

**PLATO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Plato Town Hall, Plato Center, IL
November 28, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor McMahon called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Mike McMahon; Trustees: Joe Hulke, Jake Myers, Ron Straub, and Heather Wallace; Township Clerk Beth Gehrke; Assessor Janet Roush; and Highway Commissioner Larry Trainor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clerk Gehrke emailed the Township Officials the October 24, 2023, regular board meeting minutes prior to tonight's meeting.

Charis Atternier, the township's accountant, explained why Total Liabilities & Equity for the Town and Road are equal on the financial reports. This will corrected with the new fiscal year. All income and expenditures are correct.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2023, regular board meeting was made by Wallace, seconded by Straub. Motion carried.

KANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Deputy Krysta Kaus reported that things have been quiet in the township and answered questions.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Financial Reports, Warrants, & Affirm Bills

Supervisor McMahon emailed board members financial reports prior to tonight's meeting, he also provided the board with printed financial reports.

Oct. 25 - Nov. 28 Warrants	Plato Township Town	\$ 30,665.36
	Plato Road	19,390.68
Total Current Assets:	Plato Township Town	\$ 1,054,960.97
	Plato Road	1,912,911.94

A motion to approve the November 2023, warrants and financial reports subject to audit was made by Hulke, seconded by Myers. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, Myers - aye, Straub - aye, Wallace - aye, McMahon - aye)

IDOT

Board members were provided with a letter to IDOT from State Representatives Keicher and Ugaste, and Senators DeWitte and Syverson, regarding traffic congestion along Route 47 in Kane County. The letter requests IDOT initiate an updated planning study along the Route.

Dist 301

School District 301 has bought property at 9N636 IL Rt 47, with plans to sell the Rohrsen Rd. property. Supervisor McMahon will be meeting with Superintendent Mongan to open lines of communication between the school district and township.

TOI Annual Conference

Supervisor McMahon reported on his attendance at the TOI Annual Conference.

Grant Process Updates

McMahon will continue to look into grants for township projects.

Comcast

The Comcast bill has been reduced by eliminating television from the bundle.

Banking Interest

Township monies have been transferred into an interest bearing account. McMahon exhibited a slide showing the interest rates.

Hall Scheduling

McMahon is setting up a calendar for town hall usage. All requests to use the hall should come to Supervisor McMahon.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Trainor provided a written report which is attached.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Roush provided the board with a written report which is attached. She spoke regarding sales and development trends in the township.

CLERK'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Cleaning Services

The board discussed the scope of work and time required for cleaning services. McMahon will request information from the cleaning lady asking what tasks are performed and how much time is spent. He will request that she attend the next meeting to answer questions, or meet with him, or write up that information. McMahon needs complete information for FOIA requests. Accountant Atternier also stated she needs more information for transparency for audits. The board did not believe they had enough information to make a decision on pay at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Levy

Board members were emailed prior to the meeting and provided with printed copies of Ordinance No. 23-004 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of Plato Township, Kane County, Illinois for 2023; Ordinance No. 23-005 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of Plato Township Road District, Kane County, Illinois for 2023; and Ordinance No. 23-006 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of Plato Township Cemetery District, Kane County, Illinois for 2023. There is an increase of 4.99% this year.

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-004 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of Plato Township, Kane County, Illinois for 2023, was made by McMahon, seconded by Straub. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, Myers - aye, Straub - aye, Wallace - aye, McMahon - aye)

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-005 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of Plato Township Road District, Kane County, Illinois for 2023, was made by Straub, seconded by McMahon. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, Myers - aye, Straub - aye, Wallace - aye, McMahon - aye)

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-006 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of Plato Township Cemetery District, Kane County, Illinois for 2023, was made by McMahon, seconded by Hulke. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, Myers - aye, Straub - aye, Wallace - aye, McMahon - aye)

Plato Park

There was a consensus of the board to close down the park to vehicular traffic effective immediately and at Nov. 1 in the future.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hulke, seconded by Myers. Motion carried at 7:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Gehrke, Plato Township Clerk

Approved by:

Mike McMahon, Supervisor

Joe Hulke, Trustee

Jake Myers, Trustee

Ron Straub, Trustee

Heather Wallace, Trustee

TO: Plato Township Board
RE: Assessor Report
Date: November 28, 2023

Sept 27, 2023 - November 28, 2023

Sales processed: 60
Permits House processed: 51
Measured Homes: 39
Permits Extras processed: 186
Measured Extras: 36
Address Changes processed: 115
Divisions/Consolidations: 0
Parcel Count: 5524

We are continuing to measure, draw and value the new homes and the "extras." We are "cleaning up" (placing what information we find or need to change) the property records for 2023 and have sent corrections to the County when necessary. My cutoff date to process any more changes to the County ended November 1st. I have processed 60 corrections for the past couple of months with a total of 159 for the year.

I had one more Board of Review hearing which brings my total hearings this year to 55.

We are beginning to analyze what changes will be made for next year, and how much values will increase. Right now it looks like we have quite a few less sales for this year than in the last couple of years. In 2021 we had 654 sales, in 2022 we had 615. As of today, we have 401 sales for 2023. The prices on these new sales have not dropped though.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roush - CIAO
Plato Township Assessor

Road District Report November 2023

We have had two spreadable and one plowable events this season.

We have stockpiled in our salt shed around 550 tons of salt for this coming winter.

Cargill is our vendor for salt for the 2023-2024 winter season.

We have contracted for around 700 tons at a 80/120% option

The option allows us to purchase 560 tons minimum but gives us the option for a maximum of 840 tons if needed.

We replaced a cracked steer wheel and three wheel studs on the 1973 FWD wing truck and replaced two bearings that supported the jack screws for the wing blade. We have ordered parts to reseal one of the two hydraulic motors that has started to leak and will complete that repair when we receive the parts. The FWD wing truck is 50 years old this year and to my knowledge is the oldest Municipal Plow truck still in operation in Kane County.

All the Road District's on road equipment has been setup for winter operations.

As soon as the weather returns to seasonal temps and moves away from any form of precipitation we will continue patching and shouldering roads as needed.

Muirhead Bridge is still on schedule for a spring bid letting for construction in the summer of 2024 we are in talks with the railroad right now for easement considerations for the bridge.

Engineering is already working on the rehabilitation and resurfacing of Bahr Road for next summer.

The rehabilitation and resurfacing contract with Peter Baker was completed for 2023 approximately \$54,000.00 under their bid.

If you witness fly dumping anywhere in town please report it to the sheriff's department at 1-630-232-8400