

**PALOS TOWNSHIP  
COMBINED BILL AUDIT AND ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING  
10802 S. ROBERTS ROAD PALOS HILLS, ILLINOIS 60465**

**August 23, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

The Combined Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District 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, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann and Highway Commissioner Adams. Also present was Township Attorney Erik Peck and Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant, April Schrader

**Officials present:** Clerk Nolan  
Assessor Maloney

**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.

**Disposition of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

- a. **Approval of Minutes – Combined Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District Meeting of July 26, 2021**

**Trustee Jeanes** moved to approve the minutes of the Combined Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District Meeting of July 26, 2021. **Trustee Woods**

seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, 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**

1. Approval of payment to Great Technologies in the amount of \$2,865.00 for three desktop computers, three monitors and one iPad, including cables and accessories, a desktop ram and additional hard drive.

**Supervisor Schumann** stated that Byron and Mike talked about the new computers, and we should be moving forward.

**Trustee Riley** stated today is the last day to return the computers we have, and **Trustee Riley** brought in the megabytes for the computers.

**Trustee Woods** moved to approve the payment to Giant Technologies in the amount of \$2865.00 for three Desktop Computers, three monitors and one iPad. This included cables and accessories, a desktop ram and an additional hard drive. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **b. Clerk Nolan**

1. Recap: Cook County Sheriff's Recycling Program Saturday, August 22, 2021

**Clerk Nolan** reported that the Cook County Sheriff's Recycling Program was a success. The truck was filled about 11:35 a.m. The residents were all very respectable and told us if they were Palos Township residents. Clerk Nolan believes having just Palos Township involved made the difference. The people from the Sheriff's office were very helpful and the time went quickly. Thanks to Diane Goerg for all the publicity. **Clerk**

**Nolan** sent a note to the Director of the Program thanking them for their help, and for the opportunity to have this event a second time.

**Clerk Nolan** also informed the board that we can still do zoom meetings as long as certain criteria is followed.

**c. Highway Commissioner**

**Commissioner Adams** reported that he was very surprised that MWRD called our head engineer, and they want to meet with us (Ourimus and Gene) Wednesday or Thursday, even if it rains. He also stated he would come up with the money needed to do the project, hopefully, his year. The MWRD person apologized for all the problems Palos Township has had. **Commissioner Adams** has not heard anything from them in about two years **Commissioner Adams** stated that this problem has always been a MWRD issue.

**Commissioner Adams** is taking courses concerning highway issues and he is learning many new things, and they are things he needs to know.

**Attorney's Report**

- a. Approval of Minutes of Hearing or Petition to Accept certain Roads (Cherrywood Drive (part of) and 125<sup>th</sup> Street (part of) in Palos West Subdivision by Palos Township Highway Commissioner on June 29, 2021.

**Attorney Peck** reported that on June 29, 2021, the Highway Commissioner held a Public Hearing and residents who showed voiced their opinions for or against accepting the roads. Nobody did object, so it was the Highway Commission's determination to accept those roads. **Attorney Peck** is trying to reduce the plats of dedication into something he can record. He sent notice to the County so everything is proceeding as it should be regarding that.

**Supervisor Schumann** moved to approve the minutes of the Hearing on the Petition to accept the certain roads of Cherrywood Drive (part of) and 125<sup>th</sup> Street (part of) in Palos West Subdivision by the Palos Township Highway

Commissioner on June 29, 2021. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Attorney Peck** updated the Board on the Woodland Shores developments. **Commissioner Adams** received a letter that the last lot on Woodland Shores was going to be sold, and that the village could not access the water retention area there. It was stated that it was the Highway Commissioner's responsibility to maintain "the pond." The Road District investigated it and wrote a lengthy letter to the village indicating that this was not our responsibility, and that the Highway Commissioner never had any dealings with the developer or the village. It was merely a transaction between those two parties. The Road District and the Township had nothing to do with it. **Attorney Peck** attended a meeting with the Village where they entertained questions from the residents. The letter stated that there are "easements on your property and you need to remove everything off of those easements." Fifty or seventy-five people attended the meeting and asked many questions. Orland Park is going to form a board and asked some residents to work with the Village to come up with a plan of how the Village can take care of the pond. Also, they will discuss what the Village will do with the money it collects. They offered the Township Highway Department the ability to maintain the pond, and **Attorney Peck** answered "no". The pond is owned by the Village and the residents are unincorporated.

**Commissioner Adams** reported that back in 1985 when the 131<sup>st</sup> Street joint venture was formed the Village of Orland Park gave them water and sewer, but when the subdivisions were formed their responsibility would have been to look at the set of plans and accept them. They did not do this. Cook County then gave the authority to the Village of Orland Park making the lakes and retention ponds under their ownership. So, the Village is collecting a tax added on to the resident's water bill for storm water drainage. The residents are paying 47.5% more for water than the residents of Orland Park.

The Village of Orland Park is only allowed to charge 10% more than the residents of Orland Park pay for storm water drainage.

The original set of plans called for a 25-foot easement on the southeast corner of Lake Lucille. When the plans were approved by Cook County and submitted to Orland that 25-foot easement became a 10-foot easement. It is too difficult to work in a 10-foot easement with a 14-inch sewer pipe that is 7-1/2 foot deep.

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

### **a. Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods**

#### **1. Audit and Approval of Town Fund Bills and Warrants Dated September 1, 2021.**

**Trustee Woods** moved to approve the audit of the Town Fund Bills and Warrants in the amount of \$13,275.84. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **2. Audit and Approval of Road and Bridge District Fund Bills and Warrants Dated September 1, 2021.**

**Trustee Woods** moved to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge District Fund Bills and Warrants in the amount of \$28,166.39 and the Administrative Expense in the amount of \$6,233.27 for a total of \$34,399.66. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **3. Audit and Approval of General Assistance Fund Bills Dated September 1, 2021.**

**Supervisor Schumann** moved to approve the audit of General Assistance Fund Bills dated September 1, 2021. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann**

**Supervisor Schumann** informed the Board that the owner of our insurance company died. There was no policy or personnel issues.

**c. Technology, Information and Automation – Trustee Riley**

**Trustee Riley** stated we are past the deadline to see if the computers are working. They sat here untouched for weeks, and he is not sure if this happened as he did not receive a confirmation on it. He has the 16-megabyte rams here now. We have everything for our computer person to come in and install and update the computers.

**d. Buildings and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes**

**Trustee Jeanes** did receive a price for cameras at the township from her source and the price was \$11,000.00.

**e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Abuzir** stated that she had no report for the Board.

**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**

**Assessor Maloney** informed the Board that former **Township Official Don Mahoney** is very ill and can use our prayers. Don was an outstanding person in his union and political activities. He was a friend to all and most prominently JFK.

## **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 7:00 P.M. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

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