



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF 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 July 10, 2023 to conduct a Regular Meeting.

Diana O’Kelly	Supervisor
Christina McCann	Town Clerk
Alicia Dodd	Highway Commissioner
Joe Herchenbach	Assessor
Jeri Atleson	Town Trustee
Nick Dollenmaier	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 6:30 P.M.
2. **ROLL CALL**
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Trustee Atleson, Trustee Dollenmaier, Trustee Shanahan, Trustee Voss, Supervisor O’Kelly
ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT
Clerk McCann, Highway Commissioner Dodd
OTHERS PRESENT
None
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - Trustee Shanahan moved, and Trustee Voss seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting.
All in favor, motion carried.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE**
None
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Highway Loan Agreement

- Trustee Voss moved and Trustee Dollenmaier seconded the motion to approve updated loan Agreement between Fremont Township and Fremont Township Road District.
All in favor, motion carried.

7.2 Synthetic Mound Behm Park

- Trustee Shanahan moved and Trustee Atleson seconded the motion to approve purchase of synthetic mound for Ghem park in the amount of \$5,125.25.
All in favor, motion carried.

8. PARKS REPORT

Parks Manager Herb Riedel reported the following:

- Severe drought has caused us to irrigate non-stop to keep our playing fields alive. This has caused some stress to the irrigation system. Numerous irrigation heads have needed replacement. Repairs done completely in house.
- Since mowing has really slowed down, we have moved onto the preparation and quoting process to renovate infield area of the small baseball field (Field 2). In 2020 we renovated the infield clay on this field. We will now focus on the infield grass and pitching mound. We will contract out the infield grass portion of this job. For approx. \$3,000, a company will come in and strip off the current grass, re laser grade the topsoil and then replace the grass with wide rolls of sod. We are coordinating this project to fit in between the Lake County Lightning's summer and fall seasons. Fingers crossed!! We will either rebuild current mound or purchase a new synthetic mound based on board approval.
- We will also be replacing some grass on the main football field. Excessive use from lacrosse season and the lacrosse tournament has left some heavily damaged areas on this field. The same company will come in, strip the grass, re laser grade, and then replace with wide rolls of sod. Approx. cost is \$1,000.
- Have started to evaluate the walking paths and parking lots for crack sealing and also Sealcoating. Will almost definitely not have enough money budgeted to complete this project this year but will try and develop a plan for this fall and also next season.
- Due to constant complaints in regard to the north side fencing of the pickle ball courts, we have reached out to a fencing contractor and asked their opinion on what options we have. The complaint is that pickle balls go underneath the fence along the north side. Will report back when we have a solution.
- Also have started to build a new door for the garden shed. Current door is rotting along the bottom edge. New door will be built out of cedar. Should be done in the next week or so.

9. CERT REPORT

No Report

10. COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORT

- Continue to benefit from local and corporate volunteers helping out in the garden.

11. ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Assessor

- The revaluation for the quadrennial reassessment is nearly complete. My office has been extremely busy trying to balance the overall increases within the township to the appropriate neighborhoods. Unless there has been an unusual reduction during the previous quad, most homeowners fall in the range of a very minimal change up to a 20% increase with most changes hovering in the 9% range. These numbers simply reflect the market activity that continues because of the pandemic-driven market.

- Our goal remains to submit our final valuations to the county by July 15th in order to move through the County vetting process so they are able to publish our final value changes and mail the blue assessments notices in early August.

Clerk

No Report

Highway Commissioner

Highway Commissioner Dodd submitted the following report:

- Pre-con meeting with Berger Excavating about Circle/Oakdale/West Shore Drive Project , layout work began week of July 3. Project will go through the fall.
- Met with Countryside HOA about stormwater and lake issues. Had joint meeting with SMC about grant possibilities
- Crews are working on tree removals, culvert replacements, storm sewer additions in Oak Terrace
- Department purchased a 2023 Kenworth T480 to replace a 1997 International. Main use will be as a chipper truck.
- Met with Manitou Creek watershed about possible grant application with Audubon Society
- SMC and Bleck Engineering to reassess the Sylvan Dam bid packet. Planning to put project out to bid in October 2023.

Supervisor

- Next recycle-o Rama and shredding event will be held at the township on September 23rd.

Trustees

No Reports

12. GA/EA/FOOD PANTRY REPORT

The following statistics were reported for June 2023:

- No GA clients
- 2 EA clients
- 94 residents received food pantry assistance
- No LIHEAP applications
- 2 Benefit Access application
- 1 NiCor Sharing
- No RTA Passes
- No IDHS/SNAP Medicaid
- 18 Diaper Bank
- 1 License Plate sticker

13.PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

14. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- Trustee Voss moved, and Trustee Dollenmaier seconded the motion to audit and approve for payment of Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of **\$8501.61**
Permanent Road Fund in the amount of **\$310,435.47**
and General Town Fund in the amount of **\$100,626.03**

ROLL CALL:

Aye: Trustee Atleson, Trustee Dollenmaier, Trustee Shanahan Trustee Voss.

All in favor, motion carried.

- Trustee Shanahan moved, and Trustee Voss seconded the motion to audit and approve for payment of the General Assistance Fund in the amount of **\$4978.27**

All in favor, motion carried.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

16. ADJOURN

- Trustee Shanahan moved, and Trustee Voss seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.
All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Christina McCann, Fremont Township Clerk

Approved: August 14, 2023