

**PLATO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
PLATO TOWN HALL
JANUARY 19, 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.
December 15, 2008 meeting minutes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 15, 2008 meeting minutes were read and motioned to approve with one correction. • Trustee questioned why the minutes and agenda were not received prior to the meeting. The minutes were late due to the Clerk and the agendas were sent via mail and not received. Supervisor Swanson sent the minutes via e-mail last Thursday. 	Trustee Nelson motioned to approve the minutes with a second by Trustee Wallace. Minutes approved – 5 ayes 0 nays
Supervisors Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor Swanson updated the Board regarding progress on the grant procedure. Representative Tim Schmitz sent a letter of recommendation to the State in support of our Land Grant that has been filed. • Supervisor Swanson discussed the “Perspective” magazine article re; seven \$2,000.00 scholarships available through TOI. An essay requirement regarding “How your township works” for the high school seniors must be written. This information will be distributed and the students may interview township officials. 	
Treasurer’s Report	Supervisor Swanson read the report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Township - \$131,078.91 • Road & Bridge – \$114,204.64 • Park - \$55,699.15 	Trustee Jablonski motioned to approve with a second by Trustee Nomellini. 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 received 700 tons of its' contracted 1,000 tons. Two orders are in and he hopes to receive some this week. The City of Elgin owes Plato Township approximately 44 tons (two truckloads) for caring for McDonald Road. Commissioner Hulke spoke to Lemont and they are out. He spoke to another resource of where the township can purchase salt for about \$145/ton (about three times are current cost). Our current supply is about two hundred tons. Trustee Jablonski noted a resident commented regarding some intersections not salted. Trustee Wallace noted a resident commented positively regarding our coverage of McDonald Road. Trustee Jablonski queried Commissioner Hulke on the process for damaged mailboxes. Commissioner Hulke provided the practice of a temporary fix and long-term replacement if needed. 	
Assessor's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessor Roush stated she is mostly complete with the hearings. She has been working on about thirty divisions in the Crown development in Highland Woods. Assessor Roush informed the Board about the "Kane County Guide for Property Taxes that is available and sent to new home buyers in Plato Township. 	
Information Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervisor Swanson reported on the "Tax Deferral Program" from Kane County for property taxes. It is "like a loan." The Gardeners Club met at the Encounter Café and discussed a number of potential projects for Plato Township. Supervisor Swanson discussed the possibilities of having a Flu Shot Clinic or blood drive in Plato Township. Discussion surrounded the possibility of having a blood drive in conjunction with "Opening Day" of the park in the Spring. Clerk Parsons followed up on the request to have a photographer take a picture of the Board. Precise Look Photography would be willing to do this at no cost to the township. Possible dates would be one of the next two meetings. Members will be notified. 	<p>After considerable discussion, the Board recommended the club bring a plan/proposal including addressing the ongoing maintenance to the Township Board for review.</p> <p>Supervisor Swanson will seek out information on these items.</p>

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<p>Action Item</p> <p>Tribute Request</p> <p>“No ATV” signage for park</p> <p>Approve payment of Township Bills.</p> <p>Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribute request for Park Engineer Bob Shulick for his many hours of volunteering in the park development. • “No ATV” signage for park was discussed. Trustee Wallace indicated that she would not be in favor of posting a sign based on the issue it was stolen previously. She also indicated the police do not enforce this issue. Trustee Jablonski queried Supervisor Swanson on what, if anything the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) can do. Trustee Nomellini requested it be communicated through the newsletter. • Bill payment approval. 	<p>Discussion ensued with a recommendation for tabling until the next meeting.</p> <p>Supervisor Swanson will seek more information from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding guidelines and enforcement issues. Supervisor Swanson indicated she would add this again to the newsletter.</p> <p>Trustee Wallace motioned to approve payment of bills with a second by Trustee Nelson. Approved – 5 ayes 0 nays</p> <p>Trustee Jablonski motioned to adjourn with a second by Trustee Nomellini. Approved – 5 ayes 0 nays</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.</p>
Approval	Supervisor:	Kathleen Swanson
	Member of Board:	Jack Jablonski
	Member of Board:	Leroy Nelson
	Member of Board:	Phil Nomellini
	Member of Board:	Heather Wallace
	Clerk:	Rich Parsons