

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

January 11, 2021

Call to Order

The General Meeting of the Palos Township Board was called to order by **Supervisor Schumann** at 6:30pm. There was a determination by the Supervisor that it was unfeasible due to the COVID-19 resurgence to have an administrative officer be physically present in the township at the regularly scheduled meeting location. The meeting was held via internal conference call pursuant to the Executive Order of the Governor.

All persons interested in attending were able to do so by visiting our website at WWW.palostownship.org and selecting the link to JOIN THE MEETING.

All persons wishing to address the Board will be permitted to do so through the web-conference platform following the standard rules previously adopted by the Board.

The Township Hall was not opened for the meeting.

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.

Officials Present: Clerk Nolan

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Schumann led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Disposition of Minutes from Previous Meeting

a. Approval of Minutes of the General Meeting December 14, 2020

Trustee Woods moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 General Meeting. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Special Presentations/Communications

There were no special presentations or communications at this meeting.

Reports of Officials

a. Supervisor/Treasurer

1. Donated to Hills Kiwanis for Palos Hills Fire Victims

Supervisor Schumann reported that the Township donated \$500.00 to the Hills Kiwanis because of the terrible fire that occurred in Palos Hills in December. The fire caused many residents to become homeless and displaced others. Donations are still being accepted. If you wish to donate please contact the City of Palos Hills or Alderman Mike Lebarre at Hills Kiwanis.

2. Senior Clubs

Supervisor Schumann stated that Palos Township will not be donating to the Seniors Clubs this year. Due to the virus they were too afraid to meet. They asked for their grants to be on hold.

The donations are part of our Senior Grant Program. Supervisor Schuman will advise the Board if there is a change concerning the Senior Clubs.

b. Clerk

1. FOIA and OMA Annual Training

Clerk Nolan reported that she has completed both the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) and OMA (Open Meetings Act) annual training and received her certificates. She stated that the FOIA Training was much more extensive this year and there were many new additions to FOIA. She informed the Board that she did very well on any questions asked in the OMA training. She has had so much experience with open meetings at Palos Township, and the over 100 FOIAs she has done since July of 2017.

Attorney's Report

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

Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods

Trustee Woods reported that he is transferring the updates of the documents to the server. He discussed the installation of the new finance software. Everything can go online with the new software. This will save the township money relative to the many township accounts. The new website is up and looks very good. All the residents should take a look!

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann stated there was no change in policy at present.

c. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley

Trustee Riley stated he had no report for the Board other than reporting that the new website is up and looking good!

d. Building and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes

Trustee Jeanes stated that she had no report for the Board. She thanked Trustee Woods and Trustee Riley for all their work on the new website.

Supervisor Schuman stated that the Office Manager, Diane, has spent numerous hours working with the website and she has also completed the training for the new website.

e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Brannigan

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

Unfinished Business

Clerk Nolan told the Board she really likes the new website, and it will be a help to her in her job as the Clerk.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Speaker #1

Laura's iPhone

Laura Hartman

Laura Hartman stated that last week there was a seditious attack on Washington DC by the President of the United States. This ties into our Board because propaganda can turn residents into terrorists. Sharon Brannigan has lied in court and done everything she is not supposed to do. No one has censured Trustee Brannigan. At every turn Brannigan has lied, abused police officers and much more. She will use property taxes as her next form of intimidation.

Speaker #2

iPhone

Hello, glad you got back from Washington safely. What happened in DC was racism. Officials tried to steal ballots. The question is that minorities have a right to representation. The township is making racism an institution. If you want America to be a better place to live you will have to get rid of Sharon Brannigan.

Speaker #3

Anti-Racist

I have concerns. A Board member commits perjury. You could sanction that individual. Do you condone her actions? Do you agree with it? If you don't know what to do, I will educate you on how you can do it. I will give up my time because I want my questions answered. Why aren't you taking any action against Sharon Brannigan?

Speaker #4

Racist

We FOIA'd hundreds of emails of Brannigan's. She called the FBI on us. It is one of the most racist government institutions in the country and maybe the world. It shows how racist you are for you to even call them. They said no and denied your ass, and they said it was a local issue. You then said we should be convicted of treason. I think that is funny. We have been dealing with white supremacists for a long time. We cannot have dialog with racists and white supremacists. If you don't do anything about Brannigan you are taking the side of white supremacy. This is what we saw in Washington, DC, the result of government inaction.

Speaker #5

Bill

For four years Donald Trump has been an open racist and open Islamophobic. For four years Sharon Brannigan has been an open racist and an open islamophobe. As it happened in DC, nationally, none of you on the Board had the courage to say anything or do anything about it. Sharon has issued five apologies. Having looked at her emails from 2017 through October of 2020, every time she is contacted by

one of her fellow racists, she doesn't say she is sorry or that she was misquoted. She thanks them for their support, and that she will keep up the good fight of upholding racism, islamophobia and white supremacy. You are all aware of that and how many times she has lied, and you have done nothing. You talked among each other. You might issue a secret letter. You are not running with her because she is not running with you. She is playing all of you.

Speaker #6

Sief

I will be supporting every capacity to vote Sharon out in the next several months, and I look forward to Sharon not being elected in the next several months. I hope Sharon knows has used this time to hurt residents of Palos Township and this community. This community is not immune to the racism and white supremacy that exists nationally, and he hopes the Board can reflect on the actions they have taken the last several years, and really try to find a discourse or a route for change.

Speaker #7

Keith Surveilles

Thank you (the Board) for serving. It is no easy task. The website does look great. It takes time to do these things. Regarding the taxes, I don't know why everyone keeps voting for the people who raise their taxes. He wants to give a quote from Ronaldo's Magnus-"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction, we didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream, it must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

Trustee Brannigan stated the website is beautiful. Awesome. It will help people see what has been going on at our township meetings for the past four years. Can Clerk Nolan please preserve the minutes and the audio zoom in particular? She wants the names of the people who have spoken, especially the first and third speakers this evening, for the purposes of filing a defamatory lawsuit against them. They are accusing her of untruths and lying during court. Also lying at any

time, or anywhere on this Board. It is very defamatory, and I will be seeking lawyers to defend me on that.

Executive Session

There was no motion 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 7:58 P.M. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan
Clerk
Palos Township