

**PLATO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
PLATO TOWN HALL
MARCH 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.
February 16, 2009 meeting minutes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 16, 2009 meeting minutes were read and motioned to approve with two corrections. 	Trustee Nelson 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 announced that the township books are balanced. • Supervisor Swanson re-updated the Board regarding the April 7, 2009 election for precinct 2 to be held at Cornerstone Church. A notification is posted on the township door. • Supervisor Swanson provided a hand-out re; the fuel tax memorandum. 	
Treasurer's Report	Supervisor Swanson read the report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Township - \$99,729.64 • Road & Bridge – \$69,082.56 • Park - \$54,875.03 	Trustee Jablonsky motioned to approve with a second by Trustee Nelson. Approved – 5 ayes 0 nays
Highway Commissioner's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Hulke reported that Meade Electric (R. Jackson) fixed the flag at no cost. • Since 12/1/08 4.53 tons of coal patch has been used with a small amount remaining. 	
Assessor's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessor Roush indicated the list from the county has identified thirteen homes under foreclosure in Plato Township. • The county government surplus equipment program identified twelve 17" flat screen monitors and eleven computers are available. • Assessor Roush announced that she will be "jailed" as a fund raising event for Muscular Dystrophy and would like donations to "bail her out." 	

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Citizen Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Krog provided the Board with a “work list” of duties assigned by the Road & Bridge Commissioner for the township employees to accomplish during his vacation. The list included duties to repair the Road & Bridge Commissioner’s private off=road vehicle (Odyssey.) Mr. Krog stated the he did not think it was appropriate for the Road & Bridge Commissioner to utilize the township tax dollars to repair his personal vehicle. Supervisor Swanson reminded the board the Road & Bridge Commissioner is not required to respond to citizen comments. • Trustee Jablonsky requested clarification on a bill paid several months ago that was submitted and approved by the board. The invoice lists a part number for a voltage regulator for a John Deere vehicle. The notation by the Road and Bridge Commissioner assigns this part number to a vehicle owned by the township. The part number on the invoice is not for any vehicle owned by the township. Trustee Jablonsky asked the Road & Bridge Commissioner why there was a mismatch with the part numbers. Commissioner Hulke responded that the part was probably returned. Trustee Jablonsky asked if there was a receipt for the returned merchandise and Commissioner Hulke responded saying he would have to search for it. Trustee Jablonsky inquired if Commissioner Hulke owned a vehicle that matches the part number of the voltage regulator that was purchased. Commissioner Hulke responded to the affirmative. Trustee Jablonsky stated this was (a blatant attempt at deceiving the board.” Trustee Nomellini stated “Let’s see if the part was returned.” Supervisor Swanson requested that the board should refrain from making accusations without allowing the opportunity to provide a written receipt. It is the responsibility of the board to review the bills and approve them. She also stated that she sent an e-mail outlining the process regarding any discipline of elected officials and this situation does not meet the criteria for Executive Session. The process is to contact the States Attorney for issues like this. Trustee Jablonsky stated that he is unwilling to sign any bills without assurances. 	

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Park Park Walking Path Depot Work Porta Potties Eagle Scout Project Park Activity Newsletter Garden Club Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk Parsons reviewed the bid process and fielded questions regarding the process, time table, path location, next steps, and the low bidder. • Identified work: door leaks, threshold issue, eves not finished – needs sealing. • Where do we rent them from? Castle Rock (888) 217-5646. We have used a handicap and regular. • Three local scouts have requested to work a project at the park. • CDBL – have checks \$1,100.00 (need insurance). • CBGS – have checks \$550.00 (have all contracts). • AYSO – will get after completed registration. • Discussion surrounded the organization of the contents in the newsletter and corrections of the content. • Supervisor Swanson updated the board on the status of the club designing a plan for the park entrance. 	<p>A decision to table the decision until the next meeting was made. Trustee Nomellini will review the bidder's material.</p> <p>Trustee Nomellini and Supervisor Swanson will evaluate the issues.</p> <p>Submit ideas to Supervisor Swanson.</p> <p>Supervisor Swanson will accommodate board recommendations and corrections.</p>
Informational Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Wallace provided ECC Referendum material for a “Yes” vote as informational only. 	

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Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cub Scout request – Tim Metz provided a project plan to build a sand volleyball court for Earth Day. Approximate costs for the township = \$1,000.00 for two truckloads of sand and supplies. Tim Metz fielded questions on the proposal, costs (initial & ongoing), edges, nets, winter shutdown, DNR regulations, volleyball court specifications, location, etc. 	Decision was tabled to be placed on the April agenda.
Tribute to Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No activity. 	
Road & Bridge Rent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoveling snow 	Tabled until April meeting.
Annual Meeting Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Annual Meeting agenda was set as listed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Call to Order ○ Election of Moderator ○ Approval of Minutes ○ Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supervisor/Treasurer ▪ Highway Commissioner ▪ Assessor 	Trustee Jablonsky motioned to approve with a second by Trustee Wallace. Approved – 5 ayes 0 nays
Approve payment of Township Bills.		Trustee Wallace motioned to approve with a second by Trustee Nomellini. Approved – 5 ayes 0 nays
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.	Trustee Wallace motioned to approve with a second by Trustee Nomellini. Approved – 5 ayes 0 nays
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