

**PALOS TOWNSHIP
ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING
10802 S. ROBERTS ROAD PALOS HILLS IL 60465**

OCTOBER 22, 2015 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Road and Bridge District 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 was taken by the Clerk of the Township, Jane Nolan. Present were Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley, Woods, Supervisor Schumann, and Highway Commissioner Adams. Also present was Road and Bridge District Attorney, Erik Peck, and Road and Bridge District Administrative Assistant, April Schrader.

Supervisor Schumann turned the meeting over to Highway **Commissioner Adams** who stated that a quorum of elected officials were present for voting purposes.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Disposition of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. Approval of Minutes - Road and Bridge Meeting September 24th, 2015

Trustee Jeanes moved to approve the minutes of the September 24th, 2015, Road and Bridge District Meeting. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Road and Bridge District Bills

a. Audit and Approval of Monthly Bills - Road and Bridge District

Trustee Woods moved to approve the monthly bills of the Road District in the amount of \$87,200.82 including \$25,000 payback to the Town Fund that was borrowed in August, 2015. **Trustee**

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

5. Highway Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Adams informed the Board that the Road District has done a large amount of repair work concerning potholes and asphalt cracks in anticipation of the winter season. He recalled that in the latest issue of Perspective Magazine there was an article discussing pothole repair and a policy to that effect. **Commissioner Adams** inquired if such a policy had to be written. Attorney Peck stated that a written policy is always better. Attorney Peck asked Commissioner Adams to write down his general procedures for pot hole repairs --- how they are identified, the determination of the size of a pot hole, etc. **Attorney Peck** will further investigate this issue and discuss his findings and recommendations at the next Road and Bridge District meeting.

6. Unfinished Business

Commissioner Adams stated that the Road District is continuing with the sidewalk repairs whether they are reimbursed by Motor Fuel Tax funds or not. He is using a new contractor for this project. (Motor Fuel Tax Funds are still held up by the state legislature at this time.)

7. New Business

Commissioner Adams stated that he has employees working on the salt spreaders, snow plows and doing painting in advance of the coming winter season. All of his workers are seasoned veterans, and he anticipates no problems. He informed the Board that he did stop a job recently. This resident was pouring concrete all the way out to the street. This resident also has a license with Cook County as a contractor and a asphalt paver. He brought a certificate of property to the Road District instead of the certificate they asked for. Commissioner Adams asked if this could be accepted. Attorney Peck said that he can accept it.

Commissioner Adams sadly discussed the death of John Vaznelis, Engineer, with Morris Engineering. He worked with the Road District for quite some time and will be truly missed. **Commissioner Adams**

would like to continue contracting with Morris Engineering in the future.

Commissioner Adams briefly discussed a few negative comments that were made to residents in Palos Park concerning the annexation of unincorporated Lemont Township.

Commissioner Adams also talked about the Skinner Act, which no longer exists. There is a new bill which is somewhat like this act but has different regulations. It is in the Illinois Senate now. He also informed the Board of a few private roads, with special circumstances that sometimes get plowed in the winter.

He informed the Board of some problems with the Azure Lakes Development (PUD). Azure Lakes is anticipating turning their private road over to the Road District. 80% of a subdivision in Cook County has to be completed before the Road District accepts their roads.

8. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board.

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment

Trustee Woods moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 P.M. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township