

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

**NOVEMBER 24TH, 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, and 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.

**Absent:** Trustee Riley

**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 - October 22, 2015**

**Trustee Woods** moved to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2015, Road and Bridge District Meeting. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**4. Approval of Road and Bridge District Bills**

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

**Supervisor Schumann** moved to approve the monthly bills of the Road District in the amount of \$33,024.16. **Trustee Brannigan** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees

Brannigan, Jeanes, and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

## 5. Highway Commissioner's Report

**Commissioner Adams** met with the Illinois American Water Company last month. They are currently re-doing the water mains in the South Palos Sanitary District. **Commissioner Adams** wants to meet with the person in charge of the work within the Road District not the contractor. The cost of the project is \$750,000. **Commissioner Adams** met with Attorney Peck to determine the bond. The contractor must put up the bond. **Commissioner Adams** stated that the Illinois American Water Company must meet with our qualifications or no work will happen on the Road District right of way --- only on their easement.

They started work a few days ago and blocked the streets involved. **Commissioner Adams** spoke with the engineer. He said he notified the South Palos Sanitary District concerning this subject. **Commissioner Adams** feels that the Illinois American Water Company is the worst to work with in the area of water main breaks. On November 24th, 2015, six trucks and a 1000 pound water tank were blocking many of the streets. The Road District was under the impression that they were not working on the asphalt part of the street. (right away) As of this time the job is stopped. The Road District did receive the \$25,000 bond, but the Commissioner does not feel that is enough compared to all the damage that could be incurred. Area schools are currently being notified of any road closures.

**Commissioner Adams** stated that three loads of salt were delivered today, November 24th, 2015. He also noted that there was seven inches of snow on the weekend plus rain.

On Thursday, November 19th, 2015, there was a TOCC Highway Commissioner's Meeting. They has a speaker from IDOT that has an agenda to stop the highway commissioner's in Illinois from using salt, because it is dangerous to our society. The speaker was asked numerous questions at the meeting. **Commissioner Adams** is now on a committee with the WRD to make a determination what the townships will have to use to satisfy the EPA.

## 6. Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business at this time.

## 7. New Business

- a. **Authorize Execution and Filing of Certification of Compliance with Truth in Taxation**
- b. **Ordinance 2015-04 "An Ordinance Providing for the Levying and Assessment of Taxes..."**

**Trustee Woods** stated that **Commissioner Adams** did not want to increase the Road and Bridge Levy this year. The tax cap applies to the extension not the levy. The total extension was \$691,674.00. **Trustee Woods** suggested the Road District hold to that. This puts \$339,000 in the corporate fund instead of \$336,000. The hard road tax will then be \$353,000 instead of \$351,000. The amount of monies from the hard road tax which are sent to the municipalities within the township was discussed. **Trustee Woods** is working with the county treasurer's chief-of staff who is checking how the amounts of money are dispersed to each municipality. Year to year the Road District is collecting about 95-97% of their extension. The Road District may be able to determine the amount of hard road tax monies that are given to each municipality. This money is used for the construction of roads.

There was a general discussion concerning the tentative levy which will be approved at the December 22, 2015, Road and Bridge District meeting.

**Commissioner Adams** thanked **Trustee Woods** for his help with the levy process.

**Commissioner Adams** informed the Board that the new chief of the Palos Fire Protection District is Mr. James Graben.

## **8. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board**

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board at this time.

## **9. Executive Session**

## **10. Adjournment**

**Trustee Woods** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 P.M. **Trustee Brannigan** seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

**Jane A. Nolan**  
**Clerk**  
**Palos Township**