

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

**JULY 10, 2017**

**Call to Order**

The General Meeting of the Palos Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Schumann in the Township Hall, 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, at 7:00 P.M.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Township, **Jane Nolan**. Present were Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Also present was Township Attorney, Erik Peck.

**Absent:** None.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes**

**a. Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2017**

**Trustee Woods** moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2017, General Meeting **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Supervisor Schumann** asked for a motion to defer the General Meeting Agenda and complete it at a future meeting so that the public comment could begin.

**Trustee Jeanes** moved to defer the general meeting agenda in order that the public comment could begin. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment:**

A very large audience that included some township residents attended this meeting. They came to air their feelings concerning the social media Facebook post by **Township Trustee Sharon Brannigan**.

**Supervisor Schumann** read a statement to the audience concerning Palos Township stating that “Palos Township is a diverse community and Palos Township government is proud of the quality services it provides to the community. Our Township government conducts its business without any bias, prejudice or exclusion. Everybody is invited always....”

She then asked if any Board members would like to speak.

**Trustee Brannigan** read a statement concerning her social media post, and that statement is attached to these minutes.

The public comment session began now. It began with two high school students making comments. Each person who commented had three minutes to speak. Throughout the comments there was clapping, loud talking and yelling. There were many comments condemning Trustee Brannigan and stating that she should resign immediately or be removed. Many of the residents who spoke started that they felt they were being attacked, and they also strongly felt that she should not be re-elected. There were a few residents who expressed opinions in agreement with Trustee Brannigan stating her first amendment rights.

The Township Board was accused of agreeing with Trustee Brannigan if they did not publicly speak up against her, and the Board members were also asked to apologize. Some were asked to rescind their prior election endorsements of her.

**Supervisor Schumann** and **Clerk Nolan** did speak to the group explaining that they had no bias or hateful feelings and that these things had never been a part of township government, as did other Board members.

It was explained that by law the Board cannot remove another elected official. This can be done through the election process. The group then stated that they would attend every meeting until Trustee Brannigan resigned.

**Trustee Brannigan** did agree to meet with a representative from the group who asked her to do so.

**Mr. Herb Schumann** was asked by the Supervisor to see that all who wished to speak could do so. He did this by going row by row of those attending. Everyone who wished to speak did have their time to talk. There were also sign in sheets and all of those who signed had an opportunity to speak if they wished to do so.

**Supervisor Schumann** then stated that if many residents planned to attend other township meetings there must be prior notice given to the Township Board so that a larger venue can be procured for the said meeting.

**Trustee Woods** moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

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