

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

**February 27, 2023 – 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 6:30 P.M.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**Officials present:** Clerk Jane Nolan  
Assessor Robert Maloney

**Others present:** April Schrader, Administrative Assistant, Road and Bridge District (Palos)  
Judy Adams, Palos Township resident

**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 January 23, 2023.

**Trustee Jeanes** moved to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2023 Township Board Meeting. **Trustee Abuzir** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

## **Recognitions/Proclamations/Presentations/Communications**

There were no Recognitions/Proclamations/Presentations/Communications at this meeting.

## **Reports of Officials**

- a. **Supervisor/Treasurer**

1. **Name change of Cherry Hills Sloughs**

**Supervisor Schumann** informed the Board that there will be a change in Cherry Hills Sloughs. **Supervisor Schumann** turned the discussion over to **Clerk Nolan** who notified the Board that two residents from River Forest submitted the idea for the change. They explained why they wanted the change to Muskrat Sloughs. It seems there are many muskrats there plus many other reasons going back to 1963. **Supervisor Schumann** will sign the sheet stating that Palos Township approves of this change and send it back. **Trustee Jeanes** moved that Palos Township approves of the change of Cherry Hills Sloughs to Muskrat Sloughs. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

- b. **Clerk**

1. **End of Governor's Disaster Proclamation and Remote Meeting Option  
FYI**

**Clerk Nolan** reported that the Governor's Disaster Proclamation and Remote Option will officially end on May 11, 2023. Right now, it is ended and everyone can go back to normal remote meeting, but it totally ends on May 11, 2023.

## **2. Statement of Economic Interest will appear in your computer March, 2023 FYI**

**Clerk Nolan** informed the Board members and other officials that they will receive their statements of Economic Interest on their computes in March. There are some different questions this year and the SEI's must be carefully read and completed. They are due back by May 1, 2023.

**Clerk Nolan** passed out several sheets which explained the Statements of Economic Interest for 2023, A discussion concerning the changes ensued.

## **3. Annual Town Meeting April 11, 2023**

**Clerk Nolan** announced that the Annual Town Meeting will take place on April 11, 2023 and asked which officials will be present. Please let her know as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

### **c. Highway Commissioner**

**Highway Commissioner Adams** reported that there has been much salting and ice clearing in the last month. A lot of salt was used.

He also reported that the Highway Commissioners are having a conference in Peoria in August, 2023. They have a contract for another year so they will be having it. It will be better than ever this year.

**Commissioner Adams** thanked Attorney Peck for his excellent letter to AT&T concerning the problem at 131<sup>st</sup> Street and the money owed the Road District. The second excellent letter concerned payment on a resident's driveway paving and an escrow account which had a successful ending due to Attorney Peck's letter.

## **Attorney's Report**

**Attorney Peck** asked the Board to consider the Annual Town Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, April 11, 2023. He read the different parts of the agenda aloud. Board members had a copy of said agenda on their tablets.

**Trustee Woods** moved to adopt the Annual Town Meeting Agenda, Tuesday, April 11, 2023. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

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

1. Audit and Approval of Town Fund Bills and Warrants Dated March 1, 2023

**Trustee Woods** moved to approve the audit of the Town Fund Bills and Warrants dated March 1, 2023 in the amount of \$12,652.87 and the additional amount in February of \$ 1,192.58 for a total of \$13,845.45.

**Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Audit and Approval of Road and District Fund Bills and Warrants Dated March 1, 2023.

**Supervisor Schumann** moved to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge District Fund Bills and Warrants dated March 1, 2023 in the amount of \$54,177.77, and the Administrative Expense in the amount of \$6006.32 for a total of \$60,184.89. **Trustee Abuzir** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Audit and Approval of General Assistance Fund Bills Dated March 1, 2023.

**Supervisor Schumann** moved to approve the audit of the General Assistance Fund Bills dated February 1, 2023. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2023-O-01, an Ordinance Amending Title 3 of the Palos Township Code Relating to Bonds and Commissions

**Trustee Woods** discussed the above committee, but he wanted to be present when he discussed this. This discussion will be held at the March 27, 2023 meeting. **Trustee Woods** explained that the Supervisor Pro Tem does the minutes when the Clerk is absent.

#### **b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann**

**Supervisor Schumann** reported that tax season is underway and three people from AARP are working with the residents preparing tax returns.

#### **c. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley**

**Trustee Riley** is following up on the new tablets for the Board members. **Trustee Woods** stated that the tablets may be even less expensive than the original amount quoted.

#### **d. Building and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes**

**Trustee Jeanes** thanked April and Gene for ordering the new sign and having it put up. **Trustee Jeanes** is working on having the stoop in the near the backdoor fixed. When this is completed, she will continue working to have the railings installed there.

#### **e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Abuzir**

**Trustee Abuzir** reported the Cholesterol and Health Service fees for the month of January as follows:

Cholesterol	\$	110.00
Health Service Fees		305.00
Total	\$	415.00

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

### **New Business**

**Trustee Woods** thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the meeting by telecommunication.

### **Citizen's Wishing to Address the Board**

There were no citizens wishing 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 7:10 P.M. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

**Jane A. Nolan**

**Clerk**

**Palos Township**