

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

October 12, 2020

Call to Order

The General Meeting of the Palos Township Board was called to order by **Supervisor Schumann** at 6:30 pm. She was in attendance at the Township Hall. The meeting was held via internal conference call pursuant to the Executive Order of the Governor.

All persons interested in attending were able to do so by visiting our website at WWW.palostownship.org and selecting the link to JOIN THE MEETING.

All persons wishing to address the Board will be permitted to do so through the web-conference platform following the standard rules previously adopted by the Board.

The Township Hall was not opened for the meeting.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Township, **Jane Nolan**. Present were Trustees Brannigan, 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.

Disposition of Prior Minutes from Previous Meeting

a. Approval of Minutes General Meeting September 14, 2020

Trustee Woods moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 General 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.

Special Presentations/Communications

There were no special presentations or communications at this meeting.

Reports of Officials

a. Supervisor/Treasurer

Supervisor Schumann reminded the Board that the financial reports of our audit have been concluded and they are here for any viewing by any interested members.

She reported that the township will be connecting with the law firm of Tressler LLP for our sexual harassment training for the employees and officials. She will let us know when this will be happening.

b. Clerk

1. Early Voting 2020.

Clerk Nolan reported that there have been many questions concerning Early Voting. She explained the main Early Voting sites for Palos Township residents. The earliest dates to early vote are at the 5th District Courthouse in Palos Hills or downtown Chicago at 69 W. Washington Street. The four closest places as of October 19, 2020 for residents are:

1. Orland Township Hall

2. Palos Heights Recreation Center
3. Oak Lawn Village Hall
4. Burbank (Prairie Trails Library District)

She stated that she has lists at the township which will tell residents the days and times of Early Voting for the November 3, 2020 Presidential election. Voters can also go to CookCountyClerk.com. for more information. Voters do not have to go to their precinct to early vote. You can do it anywhere.

If you still have not registered by election day you can register and vote at YOUR PRECINCT. You can vote provisionally on election day if they tell you at the polling place that they cannot find your registration, and you know you are registered!

2. Polling Places

Clerk Nolan reported that she has a list of all the polling places in Palos Township at the township office. You can come and pick up a list at any time.

You can also look up your polling place at CookCountyClerk.Com. You will receive something in the mail, if you are registered, before election day which will tell you the location of your polling place. **Clerk Nolan** is available to answer questions at the township or on the phone at 708-598-4418.

Clerk Nolan thanked the employees of Palos Township for all the help they have given her with the Presidential Election.

Attorney's Report

- 1. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-02-R the RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TRUSTEE RUSSELL MILLER TO THE PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Attorney Peck read the resolution introduction.

Supervisor Schumann moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-02-R RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TRUSTEE RUSSELL MILLER TO THE PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Trustee Woods seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-03-R RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TRUSTEE TODD THIELMANN TO THE PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Attorney Peck read the resolution introduction.

Supervisor Schumann moved to adopt Resolution 20-03-R RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TRUSTEE TODD THIELMANN TO THE PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Trustee Jeanes seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods

Trustee Woods reported that he is having some problems trying to schedule the software finance individuals to come to the township. As soon as this is completed, the training of the employees on the server will begin.

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann re-iterated that the township will be working with Attorney Peck and the firm of Tressler LLP to get the township into compliance with the sexual harassment law.

c. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley

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

d. Buildings and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes

Trustee Jeanes stated that she had no report for the Board.

e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Brannigan

Trustee Brannigan reported the following amounts for the month of September:

Health Services	\$ 785.00
Cholesterol	\$ 160.00
Total Amount	\$ 954.00

Unfinished Business

Trustee Brannigan stated that the court case against the five defendants that were arrested at Palos Township concluded on October 1, 2020. The Judge dismissed all charges and acquitted all defendants. The happenings at the arrest were not clear on the video. She has called in for a copy of the video and is waiting for a return call. The final report will be sent to the township for the records.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Speaker #1

Laura Hartman

Laura began by asking what is the definition of a Trustee and read the definition. Trustee Brannigan had several people arrested through a private security firm. Laura attended the trial. Trustee Brannigan denied the comments she made in

writing. She e-mailed her dissent to Trustee Brannigan. Laura then stated that Trustee Brannigan attempted to have her arrested by going to the Police Department and saying she was stating false claims. She now discussed racism and the Board. Trustee Brannigan is the source of the problem. This was a recording so much of the dialog was lost in a zoom.

Trustee Brannigan interrupted and said to Attorney Peck that what the woman was saying was false, and that she never heard of any e-mails and does not know this woman.

Speaker #2

Mark Kuehner

Mark asked Sharon why she is still here. You need to resign. You brought shame and contempt to a public office, the township and the Republican Party. You need to resign. You also brought shame and contempt to the Palos Hills Police Department. You dragged them out repeatedly and forced them to do a false arrest and you need to resign. You have brought shame and contempt to the Cook County Court System. They had to go through this mockery of justice because of you. You are shameful and full of contempt and need to resign. He addressed the Palos Township Board in general. He stated that it was against the law to make policies about swearing and impolite language. To make his point he stated this is "f***ing illegal."

Speaker #3

Racist

He said they are out in the township for the 2nd month in a row demanding the same old thing – resignation and accountability. Censure her but you don't want to. There is a letter going around. You said last meeting that there is a letter denouncing Brannigan and asking her not to run on your slate. Where is it? That is for another time. Thank you all for coming out and happy Indigenous People's Day (Columbus Day.) Congratulations to the five defendants that were arrested. Supervisor Schumann you were thrown under the bus by Trustee Brannigan. How do you like that? She said you told us to leave the building when you never told us

to leave the building. She threw you, her supervisor, under the bus! What are you going to do about it? I hope you enjoyed us honking and protesting!

Speaker #4

MK

There was nothing from MK.

Speaker #5

Tammy Georgiou

Tammy stated the same beginning as usual that she was here once again to state that white supremacy goes unchecked in Local Government. They are here once again to denounce the hate speech of Sharon Brannigan and the complicity of the entire Township Board for allowing hate to have a place in our township. For the fortieth month in a row we are requesting that the township denounces Sharon's hate speech and white supremacy. Utilize your obligation as a Board to censure Sharon. I am requesting for the 4th month in a row that the township employees and officials submit to anti-racist training and make a statement of support of the "Black Lives Matter" movement within the township. 250,000 people have died of COVID-19. As of October 9, 2000, there were 2,500 cases in Palos Township. The Township Health Service should use the tax payers' money to assist in the testing, tracing and care of township residents with COVID-19. How can the township justify the collection of taxes without service to the community?

Trustee Brannigan did ask if the meeting could move on as the speaker says the same things each month. The answer was that each speaker can speak during their time.

Speaker #6

Bruce Hartman

Bruce stated that his wife's statement was interrupted by Trustee Brannigan, once again, who was making false claim that what you heard was inaccurate. It

was 100% true. Trustee Brannigan did file a claim and it was deemed non-threatening after an investigation. The trustees on this Board are being hoodwinked by Trustee Brannigan again. She is lying and interrupting. She is a thorn in the side of the Board. Something needs to be done. This is sad and dangerous. He hopes everyone will come together and do something that will be beneficial to the town.

Speaker #7

Raghd

Does Sharon Brannigan know how many kids have COVID in schools or how they are adjusting to the COVID-19? Any update on the traffic on Robert's Road? Talk about real issues. You are ignoring ours. Do you have a number on COVID-19?

Speaker #8

Sief

Sharon Brannigan, and the 1000's that think like her, is the real cause of white supremacy, and racism in this county. This is being empowered by the current man in the Presidential seat. She is a public servant. She is supposed to represent the needs and values of this community, however, she has made it blatantly clear that she doesn't support immigrants, people of color, and social /racial justice. She refuses to take back her comments and doesn't want to apologize to the thousands of Arab Americans living in this district. She influences decision making policy in Palos Township. We feel that an apology is too late. We want her to resign and be accountable to this community and reflect the values of our people.

Speaker #9

Resign Sharon Brannigan

We see you from the window Schumann. You are texting during the meeting. You are not supposed to do this. You are supposed to be paying attention to and listening to the people you are supposed to be representing. We are all coming for all of you to resign and we are going to vote you "the hell out!"

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 Jeanes** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township