

**PLATO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Plato Town Hall, Plato Center, IL
January 24, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Maroder called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Tim Maroder; Trustees: Joe Hulke, Mike McMahon, and Heather Wallace; Township Clerk Beth Gehrke; and Assessor Janet Roush.

Absent: Trustee Ron Straub

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assessor Roush led the Board in 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 December 20, 2022, regular board meeting minutes prior to tonight's meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022, regular board meeting was made by Wallace, seconded by McMahon. 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	\$ 951,322.52
	Plato Road	1,269,588.28

The natural gas bill is presently split 80% Road District, 20% Town. There was some discussion of changing this to a 50%/50% split. This will be discussed next month when considering the interim budget.

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

Park Report

The park is closed.

Town Hall

The heat went out last week, the thermostat or valve is not working. Necessary repairs will be made.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Trainor provided the board with a written report which was reviewed and is attached.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Roush provided the board with a written report which she reviewed and is attached. The Board was provided with the Assessor's Budget Request for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2024. Funds are being requested for another license for a computer program and also for a full time employee.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Gehrke reported levies were filed with Kane County on Dec. 22. Board meeting dates for 2023 were emailed to the Daily Herald on Jan. 12. She will be filing contact information for Township officials to the County in preparation for the Economic Interest Statement request. The Annual Town Meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 7:00pm at the Town Hall. March 1st is the last day for any 15 or more registered voters in the township to request an agenda item for consideration by the electors at the annual meeting by giving written notice of a specific request to the township clerk.

OLD BUSINESS

Drainage Study

Board members were provided with a land drainage investigation services proposal from Huddleston McBride. Maroder explained what the study entails and why it is needed. The land owners have given permission to do the study on their property.

A motion to approve the land drainage investigation services proposal from Huddleston McBride was made by McMahan, seconded by Wallace. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, McMahan - aye, Straub - absent, Wallace - aye, Maroder - aye)

2023-24 Interim Budget

Next month Maroder will provide the board with a proposed interim budget based on the expected revenue. The budget will be reviewed at the meeting. The interim budget is to be approved at the March meeting with the B&A hearing held in June.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:58PM by Wallace, seconded by Hulke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Gehrke, Plato Township Clerk

Approved by:

Tim Maroder, Supervisor

Joe Hulke, Trustee

Mike McMahan, Trustee

Ron Straub, Trustee

Heather Wallace, Trustee

TO: Plato Township Board
RE: Assessor Report
Date: January 24, 2023

December 21, 2022 - January 24, 2023

Sales processed: 56
Permits House processed: 8
Measured Homes: 22
Permits Extras processed: 25
Measured Extras: 0
Address Changes processed: 91
Divisions/Consolidations: 0
Parcel Count: 5512

We are continuing to look at all the properties in the township for the quadrennial.

We have also begun making changes to the 2023 assessments by adding any "extras" to the 2023 assessments. So far that includes 30 properties we will be applying for a Home Improvement Exemption.

I have been receiving the final decisions from the County on any changes that the Board of Review has made from the hearings that were held last August. Also I have been verifying the changes I requested on the new homes we added during the fall last year. In all I processed 194 corrections from June to October with most being prorated new homes.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roush - CIAO
Plato Township Assessor

Plato Road January 2023 Report

We have had six events so far that we have either plowed or salted the roadways.

All snow removal equipment is in working order.

We still have a good supply of salt in the shed and pre-wet chemical in the tanks.

We are dealing with multiple beaver dams in Plato Township that are either affecting private property or a roadway in some fashion.

We are working with the City of Elgin and the Plato-Rutland Drainage District to find a solution to remove the beavers and the dams.

We are starting to service all the summer equipment and create a maintenance list for that equipment.

We continue to patch potholes as needed.

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