

**PALOS TOWNSHIP  
COMBINED BILL AUDIT AND ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING  
10802 S. ROBERT ROAD PALOS HILLS, ILLINOIS 60465**

**NOVEMBER 26, 2018**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The Combined Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Schumann in the Township Hall, 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, at 7:00 P.M. Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Township, **Jane Nolan**. Present were Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes and Woods, Supervisor Schumann, and Highway Commissioner Adams. Also present was Township Attorney Erik Peck and Road and Bridge District Administrative Assistant, April Schrader.

**Absent:** Trustee Riley

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Supervisor Schumann** led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Disposition of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

**a. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting Held October 2, 2018**

**Trustee Woods** moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting Held October 2, 2018. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**b. Approval of Minutes of the Combined Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District Meeting October 22, 2018**

**Trustee Woods** moved to approve the minutes of the Combined Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District Meeting October 22, 2018. **Supervisor**

**Schumann** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

## **Special Presentations/Communications**

There were no special presentations or communications for the Board.

## **Reports of Officials**

### **a. Supervisor**

**Supervisor Schumann** reminded the Board that the Retirement Party for Hickory Hills Police Chief, Al Vodika, will be held on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at Camelot Banquets in Hickory Hills. She also reported that the Thanksgiving Food Distribution has been completed, and the office staff is currently working on the Christmas Food Distribution which will take place in a few weeks. She noted with some surprise that Glen Oaks School has not contacted the Township concerning their yearly food distribution to the township. This is the first time this has happened in many years. No reason was given as to why this was not going to happen.

### **b. Clerk**

**Clerk Nolan** informed the Board that the Township is now receiving the Village View Newspaper after not receiving it for several months. There was a problem with a new delivery person who was only delivering to the City of Palos Hills.

### **c. Highway Commissioner**

**Highway Commissioner Adams** reported that the first snow of the season was early this year. He commented that there is a difference in dealing with the snow when it is a wet snow or if it is below freezing when it snows. He commented, again, that a large amount of his budget is being spent on

asphalt and filling in potholes. The Road District has received many calls recently concerning resident mailboxes being hit by snowplows. There are forms which residents can get from Cook County for reimbursement if they are confronted with this problem.

### **Attorney's Report**

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

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

#### **a. Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods**

##### **1. Audit and Approval of Town Fund Bills and Warrants**

**Trustee Woods** stated that there was a correction to the Town Fund Bills. The correction was line number 30 on the warrant in the amount of \$447.29 and should be removed. The remainder of the warrant items were correct.

**Trustee Woods** moved to approve the audit of the Town Fund Bills and Warrants. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

##### **2. Audit and Approval of Road and Bridge District Bills and Warrants**

**Trustee Woods** moved to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge District Bills and Warrants in the amount of \$70,706.01, and the Administrative Expenses in the amount of \$5,436.33 for a total in expenses of \$76,142.24. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

##### **3. Audit and Approval of General Assistance Bills**

**Supervisor Schumann** moved to approve the audit of the General Assistance Bills. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**Trustee Woods** commented that there have been rumors circulated by protesting residents and others. Some of the them were that township officials were leasing vehicles and building a garage. There were also many questions concerning the Erroneous Exemption Tax Recovery Program, and why the money received from Cook County was not rebated to the residents.

**Trustee Woods** explained that the \$2.3 million from the erroneous tax exemptions was distributed to all nine of the South Suburban Townships. Palos Township received \$1,400.00. If this money was rebated to the Palos Township homeowners, it would come to approximately three cents per homeowner. It would cost more to do the rebate.

**b. Policy and Personnel - Supervisor Schumann**

**Supervisor Schumann** stated that there was no new policy or personnel issues.

**c. Technology, Information and Automation – Trustee Riley**

There was no report from Technology, Information and Automation as Trustee Riley did not attend the meeting.

**d. Buildings and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes**

**Trustee Jeanes** stated that she had no report for the Board.

**e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Brannigan**

**Trustee Brannigan** stated that she had no report for the Board.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Commissioner Adams** questioned when the township was going to purchase a generator which he feels is very necessary. There was a short discussion of this topic.

### **New Business**

There was no new business for the Board.

### **Citizens Wishing to Address the Board**

Several citizens from 133<sup>rd</sup> Street in Palos Park attended the meeting. They came to discuss their ongoing problems with the ditches, culverts and right of way. They stated that their ditches have been dug out, but they get dug deeper each time this occurs. This has been going on for years. They are fearful to leave their residences for any long period of time as they feel that their water lines will freeze. The water has caused so many problems over the years that there are holes in their driveways. There is a sewer at the end of the block which has no grates, and they are fearful that someone may fall into it (especially children). There was a very serious discussion concerning this problem. It seems that because of the way the water flows all the water from 44 acres comes to their property.

**Commissioner Adams** informed them that the drainage system on 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue belonged to Orland Park.

The Township will call Orland Park and set up a meeting with the residents, the Township Engineer, Commissioner Adams, and the Village Manager of Orland Park to discuss and attempt to find a resolution to their problems.

### **Executive Session**

No motion was made to enter Executive Session.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, **Supervisor Schumann** asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by **Trustee Woods** and seconded by **Supervisor Schumann**. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

**Jane A. Nolan**  
**Clerk**  
**Palos Township**