

Plato Township- Board of Trustees Meeting— June 24, 2025

Meeting called to order by Supervisor McMahon @ 6:01 PM

ROLL CALL— Supervisor McMahon, Trustee Myers, Trustee Hulke, Trustee Wallace, Trustee Wessel, Road Commissioner Trainor, & Clerk Straub- All present.

Assessor Roush- Not present

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance

A citizen to be heard voiced concern to the increasing rate of garbage pickup.

Trustee Hulke made a motion to approve the May Board Meeting minutes, second Trustee Myers and the motion carried.

No Kane County Sheriff Report

Supervisors Report

- A. IPW, proposal for grant was outlined. Seems to be something we would not actively pursue at this point , for our area.
- B. Cemetery -Supervisor Mike McMahon indicated he had been getting some complaints from the auditor and others that had questions put to the cemetery board. Also, making the need to search for a third member on the cemetery board all the more important.
- C. Riverboat grant money was discussed. The consensus was that the money would more than likely be used on county and city projects. Larry mentioned that Riverboat money does benefit the Road District in a positive manner ,indirectly.
- D. Jack Cook Park, -The park staff(Jen) indicated that the playground and paths are to open next week and are complete and inspected...They also mentioned that the dog park will be closed until late fall to let the turf establish itself. Supervisor Mike McMahon noted there were folks in cars during a site visit- possibly living in the cars. He was going to contact the Elgin Police to check into this.
- E. Supervisor Mike McMahon has been active in TOI training . He is going to be attending a second training educational workshop this Friday in Rockford. He is working on OMA and FOIA certifications. Mike will look into any requirements for all the board members.
- F. Clark Environmental- Sprayed for mosquitos 6/ 23/2025. No West Nile has been found to this point in Kane County , but the surrounding counties have elevated counts, as mentioned.
- G. Financial reports, warrants and affirm bills- Board members were emailed the financials prior to the meeting to review hard copies provided at the meeting tonight. Supervisor went over financials and answered questions. -Total Assets: Township \$1,310,403.65 Total Assets: Road Fund \$1,476,376.72 A motion to approve the warrants and financial reports subject to audit was made by Trustee Hulke and second by Trustee Myers. Roll call vote-(5 yes- 0 no) motion carried.

Highway Commissioners Report-Road Commissioner Trainor reviewed items pertaining to the bridge schedule - 130 working days allotted ,tree removal restriction, ect. He also went over the culvert replacement facts and that Plato Township has been using reclaimed material from Welch Bros rather than limestone . Larry indicated they were using double wall plastic culverts for many reasons, in lieu of corrugated metal pipe. He also indicated that they were also actively mowing ditches and doing shoulders as needed.

No Assessors Report given

No additional Clerk's news to report

Solar farms and (smaller +/- 5 acre)farm properties in general were discussed as a usage/zoning /taxing concern, as it stands now.

Old Business

Trustees briefly re-discussed the B&A proposals before approval.

Ordinance 2025-003 Trustee Wallace made motion to pass B&A -Ordinance 2025-003 document, seconded Supervisor McMahon. (Roll call vote 5-0) Motion carried

Ordinance 2025-004 ,Supervisor McMahon made motion to pass B&A Ordinance 2025-004, seconded by Trustee Myers. (Roll call vote 5-0) motion carried

Assessor Interviews

2 Candidates have shown interest in filling the Assessors position for Plato Township that opens up in January, they were both at tonight's meeting to interview for the position .

Candidates Deidre Wassilak and Dave Binz answered the Board's questions.

The Board was provided with some potential questions for the interview process by the Supervisor. The Board was also supplied with resume info on each candidate.

The candidates were interviewed individually, without the other candidate present.

The Board members interviewed and heard answers to their questions from both candidates for 20- 25 minutes each .

After the interviews , Trustee Wallace made a motion to go to closed session, seconded by Trustee Myers. Motion carried.

The goal of the closed session being to choose an Assessor from the 2 candidates/ and to determine the hiring method(contract or appointment)

The Board came back to the regular meeting from closed session @ 7:53 PM . Supervisor McMahon said he would contact the candidates and inform them of the Board's Decision.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Wessel.

Motion carried-meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Straub

