

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

July 24, 2023 – 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 60465 at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Township, **Jane Nolan**. Present were Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, and Woods, Supervisor Schumann, and Highway Commissioner Adams. Trustee Riley entered the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

Officials present: Clerk Jane Nolan
Assessor Robert Maloney

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Schumann led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes

A. Approval of the Palos Township Board Meeting Minutes of June 29, 2023.

Trustee Woods moved to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2023 Township Board Meeting. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Recognitions/Proclamations/Presentations/Communications

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

Reports of Officials

A. Supervisor/Treasurer

1. Discussion of new Trustee position for Palos Fire Protection District and re-appointment of Todd Thielmann

Supervisor Schumann stated that there will be an appointment of a new trustee for the Palos Fire Protection District. The Board members all have the resumes of the people who wish to be appointed and have had the necessary time to peruse them. There are four residents who sent in resumes. The appointment will happen at the next meeting. There was no discussion at this meeting concerning this.

B. Clerk

1. MTA TOWNSHIP SYMPOSIUM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 5:00 P.M.

Clerk Nolan explained the details of this. The last few times this occurred it was on a Saturday. They changed it to a week night so more officials could attend.

2. House Bill 1465 was signed Friday, June 30, 2023. This amends the Illinois Highway Code. In provisions concerning the performance of functions by the high district, provides the exemption for professional services, when the cost of construction, materials, supplies shall be let to the lowest possible bidder if specified conditions are met. Effective immediately.

Clerk Nolan reported that this is an FYI for the Board. The township has been aware of this bill with the change, but she thought they might want the official language.

3. Cook County Board unanimously passes repeal of Cook County Wheel Tax Ordinance. It Takes Effect June 30, 2023

Clerk Nolan stated that Palos Township played a large part in the collection of the Wheel Tax Ordinance fees for many years, and many residents paid large amounts of money in fines for this yearly.

C. Highway Commissioner

Commissioner Adams reported there are many boulders on the side of roads which he feels are a hazard to motorists. He wonders if there is an Illinois Code the road district can refer to or should the township just send a letter to the landscapers and residents involved in this? **Attorney Peck** stated that state law prohibits any permanent structures in the right-of-way. There will be an ordinance passed by the Highway Commissioner specifically prohibiting boulders, etc. **Attorney Peck** will draft a letter to be sent out to the residents pertaining to this.

Commissioner Adams discussed the street contract going in for the repairing of the road in Palos Township. He is still waiting for the engineer to re-draft his proposal after core samples were done on two streets, and it was found that the base of the street was not sufficient to re-pave. The engineer is drawing up a new set of plans.

There have been complaints about 133rd Street concerning the grass mats that were not pinned into the shoulder of the ditch.

There was a problem with tree limbs that a resident put out on the street after they fell on her property at 85th Avenue.

The Highway Commissioner's Conference will take place in **Peoria** on August 1, 2, and 3, 2023. **Commissioner Adams** has an agenda if anyone is interested. **Commissioner Adams** stated that he does not have money in his budget set aside for public sidewalks. He thinks there will need to be a modification to his budget of about \$20,000.00. This money would be for hazardous replacement of sidewalks. The budget would be amended by an ordinance. **Commissioner Adams** will keep a record of the total cost of this

project. The road district has been mowing on the side of the roads and picking up tree branches.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Peck introduced two resolutions for the Board's consideration.

a. RESOLUTION 2023-R-04 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARGUERITE HODEK AS A TRUSTEE OF THE NORTH PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Woods moved to adopt RESOLUTION 2023-R-04 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARGUERITE HODEK AS A TRUSTEE OF THE NORTH PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Supervisor Schumann seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: 1. Motion carried 4-0.

b. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TODD THIELMAN AS A TRUSTEE OF THE PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Supervisor Schumann moved to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TODD THIELMAN AS A TRUSTEE OF TE PALOS FIRE PROTECTION BOARD OF TRUSTEES. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Remote Meeting Policy

Attorney Peck stated that the Township has a remote meeting policy. He will send a copy of the policy to **Clerk Nolan**.

Reports of Standing Committees

A. Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods

1. Audit and Approval of Town Fund Bills and Warrants Dated August 1, 2023

Trustee Woods moved to approve the audit of the Town Fund Bills and Warrants Dated August 1, 2023 in the amount of \$17,925.77. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Audit and Approval of Road and Bridge District Fund Bills and Warrants Dated August 1, 2023

Trustee Woods moved to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge District Fund Bills Dated August 1, 2023 in the amount of \$25,640.68, and Administrative Expense in the amount of \$6,389.69 for a total of \$32,030.37. **Trustee Abuzir** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Audit and Approval of General Assistance Fund Bills Dated August 1, 2023

Supervisor Schumann moved to approve the audit of the General Assistance Fund Bills Dated August 1, 2023. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann informed the Board that the township has a therapy dog visiting the township for a few weeks. There are no new personnel issues.

C. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley

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

D.Buildings and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes

1. Authorization to accept the proposal from Trupower Generator for the purchase and installation of a Generac Generator for the Township Hall.

Trustee Jeanes moved to authorize and accept the proposal from Trupower Generator for the purchase and installation of an Generac Generator for Township Hall. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Jeanes stated that a concrete pad is necessary for the generator which will include the area for the dumpster. This also includes the fence for the dumpster.

There was no opposition to the concrete pad, etc. from the Board who unanimously agreed to these improvements. This will be ratified at the next Township Board Meeting which will include the price of the pad, etc.

Trustee Jeanes informed the Board that the parking lot needs to be sealed and striped. She stated that the person who will be completing this project can do this work and is available the weekend of August 12.

There was a discussion of sealing and striping the parking lot and the Board directed Trustee Jeanes to proceed. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

E.Public Services and Health – Trustee Abuzir

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

Cholesterol	\$155.00
Health Service Fees	\$644.65
Total	\$799.65

Unfinished Business

Trustee Woods discussed a new agenda with the Board. He wants to refresh our agenda by adding a consent calendar. He passed out copies to the Board members, and one to the Clerk. Most items to be voted on would be placed on the consent agenda. Trustee Woods said he did a survey of all the municipalities and townships in Cook County. The Board would like the Public Comment placed at the end of the meeting. (agenda) **Attorney Peck** feels it is better for the residents to speak at the end. The residents can communicate their concerns to the Board members at any time. This agenda would be uploaded onto our templet. The Board will discuss this agenda in greater depth at the next meeting.

Trustee Woods discussed the purchasing index. He feels the index numbers can be increased. If this is done the Supervisor would be able to have a higher spending authority. The purchasing index could be increased with an amendment. This can be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board. **Assessor Maloney** reported that appeals are very busy. The end date of appeals at the township is August 11, 2023. Please contact the township with any questions concerning this.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

There were no citizens who wished to address the Board.

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 meeting. **Trustee Jeanes** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

New Business

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Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, **Supervisor Schumann** asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Trustee Woods** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 P.M. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

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