

PLATO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Plato Town Hall, Plato Center, IL
April 25, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Maroder called the meeting to order at 6:08pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Tim Maroder; Trustees: Joe Hulke, Mike McMahon, Ron Straub, and Heather Wallace; Township Clerk Beth Gehrke; and Highway Commissioner Larry Trainor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Straub led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Andrew Young from High Haven spoke to the Township Board regarding the Board's opposition to High Haven's variance request to Kane County regarding the siting of a cannabis infusion factory within the township. He thanked the Board for hearing them and requested the Board rescind the opposition.

Citizens Cathy and Jim Cartee provided pictures and expressed their frustration with water drainage problems in the McDonald Road road ditch on their property. Among other things, Commissioner Trainor explained Plato Township has no jurisdiction over the outflow of the water which slows the drainage, that is within the in the Campton Hills jurisdiction. The Plato Township Board has no jurisdiction with this issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clerk Gehrke emailed the Township Officials the March 28, 2023, regular board meeting minutes prior to tonight's meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2023, regular board meeting was made by McMahon, seconded by Straub. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Maroder emailed the financials to the Township's Officials prior to the meeting.

Financial Reports, Warrants, & Affirm Bills

Total Current Assets:	Plato Township Town	\$ 827,133.74
	Plato Road	1,151,723.81

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

Board members were provided with copies of Plato Township Fiscal Policies. He asked board members to review the policy and recommend any changes for updating.

Maroder explained the funds held in the capital fund, which are encumbered funds earmarked for future projects, are not classified as carry over funds and are not available for operating expenses.

Tuesday, June 27th will be the LRS curbside pickup date for electronic waste. LRS will send out postcards to the residents regarding this service. Tires are now the only items which are not serviced by LRS sometime during the year. The township will not hold a recycle event this year.

Park Report

The park is open and baseball has begun. The new ball field is going in.

Town Hall

Nothing to report.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Trainor reported 2 trucks are still dressed for snow removal. Tires were taken to Kane County's recycle drive. If anyone witnesses fly dumping they should contact the Sherriff. Trainor has spoken to the Sherriff regarding speeding on township roads. There are beaver dam problems in a drainage ditch by Bahr Road, if not removed backed up water may cause problems with the township roadway.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Roush provided the board with a written report was reviewed and is attached.

CLERK'S REPORT

Economic Interest Statements must be filed with the county and Clerk Gehrke by May 1.

OLD BUSINESS

Appointment of new Cemetery Board member

Martin Rylko was introduced as a potential cemetery board member.

A motion to appoint Martin Rylko to the Plato Township Cemetery Board was made by Hulke, seconded by McMahan. Motion Carried.

Betty Rylko, Cemetery Board Member, reported the earth pile at Plato Cemetery will be attended to. The board is awaiting bids for asphaltting the cemetery drives. Maroder will work on providing Rylko with a cemetery or township email address.

Drainage Study

Board members were provided with copies of an Existing Agricultural Drain Tile Investigation Plan for land around the town hall. They also viewed GIS maps on the large screen looking at flood plains and topography. Huddelston McBride is intending to do the study soon.

Zoning Applications

McMahan reported on the zoning hearing he attended at Kane County. He explained the current county code and the variance request made by High Haven. He plans to attend the next zoning board meeting on May 9th.

Decennial Committee on Efficiency

Board members were provided with copies of a Sample Township Report for Compliance with Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act. The report is due to be submitted to the Kane County Board by December 2024. The Township's and the Road District's report can be combined. The Committee is made up of the Township board members and 3 other residents. The board was asked to review the sample report in preparation of the first meeting.

It was agreed the first meeting will be held on May 23rd, at 5:00PM

NEW BUSINESS

Budget & Appropriations Hearing

It was agreed to set the Budget and Appropriations hearing Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 6:15PM, at the Plato Town Hall.

Wallace reported the CDBL's Facebook page refers to the Plato Township Park as "Stonecrest Fields." Maroder will talk to them about changing the wording.

There was discussion regarding having a time limit for public comments during the Citizens to be Heard part of the Board Meeting Agenda. Anyone can request being put on the agenda.

A motion to set a time limit of 5 minutes per public comment during Township Board Meetings was made by Wallace, seconded by Hulke. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:07PM by Wallace, seconded by Straub. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Gehrke, Plato Township Clerk

Approved by:

Tim Maroder, Supervisor

Joe Hulke, Trustee

Mike McMahon, Trustee

Ron Straub, Trustee

Heather Wallace, Trustee

TO: Plato Township Board
RE: Assessor Report
Date: April 25, 2023

March 29, 2023 - April 25, 2023

Sales processed: 41
Permits House processed: 0
Measured Homes: 0
Permits Extras processed: 26
Measured Extras: 0
Address Changes processed: 61
Divisions/Consolidations: 0
Parcel Count: 5528

We are finishing up the changes we are making to properties for the quadrennial. My intent is to change every property in some way using sales to evaluate each assessment. The only properties that do not use sales are farmland. The state uses the price of corn for all farmland in determining each soil type's value.

Plato's multiplier for 2023 is 9.42%. This means that I need to raise about \$40 Million in assessed value this year. This does not mean that every one will have the same percentage of changes made. We are looking at each area separately.

The new tax rates and tax bills are available online.

I will be out of the office for the next two weeks.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roush - CIAO
Plato Township Assessor