

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

January 23, 2023 – 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.

Supervisor Schumann moved to approve that **Trustee Woods** attend the meeting by telecommunication. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Township, **Jane Nolan**. Present were Trustees Jeanes, Woods by telecommunication, Abuzir, Supervisor Schumann, and Highway Commissioner Adams.

Absent: Trustee Riley

Officials present: Clerk Jane Nolan
Assessor Robert Maloney

Others present: April Schrader, Administrative Assistant, Road and Bridge District (Palos)
Judy Adams, Palos Township resident

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 Palos Township Board Meeting of December 27, 2022.

Trustee Jeanes moved to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2022 Township Board Meeting. **Trustee Abuzir** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Jeanes, Woods, Abuzir, and Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Recognitions/Proclamations/Presentations/Communications

There were no Recognitions/Proclamations/Presentations/Communications at this meeting.

Reports of Officials

- a. **Supervisor/Treasurer**

1. **Sexual Harassment Training**

Supervisor Schumann stated that the 2023 Sexual Harassment Training is online now. All officials and employees must complete this training. It was sent to the township by our insurance company. After everyone completes the training, they must download the sign-in sheet and sign their name. Please submit this sheet to Cara at the township. The training takes about 54 minutes. If you have any questions, please call Cara at the township office for more information.

- b. **Clerk**

1. **OMA and FOIA Training completed**

Clerk Nolan informed the Board that she had completed both the OMA and FOIA Training for 2022. She stated she has to do both of these each year. There were several changes in FOIA.

2. TOI Lobby Day Springfield, Illinois, Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Clerk Nolan stated that she would like to attend the TOI Lobby Day, but does not want to go alone. The problem is that it is in Springfield. On this day you can meet with your legislators. You do have to make all your own appointments with each person you want to meet with. There is a luncheon, and a speaker, and a cocktail type reception at the end of the day. It is an interesting experience!

3. Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation Extended January 6, 2023 through February 4, 2023

Clerk Nolan informed the Board that Governor Pritzker has issued a Disaster Proclamation Extension January 6, 2023 through February 4, 2023. FYI

c. Highway Commissioner

Commissioner Adams reported that the bill that is included in this month's bills also includes that snowstorm and ice storm we had on Christmas Day. His workers were out all Christmas Day salting and plowing. The equipment is now ready for any upcoming storms. The 133rd Street drainage ditch is done after two and one-half years. The Road District received the payments from the Water Reclamation District of over \$90,000 which does not include the total cost which is near \$140,000. He has some great expenditures still remaining. He explained again how all this happened. The Road District still has another \$50,000 to pay. He hopes the township will be able to help with this. **Commissioner Adams** reported that a resident tripped on a piece of the township's sidewalk, and she is suing the township's insurance company. There were pictures with no address on them taken at the scene.

Attorney Peck clarified that in November of 2021 someone did trip on one of the sidewalks. It appears that the attorneys were trying to negotiate with the township's insurance company, but Attorney Peck has no knowledge of it. They filed a lawsuit against the Road District in 2022. The insurance

company is taking care of this. It is anticipated that a motion to dismiss will be filed. (This is what the insurance company's attorney said.)

Attorney's Report

a. Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-R-01 A Resolution Establishing the Annual Calendar of Regular Meetings.

Attorney Peck reported that every year the Open Meetings Act requires that a public body provide public notice of their regular meetings. That is what this Resolution is and it will be published and put on our website.

Supervisor Schumann moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-R-01, **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS.** **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Woods and Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0

Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods

1. Audit and Approval of Town Fund Bills and Warrants Dated February 1, 2023

Trustee Woods moved to approve the audit of the Town Fund Bills and Warrants Dated February 1, 2023 in the amount of \$13,365.73 and the additional amount in January of \$ 69.94 for a total of \$13,435.67.

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

2. Audit and Approval of Road and District Fund Bills and Warrants Dated February 1, 2023.

Trustee Woods moved to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge District Fund Bills and Warrants Dated February 1, 2023 in the amount of

\$61,585.77, and the Administrative Expense in the amount of \$6,032.11 for a total of \$67,617.88. **Trustee Abuzir** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Woods, and Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Audit and Approval of General Assistance Fund Bills Dated February 1, 2023.

Supervisor Schumann moved to approve the audit of the General Assistance Fund Bills Dated February 1, 2023. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Woods, and Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann stated that the most important issue is that all the officials and staff are up to date with the Sexual Harassment Training for 2023. There are no changes to policy and personnel. The nurse Cici will be returning from foot surgery soon. She will begin by working a few days at a time.

c. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley

There was no report from this committee as **Trustee Riley** did not attend the meeting.

d. Building and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes

Trustee Jeanes reported that she called someone to come to the township for the purpose of putting railings by each of the township back doors. She said she will call the township tomorrow to see if someone did come for this project.

e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Abuzir

Trustee Abuzir reported the cholesterol and Health Service fees for the month of December and she also reported the annual amounts for both.

They are as follows:

For the month of December

Cholesterol	\$	None
Health Service Fees		335.00
Total	\$	335.00

Annual 2022

Cholesterol	\$	2,015.00
Health Service Fees	\$	6,700.15
Total	\$	8,715.15

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 discussed the Board of Review Outreach that took place recently at the township. Approximately 25 people attended the outreach. Both exemption and appeals were discussed. He had a list of exemptions as there are many new ones. If anyone wants this information, please see **Assessor Maloney** for this.

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 Jeanes** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township