



FREMONT TOWNSHIP 2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

**APRIL 12, 2022 - 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 2022 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: Rose Marie Domeny, Judy Hammel, Christine Seidner, Dan Prezell, Barb and Nick Tonkery.

Clerk McCann welcomed all and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. NOMINATION OF MODERATOR

- Diana O’Kelly moved, and Rose Marie Domeny 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 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Jeri Atleson moved, and Diana O’Kelly seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

All in favor, motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

6. SUPERVISOR’S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The FY 2021/2022 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.

- Connie Shanahan moved, and Rose Marie Domeny seconded the motion to approve the FY 2021/2022 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
- Pickleball courts are open
- Signs will be posted to remind pet owners they must clean up after their pets
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CERT Report

CERT Team Leader Christine Seidner reported the following:

- Over the past year, various team members volunteered more than 500 hours to Covid-19 testing and vaccination sites
- Number of team members continues to decline, most likely due to the pandemic
- Discussion was held regarding the viability of the Team, potential of combining with another local CERT and/or working during the new year to recruit new members and remain independent.
- The Team meets next week to discuss what direction the team will pursue in 2022

Community Garden Report

Community Garden Coordinator Alicia Dodd reported the following:

- 2021 was a wonderful year for volunteer participation
- Received a corporate donation of \$1000.00 after a day of corporate volunteers working in the garden
- Planning for spring planting and the possibility that Master Gardeners may do some work here

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Supervisor O'Kelly reported the following:

- Thank you to the Board for their support over the past year
- Thank you to Christine Seidner and the CERT Team for volunteering to staff Covid-19 testing and vaccination centers in Lake County
- The county-wide para-transit system is now setup to transport residents 60 years of age and older and those with disabilities anywhere in Lake County. This is a huge success and quite popular with residents in Fremont Township.
- Both parks are in great shape and the pickleball courts have been renovated and are open for play

Assessor

Assessor Herchenbach reported the following:

- Our office remodel creating forced social distancing has been fully completed and in place now for the previous year with most residents providing positive feedback/comments. The separation that was created has likely reduced the transmission of germs on an everyday basis creating a win/win for the comfort of the assessor staff.
- Attended the IPAI (Illinois Property Assessment Institute) annual convention to gather insight affecting various assessor's from throughout the state.
- As we enter the final assessment year of our quadrennial assessment, it's a good time to reflect on the reduction in the number of annual appeals. While every year brings a routine surge in appeals, the actual number this past year dropped from approximately 500 to 400. Here's to hoping that number will continue to drop in the coming year.

- Final comments for this year are that the market remains “red hot” with virtually no active listings. Many homes are routinely being offered with limited showing access, followed up by a specified offer review date within the week. Time will tell if this brings a reduction in the appeal filings for this final year of the quad.

Highway Commissioner

Highway Commissioner Dodd reported the following:

- It was a very productive year. Thankful for the dry weather and a great crew to work with
- Added 13 catch basins and 850 feet of stormwater sewer in Westshore Park
- Fixed continual swale water problems for North Hills residents
- There were 16 snowplow events and used less salt (360 tons) than previously required
- 2400 square yards of asphalt paving completed
- Received grant funding in the amount of \$4000.00 for Village Green and \$50,000 for Westshore drainage issues
- Also secured grant funding for Sylvan Lake Dam project and for projects in the Diamond Lake area
- Purchasing a new Kenworth truck to replace an older model going to auction
- Thank you to Board for approving 10-year equipment loan

Clerk

Clerk McCann reported the following:

- Less than ten FOIA requests this past year. Expect that number to drop even further when township vendors and data companies get used to finding us and our bidding data on digital bidding platforms like demandstar.com
- Support Highway Commissioner’s efforts to move her inhouse bidding projects to digital platforms. This process creates an excellent digital trail for all bid related documents and provides vendors with the opportunity to submit bids electronically. Next step is to investigate holding virtual bid openings so vendors can attend bid opening either in person or electronically. Look forward to initiating the same process for in-house Town and Parks related bids.
- FY 2022/2023 Town and Road Budgets are posted on website. Budget hearings will be held prior to the May 9, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Trustees

Trustees reported the following:

- Jeri Atleson thanked the community for collaborative and creative solutions for logistical and financial issues
- Atleson thanked CERT for their contributions at testing and vaccination centers
- Atleson noted she appreciates continued transparency from the Supervisor and Highway Commissioner by keeping the board informed about what’s going on in their departments
- Connie Shanahan thanked the community for all food donations and the CERT Team for staffing Covid-19 centers in Lake County.
- Shanahan thanked staff member Nancy Lech for all of her hard work as her contributions to the township are tremendous
- Keith Voss said he’s looking forward to life returning to normal and the board meeting in person after the challenges of the pandemic
- Nick Dollenmaier echoes all of the previous comments and stated he’s benefitted enormously from spending the past year learning about township government

10. 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – TIME AND PLACE

- Keith Voss moved, and Judy Hammel seconded the motion to set the date and time for the 2023 Annual Town Meeting for April 11, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.
All in favor, motion carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Rose Marie Domeny commended the Board for their work serving the community during the pandemic and their continued support of CERT during such a crucial time. CERT will assist with the upcoming shredding event and looking forward to interfacing with the community once again.

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Connie Shanahan moved, and Judy Hammel seconded the motion to adjourn the 2022 Annual Town Meeting at 7:35 P.M.

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted on _____ day of _____, 2023

Christina McCann, Township Clerk

Dan Prezell, Moderator