

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

September 9, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.

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 Brannigan, Riley, and Woods and Supervisor Schumann. Also present was Township Attorney **Erik Peck**.

Officials Present: Assessor Robert Maloney

Absent: Trustee Jeanes

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Schumann led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes

a. Approval of the Minutes of the August 12, 2019 General Meeting

Trustee Brannigan moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019, General Meeting. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Riley, and Woods, Supervisor Schuman. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0

Special Presentations/Communications

There were no special presentations or communications at this meeting.

Reports of Officials

a. **Supervisor/Treasurer Supervisor Schumann** reported that the preliminary audit report will be here soon. This will be available to the public when completed and posted in our outside glass case.

b. **Clerk**

1. IML Conference – September 20-22, 2019

Clerk Nolan reported that she will be attending the Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference again this year. The conference takes place at the Chicago Hilton from September 20 to September 22, 2019. There are many things which concern townships also available at the conference.

2. Voluntary Clerk Certification

Clerk Nolan reported that she received an email from Springfield stating that she has fully completed all the necessary things to earn the VTCC designation – The Voluntary Township Clerk Certification. This program is designed to enhance the job performance of the Clerk in all Illinois Townships. The VTCC program prepares the applicants to meet the challenges of the complex role of Township Clerk. She will receive her VTCC certificate at the TOI November Education Conference in Springfield.

Attorney's Report

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

Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods

Trustee Woods stated that he is reviewing the audit at this time. He said that it ended better than it began. The township will be re-doing their website soon. It will be a lengthy process. Also, Trustee Woods and Trustee Riley are working on a new township server. It will scan documents and date many other things. More information will be forthcoming.

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann informed the Board that one of the Health Service Nurses (Paula) has taken a new position. She will continue to work at Palos Township Health Service one day a week. Another experienced nurse will be taking her place.

c. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley

Trustee Riley reported that all the issues concerning the new computer were addressed and the computer is up and running.

d. Building and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes

Trustee Jeanes reported that the township is in the process of securing a new lighting system. LED lights will be replacing the current township lights. These lights are very cost effective.

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 for the Board.

New Business

There was no new business for the Board.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Speaker #1

The first speaker did not state her name. She repeated, once again, that "Brannigan is a racist" and went on to say that in response to their "peaceful protests" tactics of threat and intimidation happened. She is referencing the fact that Palos Township hired a security firm to help keep order at meetings so that the business of government could be accomplished. She read all kinds of examples of things that she said were done to them, but nothing was said about their two years and two months activities at our meetings. She ended with calling the entire Board "racists" and "white supremacists," and told us to revoke the security firm's contract. Her last sentence was "Sharon must resign."

Speaker #2

The second speaker stated that Trustee Brannigan brought a body camera to a previous meeting (a while ago). She felt all of her apologies were "fake," and because of her five of their people were arrested at another meeting. She stated that her husband came to the meeting and it did not work out well. She gave several examples of various times when she felt Trustee Brannigan was not telling the truth. She wants her to resign, and she ended with calling the Board and officials racists again. She stated, once again, that they will not leave!

Speaker #3

This speaker discussed a man who tripped and lost his balance at a meeting. It was said that the Sergeant at Arms saw this happen. It was stated that a busload of people from the Southern Poverty Law Center came to the township for one of the meetings. Supposedly, Trustee Brannigan told the Board they were coming, but told the activists and protestors she did not know this. (The Board and the officials DID NOT KNOW.) The Board was extremely surprised to see them and their bus. This speaker also discussed the "lies" Trustee Brannigan told.

Speaker #4

This resident discussed the last time he was confronted at one of our meetings. He stated he as very uncomfortable. The person who spoke did not like the clothes he wore (as they were heavy) and told him he would take off his own clothes and give them to him. The resident discussed the "melting pot" thing.

Speaker #5

This speaker was very vocal. He stated that Islamic activists came to the Township. He read many things from a paper, many of which had little to do with townships.

Speaker #6

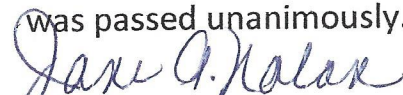
This woman asked about a woman who she says hit her at one meeting. She stated the woman is a member of the Klu Klux Klan. She stated she is in the process of suing her. She asked if she has attended any recent meetings, and she told Trustee Riley to "let her know."

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 6:49 P.M., and **Trustee Brannigan** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.


Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township