

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

February 28, 2022 – 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, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann and Highway Commissioner Adams. Also present were Township Attorney Erik Peck and Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant, April Schrader.

Officials present: Clerk Jane Nolan
Assessor Robert Maloney

Officials absent: Trustee Jeanes

Others Present: April Schrader, Administrative Assistant of the 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 Minutes of the General Meeting of January 24, 2022.
Trustee Woods moved to approve the minutes of the General Meeting of January 24, 2022. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, 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. Pathlights Sponsorship

Supervisor Schumann stated that the township is doing the AARP Income Tax again for residents of the township. There are three AARP trained people doing the taxes this year.

The township had the “souper bowl” party again this year. There were a lot of canned goods and other things. It was decided to send all the donations to Elsie’s Pantry in Palos Hills. This pantry serves many more families. The township accepted these donations and paid for the move. This donation came from Palos West School.

Supervisor Schumann reported that Pathlights (the former PLOWS) is asking for donations to “The Journey” May, 2022. They are working with the Chicago Tribune to create an annual insert and inviting townships, etc., to be part of it. Many of our seniors and others take advantage of Pathlights and their many resources. The magazine will focus on the health and safety of older adults in our community. This publication will be distributed to 22,500 residences in the Southwest Suburbs. They will also circulate 6,000 copies and additional copies through local libraries, townships, community centers and more. There was a discussion concerning the amount of money to be donated. There were several questions asked by Board members during the decision process.

Trustee Woods moved that Palos Township will donate \$1,500 to Pathlights “The Journey” 2022 for print advertising in their annual magazine.

Supervisor Schumann seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Clerk Nolan

TOCC Clerk's Division Meeting Notes

Clerk Nolan reported some of the ideas presented at the January, 2022 TOCC Clerk's Division Meeting. Some ideas presented were:

- a. Voters will be able to sign in on an iPad.
- b. Cook County now has 1450 precincts. The voting equipment will be re-programmed.
- c. Polling places will remain intact.
- d. The judges will be the same. They are looking for more judges and would like some younger judges. The average age of a judge in Cook County is 72.
- e. There are 12 languages on Cook County ballots.
- f. We will go back to regular election cycle after this election.
- g. If there are questions about the re-districting, please look on the internet for the Cook County Board. The re-districting maps can be found there.
- h. It was announced that November 15-18 will be the in-person Annual Conference in Springfield.

March 15, 2022 Educational Day Event, Marriott, Naperville. FYI

Clerk Nolan reported that she and **Trustee Abuzir** will be attending the March 15, 2022, Educational Day Event at the Marriot in Naperville on March 15, 2022. There is still time left to apply for this event.

40th Annual Lobby Day April 6, 2022 FYI

Clerk Nolan reported that the 40th Annual TOI Lobby Day will take place in Springfield, Illinois on April 6, 2022. This will also be an in-person event which includes a luncheon with a speaker, and an allotment of time for officials to speak with their local elected representatives and senators. There is an evening reception also. March 31st is the final sign-up day. Some officials have attended in the past.

C. Highway Commissioner

Highway Commissioner Adams reported that February really has been rough. He reported that February of 2022 was in the upper 10% of the worst weather in the last 80 years as heard on the news outlets This was based on temperature, snow, accidents, etc. the Road District spent and an inordinate amount of time salting the township roads during January and February. There may be a Highway Commissioner's meeting called in March. No additional plans have been made for the August 1st Highway Commissioners meeting.

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 Dated March 1, 2022

Trustee Woods moved to approve the audit of the Town Fund Bills and Warrants in the amount of \$14,027.83. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0

2. Audit and Approval of Road and Bridge District Fund Bills and Warrants Dated March 1, 2022.

Trustee Woods moved to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge District Fund Bills and Warrants in the amount of \$75,823.41 and the Administrative Expense in the amount of \$6,662.62 for a total of \$82,486.03. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken.

Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Riley, and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Audit and Approval of General Assistance Fund Bills Dated March 1, 2022.

Supervisor Schumann moved to approve the audit of the General Assistance Fund Bills dated March 1, 2022. Trustee Woods seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Woods discussed the new therapy comfort dog that the Village of Worth Police Department is sponsoring. The police officer's car must be updated to accommodate the dog and its care, feeding, etc. Residents of both Palos and Worth townships will be serviced by this dog. There was a fund raiser for this project, but money is still necessary. **Trustee Woods** inquired if Palos Township could donate \$1,000 to this worthy cause. The Board agreed and this will appear on the next agenda for passage at the March Board Meeting.

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann reported that everything is going well and the Health Service is status quo. A few nurses are out due to health concerns, but the Health Services is busy with routine services.

c. Technology, Information and Automation – Trustee Riley

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

Supervisor Schumann reported that Mike and Dennis have been redoing and performing cleanup work on the server.

d. Buildings and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes

Trustee Jeanes did not attend the meeting so there was no report from Building and Grounds.

e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Abuzir

Trustee Abuzir reported the following for the month of January.

Cholesterol:	\$ 145.00
<u>Health Service Fees:</u>	<u>\$ 335.00</u>
Total:	\$ 480.00

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

Citizen’s Wishing to Address the Board

There were no citizens wishing 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 Woods** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 P.M. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan
Clerk
Palos Township