

**PLATO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
PLATO TOWN HALL
FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

Board Members Present:

Trustees: Jack Jablonski, Leroy Nelson, Philip Nomellini, Heather Wallace

Supervisor: Kathleen Swanson

Highway Commissioner: Joe Hulke

Assessor: Janet Roush

Reported by: Rich Parsons

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to order		Supervisor Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Pledge of Allegiance		Pledge of Allegiance was said.
January 19, 2009 meeting minutes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 19, 2009 meeting minutes were read and motioned to approve with one correction. 	Trustee Jablonski motioned to approve the minutes with a second by Trustee Nomellini. Minutes approved – 5 ayes 0 nays
Supervisors Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor Swanson updated the Board regarding the April 7, 2009 election for precinct 2 to be held at Cornerstone Church. A notification will be posted on the township door. • Supervisor Swanson discussed the TOI Meeting she attended and encouraged others to attend. The meeting locations change and there is a list of names available of attendees. • DNR – Police (Sheriff’s office) do monitor the off-road vehicle traffic. • Gardener’s Club – They will draw up some plans and present to the Board for suggestions. They will maintain the area(s) in the plan. • Newsletter – Gail Jardine passed on – Scott Wheeler will edit and review this next newsletter. 	
Treasurer’s Report	<p>Supervisor Swanson read the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Township - \$114,471.99 • Road & Bridge – \$83,190.39 • Park - \$54,853.25 	Trustee Nelson motioned to approve with a second by Trustee Wallace. Approved – 5 ayes 0 nays

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Highway Commissioner's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Hulke reported that the township has saved \$527.82 due to late delivery. • Money has been saved with fuel and labor. • The FWD vehicle had a shaft break and Botts was able to repair the 36 y/o part. • Trustee Jablonski and Trustee Nomellini brought forward several questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mowing of the Plato Township property, how we split the costs for seal coating the drive? • Should this be addressed at the next meeting? • General maintenance of Township property to R & B? • Who owns building? Should R & B pay rent to township? 	
Assessor's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returning Veterans Homestead Exemption = \$5k. • Disabled Persons Homestead Exemption = \$2k. • Disabled Veterans Standard Homestead Exemption = \$ variable. • Trustee Jablonski: Does township have "authority" to grant monies to vets? No. • Trustee Jablonski: Can Assessor decrease taxes for vets? No. • Senior Exemption = \$3k. As of 2009, no longer have to apply annually. • Senior Freeze – Apply annually. • Trustee Jablonski stated that the home values nationwide have declined by 12%. • Website needs updating. Ideas for changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting dates for Cemetery, Board, and Solid Waste Disposal. • Minutes (after approval). • Agenda – notation to contact Supervisor Swanson. • Everyone's facsimile number. • Permit requests. • Information on board members. • Plato Park – hours, contact information, rental information, rules, activities and contacts, museum hours and contacts, Town Hall history, rent, and contacts, calendar update (town meeting and other dates), Board Member contact information, etc. 	

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Information Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park contracts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered with a due date of 3/1/09. • \$550/field & \$6/child • CDBL numbers down • Gas to be filled when less than 25% • Blood Drive – Heartland – no response • No date for grant monies. • Newsletter data can be given to Supervisor Swanson anytime. 	
<p>Action Item</p> <p>Tribute 2009 Meeting Dates</p> <p>TOI</p> <p>Citizen Comments</p> <p>Approve payment of Township Bills.</p> <p>Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Tribute – table until next meeting. • 2009 Meeting Dates reviewed. • TOI Day in Springfield – proposal for the township to pay for a member to attend. • When is the newsletter mailed? Concern that incumbent has opportunity to use this as a self promotion prior to election. The newsletter is not to be used for political agenda. • Bill payment approval. 	<p>Trustee Wallace motioned to approve with a second by Trustee Nomellini. Approved – 5 ayes 0 nays</p> <p>Trustee Nomellini motioned to approve with a second by Trustee Jablonski. Approved – 5 ayes 0 nays</p> <p>Trustee Wallace motioned to approve payment of bills with a second by Trustee Nomellini. Approved – 5 ayes 0 nays</p> <p>Trustee Nelson motioned to adjourn with a second by Trustee Jablonski. Approved – 5 ayes 0 nays</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.</p>
Approval	Supervisor:	Kathleen Swanson
	Member of Board:	Jack Jablonski
	Member of Board:	Leroy Nelson
	Member of Board:	Phil Nomellini

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	Member of Board:	Heather Wallace
	Clerk:	Rich Parsons