

**PLATO TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Plato Town Hall, Plato Center, IL  
September 24, 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 Heather Wallace; Assessor Janet Roush; and Township Clerk Beth Gehrke

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

A citizen from Catatoga 3 shared her concerns regarding the road conditions in her area. McMahon will give her contact information to Commissioner Trainor.

A citizen said LRS was still billing him an additional \$9.95 which should not be for township residents. McMahon will speak with LRS again.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Clerk Gehrke emailed the Township Officials the August 27, 2024, regular board meeting minutes prior to tonight's meeting.

**A motion to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2024, regular board meeting was made by Meyers, seconded by Straub. Motion carried.**

**KANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

There was no report.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

*Central School Dist. 301*

McMahon reported on the Design Drive for 301 Conference.

*Job Descriptions*

McMahon created and provided board members with draft *Job Description: Township Supervisor Plato Township*, and *Duties of the Road Commissioner*. These should help when considering setting salaries for the next terms.

*Financial Reports, Warrants, & Affirm Bills-September2024*

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.

Warrants	Plato Township	\$	26,802.79
	Plato Road		17,983.64
Total Current Assets:	Plato Township	\$	1,079,323.56
	Plato Road		1,335,423.08

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

*TOKC Annual Dinner*

The Township Officials of Kane County 2024 Annual Dinner Meeting will be held October 23, 2024, at Lincoln Inn in Batavia. Any officials interested in attending should let McMahon know before October 11.

## HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

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

## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Roush has sent out welcome letters to 210 people who have moved into or changed addresses in the township. She is fielding calls regarding what future tax implications might be and also continues with Board of Review hearings.

## CLERK'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

## OLD BUSINESS

Board members were provided with copies of a letter from Mark VanKerkhoff, AIA, Director, Development & Community Services Department, regarding Kane County Property Code Enforcement in Plato Township. This letter is in response to McMahon's communication about concerns raised by citizens regarding properties on Corron Road.

## NEW BUSINESS

### *Cemetery*

Betty Rylko was nominated to be president of the Cemetery Board by Wallace, seconded by Hulke. There were no other nominations. **Betty Rylko was appointed as president of the Cemetery Board.**

The Cemetery Board continues to look for another member. A couple of people have been interviewed.

### *Branding & New Web Page*

McMahon presented to the board two potential Plato Township logos. He is working on a website through GoDaddy which he believes will be easier to use.

### *Compensation Packages*

Board members were provided with a spreadsheet containing historical and comparative compensation information. Board members reviewed and discussed. Township salaries for 2025-2029 must be set before November 18, 2024. The salaries may be set at the October meeting, otherwise a special meeting or a change of date of the November meeting will be necessary.

Electronic participation in meetings was discussed. There are specific rules regarding electronic participation. A township must adopt an ordinance or rule allowing for remote participation before such participation may take place.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:34 PM by Wallace, seconded by Hulke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Beth Gehrke, Plato Township Clerk

Approved by:

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Mike McMahon, Supervisor

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Joe Hulke, Trustee

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Jake Myers, Trustee

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Ron Straub, Trustee

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Heather Wallace, Trustee

### **Road District Report September 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 tot the current easement needs. The bridge is scheduled to go out to bid for construction January 2025.

**Resurfacing:** Chippewa Pass and Lori Lane have been milled and resurfaced. The project was funded by Rebuild America Funds and matching MFT funds.

**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.

**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.

We are storing about 185 tons of salt for Campton Road District as they did not have room to take their full salt order without incurring storage fees. We will have a 185 tons off our contract delivered to Campton this winter.

**Mowing:** We are completing our third round of mowing.  
We are no longer mowing any roadways for the Village of Campton Hills.

**Mosquito Abatement:** We have applied larvicide to the roadsides and park six times this year.

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