

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 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 in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence observed for the 9/11 victims and their families.

Special Presentations/Communications

There were no special presentations or communications at this Board meeting.

Reports of Officials

a. Supervisor/Treasurer

Supervisor Schumann stated that she had no comments for the Board.

b. Clerk

Clerk Nolan informed the Board that she, her husband Ken Nolan, and **Trustee Jeanes** attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Vietnam War for Vietnam War Veterans at the Brookfield Zoo recently. The celebration was beautiful and there were many Vietnam War Veterans present, as well as many Cook County, and other local officials. In addition to commemorative speeches, all the veterans received a pin, and a lunch was provided. There were many moving moments.

Attorney's Report

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

Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods

Trustee Woods stated that he had no report for the Board.

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann reported that Mary Wallenburg came to the Township last Friday. She is anxious to return to work.

c. Technology, Information and Automation – Trustee Riley

Trustee Riley stated that he had no report for the Board.

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

There was no unfinished business before the Board.

New Business

There was no new business before the Board.

Now, **Supervisor Schumann** explained the reasons why the meeting was not held in a larger venue. The township worked with the Public Access Counselor from the Attorney General's office concerning this problem. It was deemed legal to install a public-address system so that township residents and other attendees could hear the business of the meeting inside and outside. It was stated by the Attorney General's office that we comply using this system. **Supervisor Schumann** also stated that the Palos Township Board has no legal authority to remove another elected official from office along with other statements.

Executive Session

No motion was made to enter executive session.

Supervisor Schumann turned the meeting over to **Clerk Nolan** who read the rules for speaking during the Township Meeting. They are as follows:

1. During Communications from the Public each person who wishes to address the body shall have no more than three (3) minutes to do so after they have been recognized by the chairperson. No person shall speak more than one time during a meeting.

2. All Persons addressing the public body shall maintain decorum and refrain from personal attacks of others. Questions/or comments shall be limited to public business. Comments supporting or opposing a person's candidacy for elected office are precluded.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

A 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 informed the audience that all who wished to speak would be able to do so. Speakers took their turns to speak row by row in the township hall. Each speaker was allotted the three minutes to speak. There were also sign-in sheets provided by **Clerk Nolan** for all those who wished to speak.

Throughout the comments there was loud clapping, loud talking, yelling and swearing. All participants stated their personal reasons for wanting Trustee Brannigan's resignation. Many stated their background and education level, and all addressed what they have done for this country.

Some stated they were offended as parents, offended because of our venue (even though everything was explained concerning the venue prior to this section of the meeting.) They wanted the Township Board to "stand up and ask her to resign," because in not doing so, we are a bad reflection on Palos Township, etc.

The Board was told several times that the Palos Township Community thinks we all should resign. Trump, American Sniper, Twitter, bullying, enabling, and of course, violations of the constitution, were all brought into this extremely forceful discussion.

The last resident who spoke attempted to speak in favor of **Trustee Brannigan**, but he was rudely shouted down and sworn at while attempting to speak. At this time, there was also loud chanting going on in the back of the room.

At that point, **Supervisor Schumann** called for a motion to adjourn. **Trustee Woods** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 P.M. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan
Clerk/Palos Township