

**PLATO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Plato Town Hall, Plato Center, IL
March 25, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

A citizen stated his frustration with the continual referendums by various entities for tax increases.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clerk Gehrke emailed the Township Officials the February 25, 2025, regular board meeting minutes prior to tonight's meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2025, regular board meeting was made by Hulke, seconded by Straub. Motion carried.

KANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The representative was unable to attend, but available by telephone for questions. There were no questions.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Plato Park

Supervisor McMahon has communicated with CDBL and the County regarding required health department permits. Certificate of insurance has been received. CDBL Concession Chair, Chris Manczko, provided McMahon a check for the rental, and a receipt of the health department permit. Managers and workers have taken food safety courses. The hot food served has all been precooked.

Negotiations

McMahon has been in contact with Diedre, a potential assessor, discussing salary. He would like the board to meet and interview all potential candidates. Assessor Roush spoke regarding the people who have spoken to her about the position.

Financial Reports, Warrants & Affirm Bills

Board members were emailed financials prior to tonight's meeting and were provided with hard copy for the meeting. Supervisor McMahon reviewed the financials and answered questions.

Total Assets:	Township	\$1,145,364.29
	Road	934,934.08
Warrants:	Township	21,369.88
		226,414.82

McMahon showed the board how all receipts can be pulled up on the computer for viewing.

A motion to approve the March 2025, warrants and financial reports subject to audit was made by Myers, seconded by Hulke. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, Myers - aye, Straub - aye, Wallace - aye, McMahon - aye)

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Trainor updated the board on the Muirhead bridge and Road process. ComEd will be laying some lines through subdivision roads, so he will wait to repave those roads until that is completed. He explained work being done at the park, which should be set to be opened on April 1.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Roush provided the board with a written report, which is attached. She is looking at the aerial view on properties which are farmed. New homes are slowing down. The multiplier this year will be approx.. 7.8%.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Gehrke reminded the board of the April 8th Annual Town Meeting held at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. Emails should have been received by officials to fill out their Economic Interest Statements. She asked if anyone knew of judges who might be willing to swear in the officials at the May meeting. Hulke will try to contact Judge Sheldon.

OLD BUSINESS

GWA

The contract with GWA has been signed.

Assessor's request

The assessor's budget request was viewed and discussed. Discussion items included hours and employees needed to run the office. Budget request included funds for a potential assessor trainee.

McMahon and the accountant explained the proposed town budget and changes from previous budgets. The proposed budget has been tightened up to bring the budget back to a natural balance and to stick to a zero net income. The proposed budget did not include funds for an additional employee in the assessor's office. If needed, an amended appropriation is possible.

A motion to approve presenting the proposed budget was made by Straub, seconded by Wallace. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, Myers - aye, Straub - aye, Wallace - aye, McMahon - aye)

NEW BUSINESS

Building Fund

A motion to move \$80,000 from the General Fund to the Building Fund was made by McMahon, seconded by Myers. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, Myers - aye, Straub - aye, Wallace - aye, McMahon - aye)

Resolution 2025-001

Board members were provided with copies of Resolution No. 2025-001 Oppose Township Consolidation into County Government.

A motion to pass Resolution No. 2025-001 Oppose Township Consolidation into County Government was made by Wallace, seconded by Straub. Motion carried.

Annual Town Meeting Agenda

Board members were provided with copies of the Annual Town Meeting Agenda.

A motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda was made by Hulke, seconded by Myers. Motion carried.

CDBL will not be putting up signs at the park this year.

There is a manhole at the park which needs to be fixed now. Straub will call Stark and Son for repair.

Beavers remain a problem at the park blocking the flare. They need to be controlled or the blockage will continue. McMahon will contact the trapper.

Straub raised the question of hiring an architect to assess the repair needs of the Town Hall. A 5–10 year plan for the building is recommended. Straub recommended a list of the known problems and needs of the building. McMahon said there are funds in the proposed budget for building maintenance. More information is needed to either repair and keep the building, or to pursue a new building.

Matt Clark, Secretary of PGFPD, reported they are still waiting for the mapping for tornado sirens.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:32 PM by Wallace, seconded by Myers. Motion carried.

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: March 24, 2025

February 25, 2025 – March 24, 2025

Sales processed: 19
Permits House processed: 0
Measured Homes: 15
Permits Extras processed: 6
Measured Extras: 1
Address Changes processed: 58
Corrections: 0
Divisions/Consolidations: 0
Parcel Count: 5544

We are still measuring new improvements when the weather permits.

We continue to update properties as we find new information. We are getting responses back from letters we have sent to farmers on what their farmland is. If we do not hear from a landowner by March 31 those will be removed from farming.

We are looking at different areas in the township to determine if they should be getting in increase or decrease in their assessments.

We have received the new farmland assessments from the County and are making those changes,

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roush – CIAO
Plato Township Assessor+