



FREMONT TOWNSHIP 2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

**APRIL 9, 2024 - 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 2024 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, Lou Bruno, Sue Guarna, Judy Hammel, Rose Marie Domeny

Clerk McCann welcomed all and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. NOMINATION OF MODERATOR

- Diana O’Kelly moved, and Nick Dollenmaier seconded the motion to nominate Dan Prezell to act as Moderator of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting. 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 2024 Annual Town Meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Jeri Atleson moved, and Rose Marie Domeny seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting.
All in favor, motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

6. SUPERVISOR’S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The FY 2023/2024 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 Dollenmaier seconded the motion to approve the FY 2023/2024 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:

- New recycling centers were purchased and installed at Behm Park and Ivanhoe Community Club Park.
- (2) “Bring your own bag” stations were purchased and installed at Behm park.
- Pickle ball courts had a great year as usual with daily use throughout entire season.
- Sod renovation was done on main football field in July of 2023.
- Behm Parks small baseball field had an extensive infield renovation done in late September of 2023.
- User groups at Behm Park and Ivanhoe Community Club Park had another successful season in 2023.
- Parking lot was crack sealed and seal coated at Ivanhoe Community Club Park.
- Parking lots and walking paths at Behm Park were crack sealed and patched in 2023 in preparation for seal coating in 2024

CERT Report

No Report

Community Garden Report

Commissioner Dodd reported the following:

- Over 1200 hours of volunteer time contributed in 2023
- Garden photo won the TOI magazine Photo Contest Winner
- Partnership with Master Gardeners as a Master Garden Project Site—monthly workdays with MGs. Also provide additional guides for larger workgroups.

Workgroups:

- Grainger April 24
- Southern Illinois April 29
- Target May 9
- Monarchs and More May 12
- Tranel Financial June 7
- Ticketmaster June 8
- Giving group June 24
- GTL July 25
- Goodwill Oct 17
- Goodwill sent 4 volunteers every week for the entire season—80+ volunteers

Educational/Experiential:

- Stevenson High School YA Transition program - weekly throughout summer Scout groups May 6, 7, 16, Sept 18
- Homeschool group June 19
- Fremont School Jun 16, 22
- Discover Day Camp June 28
- Tour for Lake County Green Team July 24
- Illinois Soil Health Week Compost event March 7

Outreach:

- Mundelein Farmers market Sept 16th
- Seed swap event Feb 10 - distributed hundreds of seed packets from species collected onsite

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Supervisor O'Kelly reported the following:

- We had no general assistance cases this year and 14 emergency assistance cases. 1080 people were served by our food pantry. This was a 25% increase over last year. Liheap increased to 154 applications. Nicor Sharing helped 31 people.
- We helped 44 residents without computer access with Benefit Access which helps with license plate discount and free ride Metra pass and 38 people with their license plate stickers.
- Provided diapers to 196 of our seniors and children through our partnership with Keeping Families Covered.
- 140 children received school supplies and back packs.
- 143 Thanksgiving Dinners were provided.
- 175 Seniors received gift bags and gift cards in the adopt a senior program.
- 106 Holiday dinners were provided.
- 83 people received gifts through the adopt a family program.
- 115 Ship Appointments saved our residents \$70,118 in prescription drug costs. All residents turning 65 and needing help signing up for Medicare were helped.
- Completed the front entranceway and landscaping.
- Repaired the septic system.
- Crack sealed, seal coated and restriped Administration, Highway, Behm and Ivanhoe parking lots.
- Purchased a shed for recycling.
- Purchased a message board.
- Upgraded the assessor's office.
- Continued our Recycling, Shredding, DMV, Passport, AARP events, free Hearing Tests, Catholic Charity Classes, and Ship Counseling.
- Our community room continues to be used by our bridge players, scouts, homeowner associations, and local groups.

Assessor

Assessor Herchenbach reported the following:

- Our office had a very successful year defending the assessments for this first year of the quadrennial. There was a low number of appeals filed with fewer still succeeding in getting their assessment lowered at the Board of Review. This effectively puts Fremont on a good foundation for the remaining 3 years of this quadrennial.
- The sales in Fremont Township remain robust even though the number of properties changing hands has slowed slightly in recent years with no evidence value declines. This condition is common throughout Lake County and is represented by the factor (value increase) applied to the various townships with total assessed valuations increasing anywhere from 8.89% to a high of 13.75%. The county has placed Fremont's factor for this year at 11.06%.
- We came across an opportunity to pick up some workstation areas with a variety of filing cabinets & drawers from a recently closed office building in Lincolnshire. (They were free for the taking but only given a day to grab what we could.) We made the best of what we could take and were able to create a more purposeful office area for the Chief Deputy Assessor.

Highway Commissioner

Highway Commissioner Dodd reported the following:

Current Network Pavement Condition Index 71 with 5% backlog

Paving

Oak Terrace - Lake View Ave, Walnut Ave, Oak Ave, Hickory Ave, Elmwood Ave, Acorn Rd, Krueger Ct, Hoag Ct, Maple Ave, Taylor Lake Ct by Schroeder Asphalt.

West Shore Park- Block 1 and West Shore Drive done by Arrow Rd Construction

In-house work

Oak Terrace Drainage improvements on Oak, Walnut, and Kreuger. Ditch restoration on highway Acorn property, Countryside Oaks drainage at York/Middleton, shouldering, tree removals and pruning, 5 failing driveway culverts,

Contracted work

West Shore Park Drainage Improvements - Circle Dr, Oakdale Ln, and West Shore Drive(Berger Excavating)

Concrete curb on Acorn Rd (Copenhaver)

Crack sealing - Meadow Lane, Chardon Rd, Schwerman Rd, Barnswallow and Ivanhoe Ct (Pavement Solutions)

Pavement Patching - Marion Ave, Highland Dr, W Sylvan, Barnswallow Ln (Chicagoland) Road striping (Lake County DOT)

Tree removals (Arbor Care Solutions)

Grant update

\$1,342,500 FEMA grant - project to start May 2024 with V3

\$1,500,000 IL funds for Diamond Lake Paving/Improvements—projects and reimbursement complete

\$378,900 DCEO funds for Diamond Lake Paving - reimbursement and final reports complete

\$50,000 IL DCEO funds for infrastructure improvements - used for patching for West Shore Drive Storm sewer - reimbursement and final reports complete.

\$1500 Audubon grant - Acorn property restoration - MOU signed

Sylvan Lake Dam update

Contract awarded to V3 IGA with SMC executed

Agreement between SLIA and highway department - in development Project timeline is May - November 2024

Equipment

Sold:

2004 Mack CV712

2000 Ford 350

1997 International

1999 Tiger Vac (co-owned with Vernon and Ela Townships)

Purchased:

2023 F550 Utility Body

2023 Volvo VHD

2023 Kenworth T480

2023 Vermeer VX75 Vac trailer (co-owned with Ela and Wauconda Township)

Clerk

Clerk McCann reported the following:

- In 2023 we received 10 FOIA requests for a variety of documents and information. All were responded to in a timely manner. FOIA laws are changing, and we are adapting to meet those requirements.
- Both the Town and Road Levy’s have been approved by the County for the amounts requested.

- Budgets for FY 2024/2025 will be posted soon and hearings will be held prior to the May Regular Meeting at 6:15 pm and 6:30 pm.

Trustees

Trustees reported the following:

- Trustee Atleson said she is thankful for being a part of the board and community
- Trustee Shanahan said he enjoyed all of his work with the Parks Committee
- Trustee Voss said we're fortunate to have a great board at Fremont Township.
- Trustee Dollenmaier said he agreed with all comments made by the other trustees.

9. 2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – TIME AND PLACE

- Jeri Atleson moved and Sue Guarna seconded the motion to set the date and time for the 2025 Annual Town Meeting for April 8, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

All in favor, motion carried.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Dan Prezell said he is very thankful to the township and road district for the work they do in West Shore Park. The roads had previously been neglected but the road district came in turned everything around.
- Rose Marie Domeny said it's nice to see government doing what it's supposed to do, which is service the people. There's a lot of teamwork happening and she is pleased to see what the board and staff have done.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Rose Marie Domeny moved, and Judy Hammel seconded the motion to adjourn the 2024 Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted on _____ day of _____, 2025

Christina McCann, Township Clerk

Dan Prezell, Moderator