

**PALOS TOWNSHIP
COMBINED BILL AUDIT AND ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING
10802 S. ROBERTS ROAD PALOS HILLS, ILLINOIS 60465**

MARCH 25, 2019 – 6:31 P.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Combined Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District Meeting of the Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Schumann in the Township Hall, 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, Illinois at 6:31 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 and Highway Commissioner Adams. Also present was Township Attorney **Erik Peck** and Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant, **April Schrader**.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Schumann led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Disposition of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- a. **Approval of the Minutes of the Combined Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District Meeting – February 25, 2019**

Trustee Woods moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2019, Combined Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District Meeting. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Special Presentations/Communications

There were no special presentations or communications at this meeting.

Reports of Officials

- a. **Supervisor Schumann**

1. Call One System Updates

There was a general discussion of Call One. Call One came to the township to discuss some changes with **Supervisor Schuman** and **Trustee Woods**. **Trustee Woods** stated that our older system would be upgraded to a newer system and an internet backup would be put in. The township will never lose phone service again. This new system will cost approximately \$15.00 more per month.

Trustees Woods moved to approve the update to the Call One System. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Clerk

1. FOIA Updates

Clerk Nolan informed the Board that the current FOIA count for 2018-2019 is 108. There were 69 FOIAs from the General Meeting which were attended by activists, protestors and residents. There were 39 other FOIAs making the total number of FOIAs for that time sequence 108.

2. TOCC Annual Spring Dinner – June 12, 2019

Clerk Nolan announced that the TOCC Annual Spring Dinner will take place on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at the William Tell in Countryside, Illinois.

3. Approval of 2019 Town Meeting Agenda

Clerk Nolan presented the 2019 Annual Town Meeting Agenda for consideration.

Trustees Woods moved to adopt the Palos Township Annual Town Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, April 9, 2019. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

c. Highway Commissioner

Highway Commissioner Adams informed the Board that the TOCC Highway Commissioners of Illinois are searching for speakers for their annual Educational Meeting in Peoria. He stated that the TOCC Highway Commissioner's meeting will be Wednesday, March 27, 2019. The TOCC Highway Commissioners of Cook County have a delegate from the Water Reclamation District coming to speak to them. He is hoping to learn about the permit issued to the Village of Orland Park for the filling of swamp on 133rd Street with the Water Reclamation District's approval. He discussed some of the salt issues again. He complimented Mr. Tully from Cook County for helping Palos Township keep their shed full of salt. Palos Township was on Cook County's salt contract.

At this point, Supervisor Schumann allowed the residents who came to ask questions of **Commissioner Adams** to speak.

The residents from parts of Cherrywood Drive in Palos Park explained their problems with potholes and other street conditions which have been ongoing for some time. **Commissioner Adams** explained that these streets cannot be taken over by Palos Township Road and Bridge unless they are brought up to standard. He explained that the roads must be dedicated to Palos Township first and that has yet to happen. When it comes to the developers and landowners the Road District does not always know who is in charge as this area is a Planned Unit Development.

Attorney's Report

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

Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods

1. Audit and Approval of Town Fund Bills and Warrants

Trustee Woods moved to approve the audit of the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$12,915.74 in April and \$231.85 in March. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Audit and Approval of Road and Bridge Fund Bills

Trustee Woods moved to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge Fund Bills in the amount of \$35,258.32, and the Administrative Expenses in the amount of \$5,458.34 for a total of Road and Bridge Fund Bills of \$40,716.66.

Trustee Brannigan seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0

3. Audit and Approval of General Assistance Fund Bills

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

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

1. Approval of the Cost of Living Increases for Staff

Supervisor Schumann stated that it was time for the annual cost of living salary increases for the Township staff. There was a discussion of the cost of living increase as presented for budget purposes.

Trustee Riley moved to approve the COLA increases at 3% with the exception of the Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor and additions to the Highway Commissioner's Administrative Assistant. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees

Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0

It was noted that the salary of the Deputy Assessor will be lower as the present Deputy Assessor is retiring in May, 2019.

c. Technology, Information and Automation - Trustee Riley

Trustee Riley stated that the information for the LED lights inside the township is being considered. He is wondering if any help is needed at this time.

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

Commissioner Adams discussed the problems with the Motor Fuel Tax money in Illinois. The Highway Commissioners of Illinois are in agreement that the Motor Fuel Tax money should be disbursed properly, and they feel it is not. The Highway Commissioners of Illinois had a serious discussion with the Motor Fuel Tax person from the state of Illinois. They were told that the state of Illinois has been working on this problem for the last two years. Many different types of vehicles in Illinois do not pay motor fuel tax. 51% of the roads in Illinois are maintained by the Highway Commissioners.

New Business

There was no new business for the Board.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

One citizen stated that he had not been able to address the Board with his comments and he has been attending the meeting for over six months. He stated that the disruptive behavior at the Township General Meetings has been going on for too long, but were not likely to abate soon considering the political climate of the country.

Another resident from the township thanked all the officials for running for office, and also thanked them for all they have done for the township residents.

This resident went on to say that after attending the last General Meeting she felt that law and order had been thrown out the window. She felt it was very disappointing to see that there was no support for Sharon Brannigan or the 1st Amendment. This resident was cut off when she tried to speak. She wondered why there was no calling out of the community organizers. They were screaming that Sharon Brannigan uses hate speech but they were using hate speech themselves. She feels these people are bullies and would like to know where is the push back for law and order? She thought the happenings at this meeting were crazy. The extremists who come to these meeting are learning that both bullying and hate speech are okay. Poor examples are being set for people who are coming to this community. The resident was also wondering if coming here is safe.

Trustee Brannigan stated that the Board has supported her and that everything has been done that could possibly be done. The situation is very stressful. She discussed injunctions that can be served to the leaders of this problem.

The attorney feels the use of injunctions is both difficult and unlikely. The court will first look to see if the township has taken all remedies available. We have not hired security. The Board felt this would cause more problems than it is worth. The courts may say you are denying people their right to speak at a meeting, etc.

The township is watching an Illinois lawsuit in some municipality where the body is suing disrupters. If this comes out favorable for them it is something we can look at.

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. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Supervisor Schumann** at 7:41 P.M. and seconded by **Trustee Woods**. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan
Clerk
Palos Township