

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

June 14, 2021

Call to Order

The General Meeting of the Palos Township Board was called to order by **Supervisor Schumann** in the Township Hall, 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, Illinois 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. Also present was Township Attorney, Erik Peck.

Officials Present: Clerk Nolan
Assessor Maloney

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 Combined General and Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District Meeting of May 17, 2021

Trustee Woods moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Combined General and Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District Meeting. **Trustee Riley** 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/Treasurer

1. Cost of Living/Pandemic Increases

Supervisor Schumann reported that she will be discussing the cost of living for the employees which is done annually. She stated that typically the cost-of-living increase was 3%. The Township staff was at the township every day during the pandemic unlike many other townships which were totally closed. The staff never complained and did what they were supposed to do. **Supervisor Schumann** suggested a 5% cost of living raise for this year which will include the nurses and the four people on the township side. She asked for comments and **Trustee Jeanes** stated she thought it was a good idea. **Supervisor Schumann** added that Heather Malloy was able to correctly conduct the Assessor Appeal during the pandemic. The cost-of-living raise has been 3% for the last several years.

Clerk Nolan asked if there should be a motion for the cost-of-living increase and **Trustee Woods** said that the 5% would be placed in the upcoming budget and would be voted on with the budget.

b. Clerk

1. TOCC Virtual Annual Meeting Thursday, June 17, 2021

Clerk Nolan reminded the Board members of this meeting which will be both virtual and in-person. It will only be in-person for the directors. If you registered you can come in, of course.

2. Topics Day Notes

Clerk Nolan informed the Board that she sent them the Topics Day notes awhile ago. It was the **TOI Topics Day** zoom which was paid for by the Township. Some of the main points from Topics Day she highlighted were:

1. Know your legislators and talk and meet with them.
2. Check the bills for and against township and watch how they are progressing.
3. The biggest challenge to township is voter education and participation.
4. It is being considered to move all election dates for next year. The election next year is June 28, 2022. Election Day is now a state holiday. You can sign up to receive a ballot at your home and it will come every election after you sign up.

People with disabilities can vote on line.

The bill will also allow State Legislators to hold a position in other governmental entities without a problem. Early voting begins May 19, 2022.

5. Some legislators in Springfield feel it is their job to take on townships.
 6. Township government is most efficient.
 7. Some legislators are not in touch with township government and townships need to reach out.
- 3. Palos Township and the Cook County Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program and Electronics Recycling and Shred-a-Thon Event, Saturday, July 17, 2021**

Clerk Nolan reminded the Board that Prescription Take-Back, Shred and Recycling Event will take place at Palos Township on July 17, 2021. It is open to any interested residents. Only one television per car is allowed.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Peck stated that there was no legal report for the Board.

Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods

Trustee Woods stated he had no report for the Board.

Supervisor Schumann stated that Juneteenth (June 19) will be a Cook County holiday this year, and will be voted to be a state holiday also.

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 21-R-04 Re-Appointing Richard Nogal A Trustee of the Palos Fire Protection District Board of Trustees.

Supervisor Schumann moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 21-R-04 THE RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING RICHARD NOGAL A TRUSTEE OF THE PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** Trustee **Jeanes** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 21- R-03 – APPOINTING GENE ADAMS A TRUSTEE OF THE PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Supervisor Schumann moved to adopt **RESOLUTION No. 21- R-03 APPOINTING GENE ADAMS A TRUSTEE OF THE PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** Trustee **Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley

1. Discussion of new computers

Trustee Riley stated that one new I-Pad is needed. The Clerk needs a new computer as does the Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant. Also, another computer is necessary for the storage room. New computers for employees who will be working with the financial package are necessary. Two identical monitors are needed for the Office Manager. There was a discussion of the computers. **Trustee Riley** stated that everything is on back order. Three monitors and one I-Pad will be ordered plus two additional monitors for the Office Manager.

Trustee Woods informed the Board that there are many things going on in the electrical box. Wires are going to other numbers. The electrician will install a ground fault circuit interrupter. He will change two circuits and the outlet in the room will be changed. Also, two or three new circuit breakers will be changed. The price for all of this work is \$212.00. The electrician will then do a complete assessment of the box in order to fix all of the incorrect things. He will come to the township on weekends and in the evenings.

Trustee Woods stated that the Township has gone through four battery back-ups in three years. He also stated at the beginning of his report that the township service has been going down and the phones have been going off.

d. Buildings and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes

Trustee Jeanes reported that the Township building needs tuckpointing. She also stated that the Board, in the future, has to decide on the security cameras. There was a discussion of this topic. Trustee Woods feels that the cameras and the installation should be done separately. **Trustee Jeanes** did not know if that is how her contact person would want to do it. Also, the Office Manager asked if a monitor could be installed higher so that what is going on can be seen. These things will be decided at a later date.

e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Abuzir

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.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board.

Executive Session

There was no motion 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 7:10 p.m. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan
Clerk
Palos Township