

**PALOS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
10802 S. ROBERTS ROAD
PALOS HILLS, ILLINOIS 60465**

March 25, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order

The Palos Township Meeting of the Township Board was called to order by **Supervisor Schumann** in the Township Hall, 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, Illinois at 6:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Schumann led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Township, **Jane Nolan**. Present were Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann, and Highway Commissioner Adams.

Officials present: Clerk Jane Nolan
Assessor Robert Maloney

Others present: Attorney Erik Peck and April Schrader, Administrative Assistant, Road and Bridge District (Palos)

Recognitions/Proclamations/Presentations/Communications

There were no Recognitions/Proclamations/Presentations/Communications at this meeting.

Reports of and Communications from Township Officials

A. Supervisor/Treasurer

1. Discussion of Pathlights Donation 2024

Supervisor Schumann discussed the donation for Pathlights. The township has not given any donations for some time. We missed their last large donation event. Pathlights is asking that the township sponsor a Legislation Sponsor Breakfast for \$2000.00. This is a yearly funding for Pathlights. **Trustee Woods** suggested that the township could consider Pathlights for annual grant approval. This would be an ongoing grant for them.

Trustee Woods moved that the township donate \$2000.00 to Pathlights for Sponsorship of a Legislative Breakfast. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Schumann reported that the township is getting ready for Easter. The baskets from the Palos Park Women's Club will be distributed to the children, and there will be a food distribution and gift cards.

B. Trustees

Trustee Riley

Trustee Riley asked if everything was good with the township computers, and the answer was there were no problems at this time.

Trustee Abuzir

Trustee Abuzir reported the Cholesterol and Health Service fees for the month of February as follows:

Cholesterol	\$ 190.00
Health Services Fees	\$ 310.00
Total	\$ 500.00

Trustee Abuzir left the meeting at 6:41 P.M.

Trustee Woods

Trustee Woods stated that he is officially working on the budget now. He stated that **Trustee Jeanes** has asked for money to be placed in the budget for remodeling. He will investigate this and see how it will fit in the budget. He stated that under legislation and action items there will be an item for pay raises. He discussed this with the Supervisor/Treasurer as it will concern the budget. He stated he agreed with this.

Trustee Jeanes

Trustee Jeanes stated that she had no report for the board.

C. Highway Commissioner

Highway Commissioner Adams commented on the beautiful striping of the township parking lot. The Road District has been doing pot hole patching. There are several older subdivisions that have some bad roads, but there is a newer subdivision that has many roads that need the most patching. **Commissioner Adams** found that the patching material from their local supplier on Ridgeland Avenue is one of the best the road district has purchased. He stated that this establishment is better than the prior establishment he was using. The Road District is saving up for a highway project. He discussed a billing problem with the contractor for his present project. He wants the board to know about this. **Commissioner Adams** will call the contractor about this problem.

D. Clerk

1. Statements of Economic Interest should be received by March 24 and are due May 1, 2024.

Clerk Nolan reminded the Board members and officers that she needs a copy of their Statement of Economic Interest for her files.

2. Lobby Day, April 17, 2024, Springfield

Clerk Nolan reiterated that this is the Lobby Day for 2024. All officials are invited to attend.

3. Town Meeting April 9, 2024, 7 PM

Clerk Nolan asked that if a Board member or official was not going to attend the Town Meeting she needed to know in advance. She stated that she would text everyone a reminder of the meeting.

4. Saturday March 23, 2024 EXPO 24, 9 A.M. – 2 P.M., Conrady Jr. High

This event happened on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Conrady Jr. High.

Clerk Nolan attended and was able to give several gifts from the township to residents attending. The township gave pens, cups that change colors, sun glasses and township information. Alicia Vodicka also attended the EXPO, and she was able to take blood pressure of interested residents. It was a great EXPO! We both recommend it for next year.

E. Attorney

Attorney Peck stated that he had no report for the Board.

Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Palos Township Board Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2024

B. Audit and Approval of Town Fund Bills and Warrants Dated April 1, 2024

C. Audit and Approval of Road and Bridge Bills and Warrants Dated April 1, 2024

D. Approval of General Assistance Fund Bills Dated April 1, 2024

Trustee Woods moved to approve the Palos Township Board Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2024, the Audit and Approval of Town Fund Bills and Warrants Dated April 1, 2024, the Audit and Approval of Road and Bridge Bills and Warrants Dated April 1, 2024, and the approval of the General Assistance Fund Bills Dated April 1, 2024. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Action on Items Removed from Consent Calendar

There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

Legislation and Action Items

A. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-01 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PALOS TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor Schumann moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 2024-R-01 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE PALOS TOWNSHIP FOR 2024**. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Ayes: Trustees Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Motion for Employees Compensation 2024

Supervisor Schumann moved Township Staff receive a 4% Cost of Living Increase for 2024-2025. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Motion for Payment to Palos Township Road District for MWRD 133rd Street Project, Palos Park in the amount of \$44,526.25.

Supervisor Schuman moved that Palos Township make payment to the Palos Township Road District for the MWRD 133rd Street Project, Palos Park in the amount of \$44,526.25. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Adoption of Agenda for the 2024 Town Meeting.

Supervisor Schumann moved to adopt the Agenda for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Other Business for Discussion Only

Highway Commissioner Adams received a call from the Palos Hills engineer asking if he could recall what the unincorporated roads in Palos Hills looked like in the past. They wanted to know if he remembered which way the roads were situated, and which direction the creek used to run through Palos Hills. This has to do with houses and garages sinking and flooding.

It turned out that the county gave a permit for a pond that could be part of the problem. This is an FYI for the Board.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board.

Executive Session (if determined necessary)

No motion was made to enter Executive Session.

Action on Items from Executive Session (If any)

There was no action on items from Executive Session.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, **Supervisor Schumann** asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Supervisor Schumann** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township