

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

August 10, 2020

Call to Order

The General Meeting of the Palos Township Board was called to order by **Supervisor Schumann who 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

Trustee Woods moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 General Meeting. **Trustee Jeanes** 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 reported that the audit report and filing with Hearne & Associates has been completed. It has been filed with the state. As soon as she has the copies, she will distribute them to the Board

b. Clerk

1. Township Communications Virtual Meeting Notes FYI

Clerk Nolan discussed the Township Communicators Meeting that she attended on zoom. Some things she found interesting were:

One township is doing **outdoor movies**. One township is doing a virtual **cooking zoom**. One township is playing **virtual bingo for seniors**. Some townships are doing **health and wellness workshops** by zoom.

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 reported that the finance software for the server will be available in the next two weeks. The employees will be trained concerning the workings of the new server. The new server will make everything easier to find.

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann reported that the township has been reminded about the new Sexual Harassment Training for employees and officials. This must be done by **December 31, 2020**. This will take place in the near future.

c. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley

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

d. Buildings and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes

1. LED Light program

Trustee Jeanes stated that everything to date is good at the township. A person came to the township to look at the lights and he gave a quote for the LED lights. The quote was \$350.07 for new LED lights for the township. This was a great savings. ComEd is giving businesses incentives. The proposal has been sent in and Trustee Jeanes will tell the township when the work can be done.

e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Brannigan

Trustee Brannigan stated that the Health Service report for the month of June is:

Health Services	\$ 830.00
Cholesterol	\$ 110.00
Total Amount	\$ 940.00

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

Mark Kuehner

Mark stated he is very distressed that the township board has not censured Sharon Brannigan. Sharon Brannigan has told lies to the public, to the Board and to the media. She has continued this assault that affects everybody. The Board must live up to their responsibility and censure Sharon Brannigan. They need to pressure her to resign. It is a disgrace that this Board is dragging their feet on this important issue. The Board should be setting an example to counter the racism that is epidemic in our society. There were racists at the March on Roberts Road a few weeks ago and he was surprised Sharon was not with them.

Speaker #2

Chad

He stated that in early 2018 there was an agreement that there would be a federal negotiation between the two sides. He said that the township deliberately violated the confidentiality of the agreement before negotiations could begin. In September 2018, you also said that loud protests were part of free speech and you would not remove people simply for being disruptive. What has changed since then? If you and the Board had behaved with any integrity and censured Sharon Brannigan, a lot of the issues might have been diffused. In July of 2019, Colleen Schumann and Sharon Brannigan spoke about establishing a community committee with local residents including the Muslim community. Well, it has been 14 months and still no committee. The purpose was to build bridges. You have said that you don't have the power to do anything about Sharon Brannigan. In the Township Code of Ethics, it talks about "conducting the government with integrity

and impartiality without allowing prejudice to interfere with serving the public interest.” For three years Sharon Brannigan has shared all her racism on social media. He feels that the officials have not read their own Code of Ethics or maybe it is a joke.

Speaker #3

Hasan

Nothing was said by this person. There was only noise and some type of music being played.

Speaker #4

Tammy Georgious

Tammy asked “what has Palos Township done the last 30 days to arrange anti-racist training for the officials and employees. What procedures do you have for people who break the guidelines and rules? What have you done so far as a township to protect the citizens of Palos Township against blatant racism and bigotry? Why isn’t there free COVID-19 testing for all the residents of Palos Township? You have a health facility, but you fail to arrange testing for the residents. There should be testing 5 days a week in the township. As of Thursday, August 6, 2020, there was over 1500 people in Palos Township that tested positive. Palos Hills had over 700 cases What are you doing about this?

Supervisor Schumann stated that Palos township has no access to testing supplies. Testing sites were mandated by the government. We would have no access to be a testing site for COVID-19.

Speaker #5

Sharise

Sharise just kept repeating Sharon Brannigan is a racist. Sharon Brannigan needs to resign and she should not be in office. She is an Islamophobe. This was not a person who was present but a recording. Public comment is for people who will

comment, not use a recorded statement. Supervisor Schumann moved to the next person.

Speaker #6

The Trustees are Racists

He called all of us racists by names. He called every one of our names out one by one. He said that they will continue to call us racists. There is an amazing movement in this country called the Black Lives Matter Movement, and he is sure we will never admit we know about it or be on that side of history. We are learning a lot from that movement and we are going to unite with more people from Palos Hills and Palos Township, and as soon as you open the meetings in person, we are going to come. We are going to come in forces, and we are going to keep disrupting the meetings and protesting and do everything possible to **make your lives Hell!** We are going to make sure that another person who comes in as a Palos Township Trustee learns the lesson, and will never have the courage to say anything like Brannigan has said, and will never have the courage to do any of the actions you guys have done. You are all useless and you have done absolutely nothing since you have been elected, and absolutely nothing since we have started this campaign against Brannigan. You are very incompetent, very useless, you should not be in office or not be elected officials ever again. We are going to make sure of that.

Speaker #7

Nick Sous

Nick Sous stated that this is his 4th time being part of the zoom calls, and he is still asking the same question he asked before. For years we have been submitting complaints to you guys, calling your offices, being ignored and coming to these meetings being ignored. Where can people submit a complaint to actually get an answer? Why aren't the zoom meetings being put on the web site? You are holding the minutes away from people to see what is happening. It must be seen by the people that we are demanding the resignation of Sharon Brannigan. You are continuing to do a crappy job with everything you guys are doing. We have a

public health trustee who is not even reporting any updates since the start of the pandemic. What she did report today was in regards of fundraising instead of what is being done about COVID-19. It needs to be reflected on your website that, not just as a racist, but even as a public health trustee, she is incapable of doing her job the way she is supposed to.

The meeting minutes are available on the website. Supervisor Schumann stated that anyone who has questions about them should contact the township for help.

Speaker #8

This person gave no name but chanted "Sharon Brannigan has to go." "Sharon Brannigan has to go." "Sharon Brannigan has to go." "You should to go." "Everybody wants go." "Sharon Brannigan has to go." "Sharon Brannigan has to go." This was repeated three more times.

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

