

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

February 10, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order

The General Meeting of the Palos Township Board was called to order by **Supervisor Schumann** in the Township Hall, 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, IL at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Township, **Jane Nolan**. Present were Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley, Supervisor Schumann. Also present was Township Attorney, Erik Peck.

Absent: Trustee Woods

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Schumann led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes

a. Approval of the Minutes - General Meeting January 13, 2020

Trustee Brannigan moved to approve the minutes of the General Meeting of January 13, 2020. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken.

Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and 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. TOCC Township Day – Motion to Participate In

Supervisor Schumann informed the Board that TOCC (Township of Cook County) has chosen Saturday, June 20, 2020 for the 2nd Annual Township Day. Palos Township will participate. There will be a Health Fair again here on that date, as well as, extra activities for individuals and families.

Supervisor Schumann moved that Palos Township participate in the TOCC Township Day on June 20, 2020. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Super Bowl Food Collection

Supervisor Schumann informed the Board that two schools participated in the food collection. They were Palos West Elementary and Palos East Elementary. There was so much food donated from the first school that a later date had to be established for the second school donation. It was a very successful township food pantry donation this year!

3. Surviving Spouse Tax Abatement Program-Cook County FYI

Supervisor Schumann explained that the Surviving Spouse Tax Abatement program is now available through Cook County. All information can be found at the township for the residents who would qualify for the program. **Clerk Jane Nolan** has made the information available at the township for all.

b. Clerk

1. 2020 Census – Availability of Information FYI

Clerk Nolan informed the Board that Census information for residents is available at Palos Township. She explained several jobs that are available through working with the census, as well as, the compensation for those jobs. She encouraged the residents to take advantage of working for the 2020 Census.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Peck stated that **Highway Commissioner Adams** informed him that the drainage issue on 133rd Street in Palos Park is being addressed. Commissioner Adams and the engineer from the township met with MWRD and Orland Park. They are all making a plan to remedy this situation which is an ongoing problem.

Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods

There was no report from Finance and Administration as **Trustee Woods** did not attend the meeting.

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann reported that as of January 1, 2020 Training for Sexual Harassment for township employees will be forthcoming.

c. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley

Trustee Riley reported that the new computer is here and it will be installed and updated to Windows 10.

d. Building and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes

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

e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Brannigan

Trustee Brannigan reported the following for the month of February:

Cholesterol:	\$ 325.00
Health Service:	\$ 1,385.00
Total:	\$ 1,710.00

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for the Board.

New Business

There was no new business for the Board.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Speaker #1

This protestor discussed Sharon Brannigan's January 25, 2015 Facebook page which stated that 25% of this population are Muslims and very few of them assimilate. He said he was just reading from the page which stated the previous thing, and that we are "allowing these people into our country" was also written on the page. He stated that what she wrote implies that the activities of Muslim people are hidden, and that people of Muslim Faith are not people. (This is his interpretation of her post.) He stated that Brannigan has lied to the township Board and called on the Board, once more, to censure her!

Speaker #2

This man stated that there was a virus spreading around the country – a political virus. The center is in Washington DC. But this can be seen in Palos Township. The Trustees and officials are political cowards, and their peers are not exposing them. The public then becomes victims of their cowardice.

Speaker #3

This woman was talking so fast it was hard to understand. She was speaking about what Sharon put on her Facebook page. The remarks were spread over a four-year period. She accused Sharon of working for Act for America. The protests were ignited because of her hate speech. The Board should have censured her, and she should have immediately apologized and resigned.

Speaker #4

A very young girl spoke at this time. She stated that she looked at a 2017 post of Sharon's and that she continues to spread things about Muslims on her page. The officials are supposed to be supporting them but they let a person spread hatred. The intentions are outwardly racist. Blamed the officials again. Says she supports all groups of people.

Speaker #5

This speaker is a young man who was one of the protestors arrested in June. He spoke about the trial they finally had, and how the protestors brought 40 people and Sharon Brannigan only had 4. There was a problem and he wanted more time which he was told that was against the rules that were given concerning addressing the Board. He started screaming his first amendment rights were violated. He also refused to face the Board and would only face the audience. He then started "Hey, Hey, Ho, Ho Sharon Brannigan has to go" and all of the audience was escorted out (they joined in as usual) by our security personnel.

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 Brannigan** moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township