

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 October 15, 2024, 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 Voss, Supervisor O'Kelly

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Clerk McCann, Highway Commissioner Dodd

OTHERS PRESENT

Rose Marie Domeny

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• Trustee Dollenmaier moved, and Trustee Atleson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2024, Regular Meeting.

All in favor, motion carried.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Health Insurance Renewal

 Trustee Dollenmaier moved, and Trustee Atleson seconded the motion to approve renewal of health insurance and dental and vision coverage for qualified township employees.

All in favor motion carried.

7.2 Appointment of Whistleblower Official

• Trustee Atleson moved, and Trustee Dollenmaier seconded the motion to appoint Trustee Keith Voss to serve as the township's Whistleblower Official.

All in favor motion carried.

8. PARKS REPORT

Parks Manager Herb Riedel submitted the following report:

- Parks staff performed a repair to the seam area on the roof of the restroom at Behm. A membrane
 coating was applied and then it was repainted. Staff will continue to watch the restroom for further
 leaks.
- Parks staff have been busy aerating and re-seeding the sports fields in prep for fall weather.
- The Lake County Stallions held their "Family Day" at Behm Park on September 15th. Huge crowds turned out for the event. The Stallions have finished re-painting their concession/storage sheds in cooperation with Fremont Township.
- Parks staff was notified from the Lake County Stallions that there was an issue with one of the light
 poles at Ivanhoe Community Club Park. Staff investigated the issue to find that the repair may be a
 warranty issue with the light fixtures. The company that did the LED upgrade for ComEd was notified
 and upon their investigation, they found that the fixtures were fine but that there was a wiring
 issue. The wiring was not part of the ComEd upgrade, so it was decided to have the necessary
 sections of wire replaced. All repairs have been completed.
- Irrigation systems are set to be winterized on Nov. 1st.

9. CERT REPORT

No Report

10. COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORT

Over 1500 volunteer hours were completed this year.

11. ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Assessor

Assessor Herchenbach reported the following:

- The last day to file an appeal was on September 16th and even with the large increases in assessment values, our office only had a modest increase in appeals compared to 2023. We ended up with 319 appeals compared to the 292 appeals filed in 2023 (or just over a 9% increase in appeals).
- Our first day of hearings will be October 21st and the last day is October 31st. I will have an update at the November meeting regarding the decision trends for this year.

Clerk

No Report

Highway Commissioner

Highway Commissioner Dodd reported the following:

- Upland Construction completed concrete ribbon repairs in Countryside Oaks
- Sylvan Dam is projected to be substantially finished and Highland Dr re-opened November 8th. Final concrete and asphalt work will be completed in spring 2025.
- Eagle Scout project at Acorn property—installation of split rail fence on north boundary of property. Trees/shrubs/plugs are planted onsite as part of Audubon grant.

- Attended Sylvan Lake Annual Meeting
- Attended Fairfield Rd Stakeholder meeting.
- Crew did pipe replacements in Sylvan Lake and Countryside, brush chipping, de-icing training, truck servicing, ditch work in Steeplechase, sign work
- Pavement Solutions did crack-filling on various roads, including Erhart, Countryside, Forest Lane.

Supervisor

Supervisor O'Kelly reported the following:

- General Assistance is going from \$340 to \$425.
- Met with the Insurance Broker
- Attended the Supervisor's Luncheon
- Applied for and received the permit for the drainage project.
- Attended the Del Webb Car Volunteer dinner.
- Spoke at the Young at Hearts Meeting
- Attended the Parks Committee

Trustees

- Trustee Atleson reported that she has friends who love the township garden and have begun modeling their gardens after it.
- Trustee Voss reported that he assisted at the township shredding event and attended the Del Webb Craft Show.

12. GA/EA/FOOD PANTRY REPORT

September 2024

- 0 GA
- 0 EA
- 68 food pantry assistance
- 0 LIHEAP applications
- 2 Benefit Access applications
- 0 NiCor Sharing
- 3 RTA Pass
- 1 IDHS/SNAP Medicaid
- 17 Diaper Bank
- 4 License Plate stickers

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

 Rose Marie Domeny invited everyone to attend the Lake Forest Civic Orchestra's production of "Ode to Joy" on January 19, 2025. The production will be a consortium of various musicians celebrating the diversity of humanity.

14. APPROVAL OF BILLS

• Trustee Shanahan moved, and Trustee Dollenmaier seconded the motion to audit and approve for payment of:

Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$22,170.35

Permanent Road Fund in the amount of \$110,008.47

and General Town Fund in the amount \$92,827.28

ROLL CALL:

Aye: Trustee Atleson, Trustee Dollenmaier Trustee Voss

All in favor, motion carried.

• Trustee Voss moved, and Trustee Dollenmaier seconded the motion to audit and approve for payment of the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$10,122.81.

All in favor, motion carried.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

16. ADJOURN

 Trustee Dollenmaier moved, and Trustee Atleson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Christina McCann, Fremont Township Clerk

Approved: November 4, 2024