



## **FREMONT TOWNSHIP 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 11, 2023 - 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 2023 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:** 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 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 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

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

- Barb Tonkery moved, and Nick Tonkery seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

**All in favor, motion carried.**

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dan Prezell thanked the township for all the work they do for the community.

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

The FY 2022/2023 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 Nick Tonkery seconded the motion to approve the FY 2022/2023 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:

- No big projects or upgrades were made to Behm Park in 2022
- Pickle ball courts had a great year as usual with daily use throughout the entire season
- Ivanhoe Park received a grant through ComEd to have the ball-field lights upgraded to LED. Upgrade was completed on October 21, 2022.
- User groups at Behm Park had another successful season in 2022. A few highlights include the Lake County Stallions holding their Annual Lacrosse Tournament at Behm Park on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> with 38 communities participating in the tournament. The Lake County Stallions also held a Family Day weekend celebration on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with approximately 1500 people visiting Behm Park.

### **CERT Report**

- CERT is currently looking for volunteers

### **Community Garden Report**

Community Garden Coordinator Alicia Dodd reported the following:

- This is the tenth year of operating the garden. The infrastructure is in place and can concentrate on growing food.
- We had unbelievable volunteer interest from corporate groups.
- Thankful for the work Char does to maintain the garden.

## 8. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## 9. **ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS**

### **Supervisor**

Supervisor O'Kelly reported the following:

- We had no general assistance cases this year and only 9 emergency assistance cases
- We served 866 people in the food pantry
- LiHeap increased to 154 applications. We did have several seniors that did not qualify due to the increase in Social Security
- The diaper bank we are currently using is called Keeping Families Covered. In addition to diapers they provide period products, baby food, clothing and baby items. We served 184 people through this program this year.
- 118 children were provided with backpacks and school supplies
- 133 Thanksgiving dinners were provided
- 170 seniors participated in in the Adopt a Senior holiday program
- 140 holiday dinners were provided
- 107 families participated in the holiday gift program
- 106 SHIP appointments saved our residents \$60,207.00. All residents in Fremont Township that turned 65 and needed help signing up for Medicare were helped.
- Thank you to our team for working so well together

### **Assessor**

Assessor Herchenbach reported the following:

- The Assessor's Office has been working diligently to identify & clean-up property characteristics throughout the Township in preparation of this 4-year complete reassessment year (also referred to as the Quadrennial). The county has revealed the impact of the sales these past 3 years (2020/2021/2022) that identify the value of Fremont Township to have increased a fraction over 9% in total value with my office now responsible for allocating that increase in value by neighborhood based on sales data now

available. This does not mean that everyone should expect a flat increase of 9%, but each neighborhood will likely see increases ranging from 5-15%. The impact of mortgage rate increases is anticipated to slow-down this escalation of market values, yet our market remains quite active.

- The overall increases in market value have really reduced the number of property owners from even attempting to appeal their market values with Fremont ranking at the highest levels of being able to defend the assessed values, and the Board of Review actually increasing assessments for some appellants. Proceed with caution in filing an appeal when there is significant data available to support your assessment.
- General Homestead & Senior Citizen Exemptions amounts have increased to \$8,000 each starting in 2023 (reflected on the tax bills payable in 2024).

### **Highway Commissioner**

Highway Commissioner Dodd reported the following:

**Paving** - West Shoreland, Block 2 of West Shore Park, W Hafer Rd, and Sylvan S full reconstruction including concrete curb \$1,014,000

**In-house work** - installed storm sewer, permeable parking areas and did drainage work on Fairview Dr, Prospect Dr, Park Av, culvert changes on Milton Rd, sign replacements in Countryside Oaks. Brush chipping/Storm damage cleanup, stopbar and intersection painting, asset inventory and inspection. Tree removals and Right of way maintenance.

### **Contracted work -**

Culvert changes on Martin Dr (Behm Excavating), Sylvan S (Maneval Construction), \$59,000

Pavement patching (Chicagoland) in Countryside, Sylvan, West Shore Park, and Oak Terrace. \$54,000

Crack sealing in Blackhawk Sub, Sylvan Lake, and Chevy Chase Rd (Pavement Solutions) \$6000

Storm sewer replacement Sylvan S (Berger) -

Pipe replacements in Oak Terrace in conjunction with Lake PW water main replacement \$15,000

Road striping (Lake Co DOT) \$9,400

### **Grant awards -**

\$1,342,500 FEMA grant for Sylvan Lake Dam

\$1,500,000 IL funds for Diamond Lake Paving and Drainage Improvements from Sen. Johnson

\$378,900 IL DCEO funds for Diamond Lake Paving/Improvements from Rep Didech

\$50,000 IL DCEO funds for Infrastructure Improvements

### **Administrative work -**

Established IGAs with the following villages for road maintenance: Mundelein, Round Lake, Hawthorn Woods, Long Grove, Wauconda and Ela Township

Created GIS webmaps for the following uses: Asset Inventory, Administrative Documents, and Crew Maintenance Work Orders

### **Employees -**

Department adopted a new Employee Policy Manual in March 2023

Hired new employee in May 2022 to replace former employee

Training included Electrical Safety, Utility locating, CPR/First Aid, Confined Space, Sexual harassment, IEPA Good Housekeeping, Erosion control, Winter De-icing.

### **Equipment-**

Took delivery of 2022 Kenworth T370

Purchased 2018 Eager Beaver Trailer

**Clerk**

Clerk McCann reported the following:

- Most 2022 FOIA requests were from website data companies.
- Both Town and Road levy’s have been filed for 2023 tax distribution year.
- FY 2023/2024 Budgets are posted, and hearings will be held prior to the May 2023 Regular Meeting.

**Trustees**

Trustees reported the following:

- Trustee Atleson thanked the board for working together as a team
- Trustee Shanahan thanked the team for working well and pulling together to deal with tree damage at Ivanhoe Park
- Trustee Voss thanked the team and the electors.
- Trustee Dollenmaier said he was reviewing older minutes from during the time when we were coming out of the pandemic and is proud that we are always trying to protect and serve the residents of Fremont Township.

**10. 2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – TIME AND PLACE**

- Nick Tonkery moved, and Keith Voss seconded the motion to set the date and time for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting for April 9, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.  
**All in favor, motion carried.**

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Nick Tonkery thanked the township for improvements completed in Sylvan Lake
- Dan Prezell thanked Diana O’Kelly for her leadership and support of the local community.

**12. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- Barb Tonkery moved, and Nick Tonkery seconded the motion to adjourn the 2023 Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 P.M.  
**All in favor, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Christina McCann, Township Clerk

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Dan Prezell, Moderator