

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

**November 10, 2021**

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

**Absent:** Trustee Jeanes

**Officials Present:** Clerk Nolan  
Assessor Maloney  
Highway Commissioner Adams

**Others Present:** April Schrader Assistant to Highway Commissioner Adams

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Supervisor Schumann** led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**a. Approval of Minutes of the General Meeting of October 11, 2021**

**Trustee Riley** moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021, General Meeting. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken.

Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schuman. Nays: None.  
Motion carried 4-0.

### **Special Presentations/Communications**

There was a presentation concerning the flooding problems at 133<sup>rd</sup> & 85<sup>th</sup> Ave., Palos Park by the Palos Township Engineer Aurimas Spucys for township residents.

**Trustee Woods** moved that the Citizens Wishing to Address the Board (No. 11 on the Agenda) will take place after the presentation of Engineer Aurimas Spucys.

**Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Commissioner Adams** introduced the Township Engineer, Aurimas Spucys, who is an engineer with Morris Engineering and will speak tonight on the problems with the 133<sup>rd</sup> Street and 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Palos Park.

Aurimas reported that the township has received the grant money from MWRD which will help the township to improve the drainage at this site. There are many steps that have to take place in order for the money to move to the township to be used. One of them is the Intergovernmental Agreement which must be reviewed by the MWRD attorney and the municipality. Many times, the agreement goes back and forth. His understanding is that Palos Township has the last round of comments for IGA, and there are two minor adjustments on our end. When this goes to MWRD, if their attorneys agree to it, the project will be ready to go on their meeting schedule. Then it will be voted upon as the money for the project must be approved by MWRD.

He explained things about the project. The project scope would be to start at the intersection. By improving the drainage, we will be able to collect more water and move it away. There will be a ditch with a culvert and the two ditches on the side will be maintained. Aurimas stated they had a good meeting with Orland Park. They are going to approve our design, and we will be able to move the water through to where we wanted it. At this point the water is not getting to Orland Park's large storm sewer and this plan will make that happen. This plan is unofficially agreed to, but it has to meet with Orland Park's subdivision plan. It looks good, but this will take time. MWRD simplified the project for us. The

project will be let at the local level. Palos Township is going to let the project and oversee the project, and MWRD will share the cost depending on whatever is in the IGA. He said they are targeting letting the bids for the project in January or February. The activity should begin in early Spring. The asphalt plants open in the early Spring (needed for the driveways.) Projects take time. The grant money is coming from MWRD, and the money comes with certain rules.

At this point in the meeting the residents began to ask questions.

They asked for pictures of what was going to be done. They felt the pipes being used are not large enough. They asked if the drainage could come from other areas. They didn't feel the Board members were prepared. They had many other questions and ideas concerning the project and how it should be completed.

Aurimas told them that he needed Orland Park to review his design for the project and say "yes" to it. He needs it all in writing. The ditches have to be kept open because of the volume of water. He stated that he will meet with each resident separately and discuss with them what will happen with their residence. Palos is going to connect with the bottom of the pipe. (They discussed many pipes.)

This will provide a much faster drainage time. The problem is with the intake. They cannot put water in the pipe fast enough for the pipe to help the flow. With the improvements you will see a difference during lighter rainfalls. The two necessary structures are not connected now, but they are asking for them to be connected. The more water they have will be better. The trenches have to be cleared. Aurimas said the goal is to put as much water as possible in the system early so that it will work better. Aurimas stated that this project is very expensive. Palos Township uses the Cook County property maps which shows the topography of the land. They discussed a few more things. The bid process will be in the local papers, and after this is concluded the project will begin.

## **Reports of Officials**

### **a. Supervisor/Treasurer**

**Supervisor Schumann** stated that the township is moving into our giving time for Thanksgiving. The residents will receive a gift card. They will also receive a gift basket with groceries if they wish to have one. The Christmas giving project is next.

**b. Clerk**

**1. Notes from TOCC Clerk's Division Meeting November 4, 2021.**

**Clerk Nolan** reported the TOCC Website is now up and working. There will be a portal for each division. TOCC Board members can activate every area. It can be used to access other elected officials.

You can still sign up for Boot Camp. **Clerk Nolan** is signed up and will try to participate in as many sessions as possible. There were four new Clerks at this meeting. They were from Worth, Northfield, Calumet and Rich. This meeting was in Leyden Township.

**Clerk Nolan** asked if she should be stamping every ordinance and resolution that the township passes. **Attorney Peck** stated that she should do this from now on.

**Attorney's Report**

**a. RESOLUTION 2021-R-06 A RESOLUTION OF PALOS TOWNSHIP-COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ADOPTING A WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION POLICY.**

**Attorney Peck** stated that he had two resolutions for the Board to consider. The first resolution is a resolution adopting a whistleblower protection policy for the Road and Bridge District. The second resolution concerns meeting dates for the Township Board in 2022.

**Supervisor Schumann** moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 2021-R-06 A RESOLUTION OF PALOS TOWNSHIP-COOK, ILLINOIS ADOPTING A WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION POLICY.** **Trustee Abuzir** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**b. RESOLUTION 2021-R-07 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PALOS TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES 2022.**

**Trustee Woods** moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 2021-R-07 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PALOS TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES AND AMENDING MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2022.** **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Abuzir, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

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

**Trustee Woods** wished everyone a safe Veteran’s Day, and for those who are serving or have served, he thanked them very much.

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

**Supervisor Schumann** reported that the Assessor’s Assistant is still out on maternity leave and the girls in the office have been helping and completing her work. Joyce, from Lemont Township, has also been very helpful.

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

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

**d. Buildings and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes**

**Trustee Jeanes** was absent so there was no report from Buildings and Grounds.

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

**Trustee Abuzir** reported the following for the month of October 2021.

<b>Cholesterol</b>	\$ 315.00
<b><u>Health Service Fees</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 900.00</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,215.00</b>

## **Unfinished Business**

**Clerk Nolan** reported that she did check with the Palos Fire Protection District and Trustee Gene Adams and Trustee Todd Thielmann have previously been inducted as Trustees to the Palos Fire Protection District. All of their information is on file at both Palos Township in the Clerk's office, and at the Palos Fire Protection District.

## **New Business:**

**Commissioner Adams** reported that he has books from the Highway Commissioners of Illinois that anyone can read. The new Highway Commissioners in Illinois all have copies of these. They are available now.

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

The residents spoke and asked questions concerning the project at 133<sup>rd</sup> Street in Palos Park.

## **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 Woods** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. The motion

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