

**PALOS TOWNSHIP  
ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING  
10802 S. ROBERTS ROAD PALOS HILLS, IL. 60465**

**FEBRUARY 25TH, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Road and Bridge District Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Schumann in the Township Hall, 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, at 7:07 P.M. Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Township, Jane Nolan. Present were Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, 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.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Disposition of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**a. Approval of Minutes - January 28, 2016**

**Trustee Woods** moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2016, Road and Bridge District Meeting. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of Road and Bridge District Bills**

**a. Audit and Approval of Road and Bridge District Bills**

**Trustee Jeanes** moved to approve the Road and Bridge District Bills in the amount of \$38,416.98. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

## 5. Highway Commissioner's Report

**Commissioner Adams** stated that there has been no rainstorms so he has not yet inspected the Palos Park situation.

**Commissioner Adams** stated that the sidewalks are sinking in several subdivisions. He explained how this occurs. This happens when sidewalks get older. He explained the county rule and how the sidewalks are supposed to be back filled. There are forty cases of sidewalk problems in Woodland Shores alone. The Road District is passing out letters this Spring in order to participate with the homeowners with the mud jacking process. It is expensive for the Road District to assume this as the sidewalks sink at all different times. Many of the problems are in the Gallagher and Henry subdivisions.

The Road District did receive a call from Suffield Woods concerning a resident's sunken sidewalk.

The county makes the inspections of the sewer and water. The roads are accepted after the fact. This is the reason there are problems for the Road District.

In the future, **Commissioner Adams** would like the sewer and water contractors to come to the Road District for a permit. Next, the contractor should notify the Road District as to when the digging and backfilling will be done. The Road District will then notify them that when they backfill they must use trench backfill instead of mud.

**Attorney Peck** stated that the Road District has an intergovernmental agreement with the county. An ordinance concerning trench backfill will be introduced in the near future.

There was a discussion of when and if the Road District should take over unincorporated roads, and how things could be done differently. **Attorney Peck** had several ideas for the future concerning county codes.

**Commissioner Adams** stated that the Road District received a FOIA concerning a concrete driveway which was inadvertently poured out to the street. This was a case of the use of trench drains. Trench drain

usage is not accepted by the Road District. The attorney will review this.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business at this time.

## **7. New Business**

**Trustee Riley** reported that Com Ed has recently released the name of the their new business manager. The Road District can now move forward with Com Ed concerning the reduction of their LED light bills.

**Trustee Woods** informed the Board that the PLOWS Legislative Breakfast will be held on February 26th, 2016, in Burbank, Illinois. Please see him for more information.

## **8. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board**

## **9. Executive Session**

## **10. Adjournment**

**Trustee Woods** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

**Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

**Jane A. Nolan**  
**Clerk**  
**Palos Township**