

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

October 24, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order

The Palos Township Meeting of the Township Board was called to order by **Supervisor Schumann** in the Township Hall, 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, Illinois 60465 at 6:32 P.M.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Township, **Jane Nolan**. Present were Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Woods, and Supervisor Schumann, and Highway Commissioner Adams by telecommunication.

Trustee Woods moved to approve that Highway Commissioner Adams attend the meeting by telecommunication. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Absent: Trustee Riley

Officials present: Clerk Jane Nolan
Assessor Robert Maloney

Others present: April Schrader, Administrative Assistant, Road and Bridge District (Palos)

Jim Seay – Clean Energy
Brian Putkiewicz – Clean Energy

Andrew Pouvris CCSPD
Theodore Strajra CCSPD
Mary Przylski CCSPD
Martin W. Kasik CCSPD

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 Palos Township Board Meeting of September 26, 2022.

Trustee Jeanes moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2022 Township Board Meeting. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, and Woods, and Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Recognitions/Proclamations/Presentations/Communications

- a. Welcome Cook County Sheriff's Department and Recognition of their 100th Anniversary with a Proclamation from Palos Township.

Attorney Peck read the proclamation aloud. The proclamation was presented to the Sheriffs by **Supervisor Schumann**, and pictures were taken.

The Palos Township Board thanked the Cook County Sheriffs for all that they do and will continue to do. They will be sending Palos Township an oral history in the future.

- b. Motion to approve the Proclamation for the Cook County Sheriff's Department for their 100th Anniversary.

- c. Mr. Jim Seay - Future Energy Program

Mr. Jim Seay discussed the electric aggregation program. He introduced his partner Mr. Brian P. Putkiewicz.

He stated that the price of energy from Com Ed was 11.4 and is now 11.8. He and his partner went to service companies for bids and they chose a company called MC2 which is one of the largest companies in the area and they came out with a rate of 9.19. This is a great rate at this time. It is a two-year contract which will start in March. They will start sending letters to the residents in the next 60 days. Brian and Jim will be available to answer any questions and to meet with residents concerning this.

The residents have the option to opt out at any time and go back to Com Ed at the end of the two-year period. Jim will go back to the supplier and re-negotiate the contract along with including new suppliers. The contract must be signed tonight as the rates will rise tomorrow. Please forward any bills received to Jim Seay.

Reports of Officials

a. Supervisor/Treasurer

Supervisor/Treasurer reported that the township is getting ready for the holiday distributions at both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

b. Clerk

a. TOCC Notes on Symposium Saturday, September 24, 2022.

Clerk Nolan reported that she did attend this symposium. There were two break-out sessions.

One was about improving your Food Pantry and the other was about Township Foundation and the benefits of having one.

Some of the point stated were:

1. Township Foundations provide additional surveys to residents, and provide a way residents can give donations.
2. Foundations may engage in activities that are outside of the scope of township authority.

3. The Foundation does not “belong” to the township.
4. There are no “private benefits” included and there is no lobbying or political activity.
5. Getting involved in a foundation requires a good amount of work.
6. The township can give nothing to the foundation, but the foundation can give to the township.

There was also a Legislation Forum at the beginning of the symposium. Two state representatives spoke and answered questions.

Some of the things they feel townships can do to become more involved with their state representatives are:

1. Have zoom meetings with your state representatives.
2. Tour your township with your state representatives.
3. Ask your representatives the way to access grants.
4. Tell your representatives if there is a problem.
5. Show how your services are provided for at your township.
6. Improve your food pantries
7. Reach out to your representative for help to partner with state agencies.

- b. Notes from Cook County Elections Operation Center Tour and Information.

Clerk Nolan attended this tour and information event in Cicero, Illinois. She reported that it was a fantastic tour where she was able to see how our elections are run and learn new concepts. The most impressive speaker spoke about mail ballots.

Some of the points of importance were:

1. Residents can track their mail ballot.
2. You will get an e-mail after they receive your ballot.
3. If you change your mind you can vote in-person as long as your ballot has not been returned.

4. There are secure boxes at all Early Voting places where you can leave your ballot and it will be date stamped.

Cook County has 803 polling places, 1400 precincts, and 54 Early Voting Sites.

c. Highway Commissioner Adams

Highway Commissioner Adams reported that they have been doing some road surfacing lately. The Road District was not able to get material all summer due to the strike. There is a contractor who bore a hole through the bypass pipe at 130th Street which caused an obstructed and then caused a great deal of flooding. The bypass pipe from the creek was installed around 130th Street which eliminated the flooding in that area. This was the fault of AT & T. The Road District is working to get our money returned from them.

The Highway District has come to a conclusion concerning 133rd Street. MWRD has now said the money for the Road District project will be \$130,000 instead of \$100,000.

Attorney's Report

- a. Reaffirm – Vote on Resolution 2022-R-02. **A RESOLUTION OF THE PALOS TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT-COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING AN INTER GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE PALOS TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT AND THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE 133RD STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM IN PALOS TOWNSHIP, ILLINOIS.**

Trustee Woods moved to re-affirm RESOLUTION 2022-R-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE PALOS TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT-COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING AN INTER GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE PALOS TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT AND THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF

THE 133RD STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM IN PALOS TOWNSHIP, ILLINOIS. Supervisor Schumann seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes and Woods, Supervisor Schumann, Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

- b. Consideration of Acceptance of Bid Proposal of the 133rd Street Ditch Project

Attorney Peck reported on the bid proposal process which took place on October 20, 2022, at 11:00 A.M. There were three bids received and the lowest bid was submitted by Acura Ink for \$130,029.00. This is the bid that the Highway Commissioner will accept. The project should be done by the end of the year.

Reports of Standing Committees

- a. **Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods**

a.Audit and Approval of Town Fund Bills and Warrants Dated November 1, 2022

Trustee Woods moved to approve the audit of the Town Fund Bills and moved Warrants dated November 1, 2022 in the amount of \$13, 916.94 and the additional amount in October of \$682.21 for a total of \$14,599.15. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays. None. Motion carried 4-0.

b.Audit and Approval of Road and Bridge District Fund Bills and Warrants Dated November 1, 2022.

Trustee Woods moved to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge District Fund Bills and Warrants in the amount of \$40,360.96 and the Administrative Expense in the amount of \$6,395.59 for a total of \$46,756.55. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

c. Audit and Approval of General Assistance Bills and Warrants Dated November 1, 2022.

Supervisor Schumann moved to approve the audit of the General Assistance Bills and Warrants. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Woods discussed the upcoming training for the staff and himself concerning the new finance software. The township is going with a web-based service. The training will be done on zoom and will start next week. Many new things will happen. For example, our check register will be online. The dates can be decided by the staff. Different parts of the process will be explained on different days. This is government software. It will cut Trustee Wood's time down from weeks to days when he is working on the budget.

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann reported that the Health Service is quite busy and they will be down one nurse who is having foot surgery.

Clerk Nolan invited everyone to the Annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at Francesca's Vincinato in Palos Park at 7:00 P.M.

c. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley

There was no report from **Trustee Riley** as he did not attend the meeting.

d. Building and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes

Trustee Jeanes reported that the person who will change the switch in the automatic door will be at the township soon to complete this.

e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Abuzir

Trustee Abuzir reported the cholesterol and Health Service fees for the month of October.

They are as follows:

Cholesterol	\$ 125.00
Health Service Fees	185.00
Total	\$ 310.00

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

New Business

Supervisor Schumann reported that the Palos Lions is one of the hosts for the First Responders Dinner on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. The responders being honored are the area police. All township officials are invited to attend.

Citizen's Wishing to Address the Board

There were no citizens who wished to address the Board.

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 Jeanes** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township