

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

NOVEMBER 20, 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 Attorney Zimmerman.

Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Schumann led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes – General Meeting September 11, 2017

Trustee Jeanes moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 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.

Special Presentations/Communications

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

Reports of Officials

a. Supervisor/Treasurer

Supervisor Schumann deferred her report to the Financial Committee Chair who will discuss the 2018 Township Levy

b. Clerk

1. TOCC Newsletter FYI

Clerk Nolan discussed the newsletter. It encompasses the names of the newly elected TOCC Board and officials. Also in March 2018, there will be a presentation by the Trustee Division on Social Media. Legislative updates can also be found in the newsletter.

2. TOI Award 2017

Clerk Nolan explained the educational award Palos Township received from the Township of Illinois. Palos Township has won this award every year since 2005. To win the award, the township must have logged 70 or more workshop credit hours in Professional Development from October 1st of each year to September 30th of the following year. Several times Palos Township had more professional development hours than any other township in the state of Illinois. She thanked the Board members for their help with this award.

3. TOI 10 Hour professional Development

Clerk Nolan informed the Board that Highway Commissioner Adams, Clerk Jane Nolan, and Assessor Robert Maloney received a certificate for 10 hours in Professional Development this month.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Zimmerman stated that he had no report for this meeting.

Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods

1. Approval of Financial Matters

Trustee Woods stated that there were no financial matters to discuss at this meeting.

2. 2018 Tax Levy

Trustee Woods stated that the 2018 Tax Levy will be passed at the next General Meeting. It will be the same amount as the previous year's extended taxes.

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann informed the Board that Mary Wallenburg has returned to the township after an extended medical leave. She is acclimating to her position currently. The township is happy to have her back!

c. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley

Trustee Riley informed the Board that the new computer for Mary Wallenburg will arrive by December 1, 2017.

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 reported that the Health Service fees in the month of October amounted to \$1,285.00, and the cholesterol fees collected that month were \$265.00 with the total amount collected being \$1, 550.00.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business before the Board.

New Business

Trustee Brannigan informed that Board that she will have Com Ed come to the township again for the township residents to discuss their electric bills to find ways to provide financial help concerning these bills. There will be a free breakfast provided. She will collaborate with the Supervisor's Administrative Assistant to find a workable date for the event.

Citizen's Wishing to Address the Board

Mr. Robert Porter was the Moderator for this meeting. He explained how the questions and comments would be handled. He informed the audience that the public comment portion of the meeting is not the law. He stated that if the group felt that there was a violation of the Open Meetings Act they should contact the Attorney General's Office. He informed the audience that under state statute there is no way the township board can remove any official from the Board except through absenteeism. The audience was extremely rude and disrespectful to Mr. Porter. They continued to yell and scream when he was attempting to explain things to them. He explained that this is a comment period and not a question and answer period. Mr. Porter asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak about anything other than the resignation of the official.

Residents asked about Youth Services, and the amount budgeted for that service. Audience members also refused to give their addresses. There were comments concerning Flower Shops, including Trustee Brannigan's Flower Shop. Questions were asked concerning elected official's salaries. There were comments made about the township website, the storage units, and payments concerning it.

Employee benefits were also questioned. Commissioner Sean Morrison was, once again, brought up in the dialogue along with the Republican Party.

The township levy was questioned, and the elected officials benefits. There were comments about supposed secret meetings, and the censoring of Trustee Brannigan. The Board was accused of not “standing up against her”, and in not doing so, not being accountable. The Board members were called racists by some members of the audience, and yelled and screamed at by some. There were told that “they cannot tell the audience what to do” at one point. Trump and Obama were included in the discussion, and there were comparisons made to Nazism. One angry woman threatened the Board with “your power will be gone...”

The meeting ended with many of the women coming to the front of the hall. They stated they “were going to show the Board the community they were trying to kick out” They ended saying they are beautiful and will not be silenced.

Executive Session

No motion was made to enter Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Supervisor Schumann** asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. The motion to adjourn was made by **Trustee Brannigan** and seconded by **Trustee Woods**. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan
Clerk
Palos Township