residents were concerned about their neighbors losing their jobs and a continual flow of food and monetary donations came into the township. Staff at Fremont School donated grocery gift cards on payroll days and the Jewel Food Store placed a year- round donation box for the benefit of Fremont Township food pantry recipients. Many residents who received the federal stimulus checks donated the money to the food pantry.
- We received a Covid-19 grant from FEMA administered through Lake County. We were able to help sixteen residents with \$28820.00 in rental assistance and \$3999.82 in utility assistance.
- We sadly said goodbye to Trustee Pat Stejskal in August as she lost her life after serving residents in need in August 2020 in a freak accident. A memorial area in our garden was planted in her memory.
- We welcomed new trustee Nicholas Dollenmaier and are happy to have him as part of our team.
- The single waste hauler that was approved by referendum of the unincorporated residents was approved by the board and the first year was highly successful.
- We implemented a new software system that replaced a 30-year-old program and replaced the twenty-year-old alarm system.
- I would like to thank the board and elected officials, our staff and Cert members for their work and contributions during these trying times.

**Assessor**

Assessor Herchenbach reported the following:

- The Assessor's office public service area was remodeled to allow separation between staff and the public. We now have two separate service counters and have been receiving many positive comments about regarding this space.
- The Market remains unusually active with agents reporting the continued migration of city dwellers seeking suburban space, combined with the reduced demand to commute while more companies embrace the benefits of staff working from home.
- Fremont has seen continued growth of new construction within the township ranging from residential development to the nearly completed Medline facility.
- 2021 tax bills will be in the mail in early May and will return to the traditional two installments for payments (as opposed to last year's confusing split of the first and second installment).

**Highway Commissioner**

Highway Commissioner Dodd reported the following:

- Applied for funding for Sylvan Lake Dam (DCEO), Westshore Drainage improvements (DCEO and SIRF), and Village Green/Harvard Ave Stormwater Mitigation (WMB)
- Hired Infrastructure Management Services to analyze our pavement condition and create paving plan for the most efficient use of our money.
- Building Improvements: added ventilation to new building to help with exhaust fumes, painted shop and added new LED lights
- Purchased two properties on Acorn Rd and Route 83 from Lake Co for stormwater purposes for \$500.
- Completed: 3700 feet of ditch-work, 9 cross culverts (including the two largest culverts our dept has installed to date—Martin Drive and Owens Rd), 7 driveway culverts, 3 concrete pipe separation repairs, 170 feet of streambank restoration, underdrain install on Chardon, 200' of concrete ribbon repair in Steeplechase, vactored ¼ of township catch basins, repaired 2 sink holes, completed entire backlog of tree trimming with bucket truck, spring and fall chipping events for subdivisions, and roadside tree trimming.
- Rotated two radar speed signs through fifteen locations to help slow traffic and get speed data.
- Installed drainage for pickleball court at Behm
- Received IDNR permit for Sylvan Lake Dam Reconstruction, valid for 3 years from August 2020.
- Peter Baker & Son was awarded the paving bid for Steeplechase and Hickory Rd—postponed until May 2021.
- COVID protocols resulted in no instances of COVID transmission in workplace.
- Enacted golf cart ordinance for Oak Terrace and overweight ordinance for township roads.
- Ordered 2021 Kenworth Lo-pro to replace 1997 International 4700—expected delivery Sept 2021.
- Ordered 2021 F250 to replace 2018 F150—delivery March 2021.

**Clerk**

Clerk McCann reported the following:

- The past year presented pandemic related challenges requiring numerous adaptations and modifications to ensure residents would continue to have access to township meetings and public records as required by law.
- Previous work to digitize the Clerk's office and manage records electronically was a HUGE value add during this challenging period.

- Big thank you to all Fremont township officials for working together throughout the pandemic and continuing to do the work we were elected to do regardless of the roadblocks put before us.
- FY 2021/2022 Town and Road Budgets are available at Fremonttownship.com under the Transparency Portal.

**Trustees**

Trustees reported the following:

- Nick Dollenmaier thanked everyone for welcoming him to the township board. Dollenmaier has a lot more knowledge about how township government operates and looks forward to the next four years.
- Keith Voss stated he is happy the Annual Town Meeting is being held in person this year.
- Connie Shanahan thanked the township supervisor and staff for their Covid-19 work and operation of the food bank during the pandemic.
- Jeri Atleson stated it has been a very unusual year struggling again with the pandemic, but she is awed at how the township stepped up provide continual services to residents including partnerships with other Lake County townships.

**10. 2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – TIME AND PLACE**

- Keith Voss moved, and Nick Dollenmaier seconded the motion to set the date and time for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting for April 12, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.  
**All in favor, motion carried.**

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Dan Prezell welcomed Nick Dollenmaier to his first year on the township board, stating he knows Nick will do an excellent job. Prezell thanked the township, and most notably the highway department for their support in clearing snow early A.M. snow from roads in the Westshore Park neighborhood.

**12. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- Keith Voss moved, and Jeri Atleson seconded the motion to adjourn the 2021 Annual Town Meeting at 7:41 P.M.  
**All in favor, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Christina McCann, Township Clerk

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Dan Prezell, Moderator