

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

JULY 22, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call

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 at 6:34 P.M. Roll call was taken by the **Clerk** of the Township, **Jane Nolan**. Present were Trustees Brannigan, 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**.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Schumann led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Disposition of Minutes from Previous Meeting

a. Approval of the Minutes of the Combined Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District Meeting – June 24, 2019

Trustee Woods moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2019, Combined Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District 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.

Trustee Woods moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of the Township Board regarding the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2019-2020. **Supervisor Schuman** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods and Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Woods moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of the Township Board regarding the Road and Bridge District 2019-2020 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. **Trustee Brannigan** 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 was a presentation from Eligoenergy by James R. Seay, CEO, Clear Energy Inc. concerning Palos Township Clean Energy Municipal Organization.

Mr. Seay stated that the aggregated program the Township is now participating in is coming to an end in September. The contract stipulated residents would be with Eligoenergy at a fixed rate. There was a clause in the contract that stated if that fixed rate was higher than ComEd at any time, Eligo would either match the rate or put residents back with Com Ed. He then discussed how they reversed the rate and later came out with another rate. It will depend on how residents use their electricity, at a volume not the times of day and night. Some residents were more expensive to provide electric to and some were not. Eligo will put some residents back with Com Ed and will keep certain residents with Eligo. It is very hard to plan a fixed rate for residential customers' electricity. They have come up with a way to benefit all residents. They recommend taking all residents to 20% Green Energy. They are going to match ComEd's rates. Some residents will stay with ComEd, and some residents will stay with Eligo. They will all be paying the same price which is the price ComEd charges. This program will start in October for 12 months which will take the Township Green in 2020. This program will pay the Township \$25,000 in cash which will be paid on a monthly basis. This money can be used by the Township for anything. James Seay will now be paid by Eligo. Alexander Rozenblat is the Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of Eligo. Eligo will do all the required paperwork through the EPA to get residents certified. In the transition letters will go out, and the residents will be notified. The Township will not have to answer phone calls from residents. Jim will handle all phone calls as he always has. Customers can enter and leave the program at any time.

Trustee Woods moved to direct Mr. James Seay of Clear Energy to proceed with entering into a contract with Eligo Energy for Municipal Aggregations. **Supervisor**

Schumann seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None.

Reports of Officials

a. Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann informed he Board that our security firm Professional Protection Specials, Inc., will no longer be representing Palos Township. The Township is looking into another security firm which they will be meeting with very soon. The Township has received a letter from the Attorney General's office which the Township is responding to. This letter emanated from the original FOIA from Hasam Marajda.

b. Clerk

Clerk Nolan stated that she had no report for the Board.

c. Highway Commissioner

Highway Commissioner Adams reported that he will be attending the Highway Commissioner's Education Seminar the first week in August. The Highway Department is fixing many potholes at this time of year.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Peck stated that he had no report for the Board.

Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods

1. Audit and Approval of Town Fund Bills and Warrants - August, 2019.

Trustee Woods moved to approve the audit of the Town Fund Bills and Warrants in the amount of \$13,792.03 for the month of August plus an additional \$451.52 for the month of July. The total amount being

\$14,243.55. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Audit and Approval of Road and Bridge Fund Bills and Warrants.

Trustee Woods moved to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge Fund Bills and Warrants in the amount of \$28,952.25 and the Administrative expense in the amount of \$5,756.35 for a total of \$34,708.60 for the Road and Bridge Fund Bills and Warrants. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Audit and Approval of General Assistance Warrants – August 1, 2019.

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

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann stated that there are no new issues concerning Policy and Personnel.

c. Technology, Information and Automation-Trustee Riley

Trustee Riley stated that he had no report for the Board.

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 stated that she had no report for the Board.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business before the Board.

New Business

a. Clear Energy Mr. James R. Seay, CEO

Mr. Seay gave his presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Residents from 133rd Street, Palos Park (Southside) attended the meeting. Mr. Calhoun was the initial speaker. These residents have attended the Board meetings in the past with issues with water, ditches and their residences. Their property and ditches have been eroded by all of the water. They all feel that they cannot repair the problem anymore, and they do not want to spend more money on this problem. There was a long discussion concerning these problems with many examples provided by the residents. All Township officials received a twenty-one-page document which contained photos, etc. This document stated "For the past 30 years, residents on the South side of 133rd St. have been victim to the overflow of water from the entire Palos Highlands neighborhood due to the culvert only being on one side of the street. Residents have advocated for both support and change in order to alleviate this issue to no avail. This PDF contains before and after pictures of the flooding, erosion of property and overall negligence that occurs on the South side of 133rd Street..." A copy of this can be viewed at the township.

There was supposed to be a prior meeting with **Highway Commissioner Adams** and the MWRD, but that meeting was cancelled due to illness on the part of **Highway Commissioner Adams** (hospitalized). The affected properties are 8508, 8535 and 8545. **Supervisor Schumann** stated that there will be another meeting scheduled with the MWRD as soon as possible. It was suggested by **Trustee Woods** to have a drainage engineer look at the problem with the MWRD.

There were still many questions, concerns and everyone talking at once. **Trustee Woods** suggested that it is “How do we fix the problem – not whose problem it is.” As soon as the meeting is the MWRD is scheduled the residents will be notified.

Trustee Woods also informed the Board and the audience that the MWRD has just re-opened for additional grants. He feels our engineering firm should apply for these grants.

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 7:23 P.M. **Trustee Brannigan** seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township