

**PLATO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Plato Town Hall, Plato Center, IL
October 22, 2024**

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 via remote attendance Heather Wallace; Highway Commissioner Larry Trainor; and Township Clerk Beth Gehrke

RESOLUTION 2024-003

A motion to adopt Resolution 2024-003 A Resolution Adopting Procedures for Remote Participation, was made by Straub, seconded by Myers. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke – aye, Myers – aye, Straub – aye, McMahon – aye, Wallace – absent)

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 September 24, 2024, regular board meeting minutes prior to tonight's meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2024, regular board meeting was made by Hulke, seconded by McMahon. Motion carried.

KANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

A representative from the Sherriff's department reported on traffic issues in the township. He also reported on the department's investigation of the complaints received on the Corron Road rooster issue. The property complies to code, there was no indication of cock fighting, animal abuse, or criminal activity.

Heather Wallace entered the meeting remotely at 6:13pm.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Central School Dist. 301

McMahon reported on the Design Drive for 301 Conference.

Tri Town and Village Alliance

McMahon reported on this newly formed group. The vision statement of this group is, "To preserve and protect the semi-rural character of the Tri-Town & Village area."

IRS & Bookkeeping Procedures

McMahon needs to appear for a review regarding an improper filing. He is working with the accountant regarding this issue.

9N075 Corron Rd

This issue was reported on by the Sherriff's representative.

CDBL

McMahon is communicating with CDBL regarding use and care of the restrooms at the park.

Cemetery Board

There is an unpaid property tax bill for some property on the sides of the Baker Cemetery. Cemetery President Rylko has been contacted regarding this issue.

Financial Reports, Warrants & Affirm Bills – Sept. 16th/October 15th, 2024

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 Current Assets:	Plato Township	\$ 1,253,008.32
	Plato Road	2,007,242.87

A motion to approve the October 2024, warrants and financial reports subject to audit was made by Hulke, seconded by Wallace. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, Myers - aye, Straub - aye, Wallace - aye, McMahon - aye)

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Trainor provided the board with a written report which is attached, and gave updates on the Road District's work.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Roush provided the board with a written report which is attached. The Board reviewed the report.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Gehrke reviewed petition filing for township positions for the April 1, 2025, consolidated election.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Levy 25/26

McMahon explained the tax levies. No hearings are required this year since the rates are less than 105% of the taxes extended in the prior year.

Board members were provided with hard copies of Ordinance 24-005 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes for Plato Township Kane County, Illinois for 2024.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 24-005 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes for Plato Township Kane County, Illinois for 2024, was made by Straub, seconded by Hulke. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, Myers - aye, Straub - aye, Wallace - aye, McMahon - aye)

Board members were provided with hard copies of Ordinance 24-006 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes for Plato Township Cemetery District Kane County, Illinois for 2024.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 24-006 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes for Plato Township Cemetery District Kane County, Illinois for 2024, was made by Straub, seconded by Myers. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, Myers - aye, Straub - aye, Wallace - aye, McMahon - aye)

Board members were provided with hard copies of Ordinance 24-007 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes for Plato Township Road District Kane County, Illinois for 2024.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 24-007 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes for Plato Township Road District, Kane County, Illinois for 2024, was made by Straub, seconded by McMahon. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, Myers - aye, Straub - aye, Wallace - aye, McMahon - aye)

Compensation Packages

Board members were provided with worksheets with possible salaries and increase rates for elected officials. McMahon also projected the worksheet to the screen which had the ability to change rates for all to see. After discussion, the following salaries were recommended and included in Resolution 2024 – 004 Setting Compensation of Township Officials for the Four Year Term Beginning May 19, 2025. Plato Township Kane County, Illinois:

Township Supervisor's Salary: Effective for each of the following years:

May 19, 2025 – May 17, 2026	\$43,680.00	May 18, 2026 – May 16, 2027	\$44,460.00
May 17, 2027 – May 14, 2028	\$45,240.00	May 15, 2028 – May 18, 2029	\$46,020.00

Road District Treasurer: \$1,000.00 ANNUALLY

Township Clerk's Salary: Effective for each of the following years:

May 19, 2025 – May 17, 2026	\$12,480.00	May 18, 2026 – May 16, 2027	\$12,636.00
May 17, 2027 – May 14, 2028	\$12,792.00	May 15, 2028 – May 18, 2029	\$12,948.00

Township Assessor's Salary: Effective for each of the following years:

January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026	\$64,740.00
January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027	\$65,130.00
January 1, 2028 – December 31, 2028	\$65,520.00
January 1, 2029 - December 31, 2029	\$65,910.00

Township Road Commissioner's Salary: Effective for each of the following years:

May 19, 2025 – May 17, 2026	\$87,360.00	May 18, 2026 – May 16, 2027	\$88,400.00
May 17, 2027 – May 14, 2028	\$89,440.00	May 15, 2028 – May 18, 2029	\$90,480.00

Township Trustee's Salary: Effective for each of the following years:

May 19, 2025 – May 17, 2026	\$2,340.00	May 18, 2026 – May 16, 2027	\$2,340.00
May 17, 2027 – May 14, 2028	\$2,340.00	May 15, 2028 – May 18, 2029	\$2,340.00

The following township offices in addition to the compensation outlined in Section 1, will receive the following benefits:

Highway Commissioner: \$1,000.00 monthly health insurance stipend
 Township Assessor: \$800.00 monthly health insurance stipend

A motion to approve Resolution no. 2024-004 Setting Compensation of Township Officials for the Four Year Term Beginning May 19, 2025, Plato Township, Kane County, Illinois, was made by Hulke, seconded by Wallace. Motion carried. (Roll call: Hulke - aye, Myers - aye, Straub - aye, Wallace - aye, McMahon - aye)
Web Page Update McMahon continues to work on the new website.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:46 PM by Straub, seconded by McMahon. 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

Road District Report October 2024

Muirhead Bridge: We finally have a signed agreement with Canadian National Railway for the Muirhead bridge project. We are still working on finalizing the easement process as an old easement was found, we just need to modify it to the current easement needs. The bridge is scheduled to go out to bid for construction January 2025.

Repaving: The Road District has removed and regraded the required 350 plus cubic yard area required to create the compensatory storage on the Forest Preserve property just south of Bahr Rd. This will allow for the pulverization and repaving of Bahr Rd. through the flood plain in that area. Kane County Water resources has approved the storm water permit for the project. We will remove the silt fence and the access to Bahr Rd. after completion of the seeding. Peter Baker was the low bid on the project and the pulverization will take place in early October followed by the repaving of Bahr Rd from Plank Road to the Burlington Township line. The pulverization and repaving of Bahr Rd will be paid for using Hard Road Tax funding.

The final lift of binder will be placed on Bahr Rd tomorrow and the surface will follow sometime this week. We have 250 yds of recycled cement /ca6 staged in the yard so we can restore the shoulders to the road once the paving is complete.

Road Salt for 24/25 winter: The salt bid came in at \$76.00 per ton for dry white road salt, that is about ten dollars per ton cheaper than last year. Our bid is through the county this year. The new vendor is Skyline Salt Co. and our account and delivery information has been set up. We are ready to receive salt.

Our chemical treatment price came in at \$1.14 per gallon, it stayed within 5 cents of last year's prices.

Mowing: We are mowing fenced lines as the fields are being harvested.

Mosquito Abatement: We have applied the last larvicide treatment to the roadsides and park the end of September. We applied larvicide seven times this year.

If you witness fly dumping anywhere in the township, please report it to the Sheriff's department.

1-630-232-8400

TO: Plato Township Board
RE: Assessor Report
Date: October 22, 2024

September 24, 2024 – October 22, 2024

Sales processed: 33
Permits House processed: 11
Measured Homes: 0
Permits Extras processed: 17
Measured Extras: 0
Address Changes processed: 35
Corrections: 50
Divisions/Consolidations: 17
Parcel Count : 5544

We are still measuring new improvements when the weather permits.
We continue to update properties as we find new information.

We have been drawing all of the “extra improvements,” decks, patios, sheds, etc. so they will be ready to value for the 2025 assessments.

I have processed 141 corrections so far this year. I have been waiting for the Building Dept in Elgin to send me the occupancies they have received in September so we can add them. The County will not accept any further corrections after November 1st.

I received one person interested in the Assessor’s position this month. They were from McHenry County. I do not know if they will pursue any further.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roush – CIAO
Plato Township Assessor