

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

February 8, 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 January 11, 2021

Trustee Woods moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 General Meeting. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Special Presentations/Communications

There were no special presentations or communications at this meeting.

Reports of Officials

a. Supervisor/Treasurer

Supervisor Schumann stated that she had no report for the Board.

b. Clerk

1. TOCC Clerk's Meeting Notes

Clerk Nolan discussed her last Clerk's Meeting that took place on Thursday, February 4, 2021 via Zoom. She informed the Board that Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough attended the meeting via Zoom and the meeting was excellent and an interesting learning process. Some things she learned were:

1. The Consolidated Election is the most complex of all the elections that Cook County does because of the many participants.
2. The Cook County Election ballot has more languages than any ballot anywhere in the U.S.
3. There are 1,600 precincts in Cook County.

4. Cook County workers actually took mail ballots to residents' homes during the Presidential Election.
5. There will be 54 Early Voting sites in the April 6, 2021 Election.

2. TOCC Education Session Wednesday, February 10, 2021 2 P.M.

Clerk Nolan reported that the Township Officials of Cook County (TOCC) was sponsoring an Education Session on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 2 P.M. The topic is Social Media and Press Releases in the Pandemic. All officials and employees were invited to attend the Zoom session.

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 stated that he has begun the digitizing of more and more township records for preparation to put up on the transparency center. He will be putting them up as he digitizes them. It is time consuming. He has several done now. He is working on scanning in check registers in advance of getting our new software. Once Trustee Woods has all of that he will start posting them.

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann discussed a phone call she received from Worth Park District saying that Worth is going to have a COVID-19 testing site. Palos Township will participate in this. This has not been finalized at this time, but it will most likely be a every other Friday situation. More information will be forthcoming concerning the organization that will be hosting it. Mr. Shaunessey will let Supervisor Schumann know when he has the information.

c. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley

Trustee Riley stated he had no report for the Board.

d. Building and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes

Trustee Jeanes reported that there was a bid given for the inside cameras for the township. Trustee Jeanes would like to have this discussion at a later meeting when she can have more opinions from Board members.

e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Brannigan

Trustee Brannigan reported that the Health Service numbers for November were:

Cholesterol	\$ 55.00
Health Service	\$ 340.00
Total	\$ 395.00

Trustee Brannigan also stated that there is a tab on our website for information on COVID-19. The township does not have the vaccine at this time. **Supervisor Schumann** stated that some residents are finding ways to receive the vaccine. Triton College is now administering them and several officials have received them.

Unfinished Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Speaker #1

Mark Kuehner

Mark Kuehner stated that he heard Supervisor Schumann, Clerk Nolan, Trustees Jeanes, Riley and Woods, and the rest are running for re-election in this upcoming election. He is surprised we would show our faces in public based on our record. You are all a bunch of disgraces and need to resign right now. You have not been putting out good information on your COVID response. Shame on you!

You put Sharon Brannigan on your Health Committee and she has no respect for residents. Shame on you! People have been losing their homes and their security deposits taken. You have not weighed in on that question at all. Shame on you! I hope that all of you give up this futile attempt to get re-elected because you have been a disgrace to the community.

Speaker #2

Laura Hartman

Laura repeated the same thing that has been stated many times before in the minutes. Please see prior minutes for these statements. Trustee Brannigan threatened to sue her. Laura Hartman repeated everything that has been said in the past concerning Trustee Brannigan. She stated that Trustee Brannigan made the decision not to have a dialogue with her when she went to the police department and accused Laura of threatening her...

Speaker # 3

Merle

Merle began by stating that he would like to defend Trustee Brannigan. Accusations have been made since 2017 that she is a liar. Trustee Brannigan stated that she is going to file a lawsuit based on all of this. She has issued five apologies and the protestors still call her a liar and an islamophobe and a racist.

The reason he cannot defend Sharon from these accusations is that they are correct. She did issue the apologies but they are contradicted by her emails and Facebook record. Sharon, you are a racist liar. I got the Facebook screen shots, our emails, trial transcripts, etc. We know you are a liar, your fellow Board members know you are a racist liar. My advice to you is stop with the lying. That would require character and integrity and you don't have either. You are just a racist, Islamophobic liar! Maybe move out to Idaho where all your White supremacist friends are and live out there.

Speaker # 4

Joe

Supervisor Schumann you ran for office knowing Palos Township has a very sizeable Arab population. What the hell were you thinking that you could run for office, get elected in a community that has a sizeable Arab population and thinking that this would have gone well for you. I agree that you are immoral. I am also saying that you are illogical and stupid as hell thinking this is going to go well for you.

Speaker # 5

Racist

The only thing racist did was play music and swear. He was blocked at this point.

Speaker # 6

Nick

Several months ago, I asked how to submit a complaint. It took several months and I have not got a response. I want to know what it would take for the Board to censure this racist. I sent another request during this meeting. This could be used against you in every campaign.

Speaker # 7

Roa

Brannigan your time is short. We are coming for you at the polls. We are coming for you at protest. Once this COVID-19 is over we are coming for you. At the polls you are done! You are done girl. FUCK!

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 6:55 P.M. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None: Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan
Clerk
Palos Township