

PALOS TOWNSHIP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

MAY 28TH, 2015

ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING

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 7:08 P.M. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Township, Jane Nolan. Present were Trustees Brannigan, Riley 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.

Supervisor Schumann turned the meeting over to Highway Commissioner Adams who stated that a quorum of elected officials were present for voting purposes.

Trustee Brannigan moved to approve the minutes of the April 23rd, 2015, Road and Bridge District Meeting. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Trustee Woods moved to approve the Consent Agenda Highway District Bills Totaling \$54, 805.33 for the time period May 28th, 2015, to June 25th, 2015, and Highway District Administrative Bills Totaling \$5,064.46 for the time period June 1, 2015 to July 1, 2015. Highway District Bills and Highway Administrative District Bills combined total \$59,869.79. **Trustee Brannigan** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a discussion concerning the 2014 salt bills. The company used was Cargill Salt Company. There were many problems including bills, late delivery of salt and other problems. The Highway Department even borrowed salt from Palos Park once.

There were several invoices not paid by Commissioner Adams. Attorney Peck worked with the salt company and was able to secure a waiver of \$5,000.00 for these invoiced bills for the Highway Commissioner. Thank you Attorney Peck.

Commissioner Adams reported that in 2015 he purchased the salt from Cook County. Although more expensive, the experience was much better for the Highway District. The quality of salt was excellent, and the Road and Bridge District saved \$5,000.00 in repair bills that did not occur because the salt was a better quality.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion concerning recent legislative bills in Springfield. **Commissioner Adams** asked the officials to write or call their legislators concerning the current tax freeze proposal which could permanently freeze the dollar amount of the township's property tax extension. It is imperative that we make sure our legislators understand the total impact of imposing this State mandate on our township.

Commissioner Adams also stated that the Highway District Motor Fuel Tax could be ended by September if a Motor Fuel Tax bill is passed. (bill # is unknown).

There was a discussion of the draft of ORDINANCE 15-02-0 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR 2015-2016 OF THE TOWN OF PALOS ROAD DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2015 AND ENDING MARCH 1, 2016.

Attorney Peck stated that there will be no increase in the budget for 2016.

Storm Water Project/Village of Orland Park Report:

Commissioner Adams gave the general background of the Storm Water Project and the Village of Orland Park report. This information can be found in prior minutes.

Since then **Commissioner Adams** has met with Burke Engineering and the Village of Orland Park.

Orland Park installed 16 ft. drainage pipes and three interceptor catch basins at 86th Avenue and Paloma and other adjacent intersections.

Commissioner Adams feels confident the water will be redirected successfully to alleviate the flooding on 133rd Street.

There was some further discussion concerning the engineering firm involved.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Adams informed the Board that a new set of plans came to the Highway Department concerning the right of way at 12728 S. 82nd Ct., Palos Park. The new set of plans were the same as the prior plans that had been turned down for this area.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The citizens who attended the meeting to speak with Commissioner Adams met with him after the meeting to discuss their concerns.

Trustee Woods moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. **Trustee Brannigan** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan
Clerk
Palos Township