

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

**MAY 14, 2018**

**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, at 7:05 P.M.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Township, **Jane Nolan**. Present were Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Also present was Township Attorney, Erik Peck.

**Absent:** Trustee Riley

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes**

**a. Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2018 General Meeting**

**Trustee Woods** moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018, General Meeting. **Trustee Brannigan** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken.

Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes and Woods, Supervisor Schumann, Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**Special Presentations/ Communications**

There were no special presentations or communications at this meeting.

## Reports of Officials

### a. Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann reported that the office has been busy with the budget. She announced that one of the tax preparers, Don Marek, has passed away. The township offers their sympathies to his family.

### b. Clerk

#### 1. Trustee Division Dinner – May 24, 2018

**Clerk Nolan** reminded the Trustees that their upcoming dinner is May 24, 2018, at Hackney's Restaurant in Palos Park. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. She also explained that the Trustee Division needs one trustee from each township to act as a liaison for their township and the division. At this time Clerk Nolan is the liaison. Any interested trustee should contact the Trustee Division President Bob Vinnedge.

#### 2. TOI Education District Meeting – August 9, 2018

**Clerk Nolan** reported that the next TOI Education District Meeting will take place at the Marriott Hotel in Naperville on August 9, 2018. Clerk Nolan is attending. The registration can be found in the Perspective Magazine or on the TOI website.

## 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** informed the Board that the 2018 Budget will be ready for the next meeting.

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

**Supervisor Schumann** stated that she had no report for the Board.

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

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

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

**Trustee Jeanes** reported that bids are being accepted for the parking lot project, and there has been upgrades on the electric in the township building.

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

**Trustee Brannigan** stated that she had no report for the Board as she did not have the necessary numbers for the cholesterol and Health Service fees for the month.

**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**

This was a very contentious meeting. The problems began in the parking lot before any residents or protestors (many of whom are not residents) entered the building. Name calling and intimidation was happening outside right from the beginning. There were several residents attending the meeting in support of Trustee Brannigan who were harassed and told to leave as they attempted to enter the building. It also became extremely contentious inside the town hall before the meeting started, and the police had to be called as the Sergeant at Arms was repeatedly being screamed at and called names.

When the officials entered the meeting, the protestors yelled “Look they have their protection! They are afraid of us.”

This section of the meeting began with the protestors attempting to involve the Board in playing Jeopardy. This did not last long as supervisor Schumann announced that, “the Township Board is not going to play games with you!” The protestors also had a large sign displayed which read “Racists Enter Here” which they kept referring to along with their usual questions of “What is the Board going to do about Brannigan, and why won’t they answer us?” Supervisor Schumann stated once again that at the very first meeting (10 months ago) the Board members and the Clerk explained their opinions of the situation to them.

The protestors insisted that their attorneys tell them there is a way this can be resolved, and the Board can have Trustee Brannigan resign. They stated that their attorneys are the best in the country.

As several residents attempted to speak, they were called names and shouted down with statements like ‘sit down old man and go home Racist! They refused to let anyone speak except themselves. A resident explained that he thought he was here to discuss issues and asked, “how many here are registered voters?” which caused a chaos. Supervisor Schumann then called for a motion to end the meeting.

### **Executive Session**

No motion was made to enter Executive Session.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Supervisor Schumann** asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:23 P.M. The motion to adjourn was made by **Trustee Brannigan** and seconded by **Trustee Woods**. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

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