

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

November 9, 2020

Call to Order

The General Meeting of the Palos Township Board was called to order by **Supervisor Schumann** at 6:30pm. There was a determination by the Supervisor that it was unfeasible due to the COVID 19 resurgence to have an administrative officer be physically present in the township at the regularly scheduled meeting location. The meeting was held via internal conference call pursuant to the Executive Order of the Governor.

All persons interested in attending were able to do so by visiting our website at WWW.palostownship.org and selecting the link to JOIN THE MEETING.

All persons wishing to address the Board will be permitted to do so through the web-conference platform following the standard rules previously adopted by the Board.

The Township Hall was not opened for the meeting.

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

Officials Present: Clerk Nolan

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Schumann led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Disposition of Prior Minutes from Previous Meeting

a. Approval of Minutes General Meeting October 12, 2020

Trustee Woods moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2020 General Meeting. **Trustee Jeanes** 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/Treasurer

1. Secretary of State Mobile Event Friday, November 20, 2020 10AM – 2PM.

Supervisor Schumann stated that Palos Township will be hosting the Secretary of State Mobile Event at the Township on Friday, November 20, 2020. Some of the things that will be part of this mobile event are:

1. Renewal/Correction of driver's license.
2. New/Renewal/Correction of state I.D.
3. License Plate renewal stickers.
4. Match Voter Registration with renewal of driver's license/state I.D.
5. Organ Donor Registration with renewal of driver's license/state I.D.
6. Seniors Age 65 and up (No Charge for State I.D.)
7. Real IDs cannot be purchased at this event.

All payments must be made by Checks, Credit Card, Debit Card or Money Order. NO CASH ACCEPTED!

This information has been posted in various places in the community, and can also be found on the Palos Township website.

b. Clerk

1. Township of Illinois Virtual Annual Education Conference – November 16-23, 2020

Clerk Nolan reminded the Board that this year the TOI Annual Education Conference will be held virtually beginning November 16, 2020 and extending to November 23, 2020 because of COVID-19. The township has paid for this conference. Several officials and some employees are signed up. All attendees can log in on any day they wish. Each division will have their own day, but any attendees can attend virtually on any day. **Supervisor Schumann** stated that anyone else interested can come to the township during this time and take part in the conference.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Peck stated that he had no legal report for the Board.

a. Finance and Administration – Trustee Woods

Trustee Woods reported that it is time to start planning for the next budget. He has begun the planning process for the Road and Bridge District, and the Township and General Assistance budgets. He will be putting together eight month estimates at this point, and waiting for the final quarter to come in. The budget will probably be finished and ready to vote on by the April meeting.

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann stated that there were no changes to Policy and Personnel.

c. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley

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

Trustee Woods reported that the server is up and running. **Trustee Woods** has received no reports that anything has gone wrong with the server.

d. Buildings and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes

Trustee Jeanes stated that she had no report for the Board.

Supervisor Schumann discussed a problem with one of the PODS in the parking lot. Someone almost snapped the lock on the POD. This could be a problem. There is a need for cameras to be put on the outside for protection of the building and PODS. The police department has been alerted to do drive through's at the township.

Trustee Jeanes stated that she will investigate this problem of outside cameras which was put on hold due to the pandemic (COVID-19).

e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Brannigan

Trustee Brannigan reported the following Health Service report for the month of October as follows:

Cholesterol	\$ 150.00
Health Services	\$ 975.00
Total	\$ 1,125.00

Unfinished Business

Trustee Brannigan did submit a transcript of the ruling of the June 2019 arrests. She submitted it to Attorney Peck and Clerk Nolan. Copies are available at Palos Township.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Speaker #1 Racists

Racist congratulated the Board on the fall of our hero Donald Trump. He said they paid a visit to Trustee Brannigan's home and decided to visit Supervisor Schuman. He asked about person being inside of township building. He said they could see through the blinds. He stated that the Township is using this "lock thing" as an excuse to put cameras out to surveil us. Say how it is. Don't say someone is trespassing or damaging a lock. We have been coming here for three years!

Speaker #2 Laura H.

She said she was cut off last month. She thinks the effort of the activists and protesting is humbling and they are courageous. They are fighting for equity and justice. She stated again the things that Trustee Brannigan did to her. She perjured herself during her trial and has been asked for her resignation. Brannigan accused Laura of threatening her. Laura has incoming calls and logs from police preserved. Trustee Brannigan used Laura's e-mail to prove her premise for Laura. She tried to use her power (Brannigan) to silence Laura. Laura's email was deemed not threatening by the Palos Hills police. She sent a note to Supervisor Schumann concerning this.

Speaker #3 Nora

Nora congratulated everyone for getting the White Supremist-in-Chief out of the White House. We have been confronting white supremacy since the day of Trump's election. In an incompetent Democratic leadership, white supremacy must be erased. We will stand behind Black Women until everyone is free from racism and oppression. We have created so much noise in the township that we can be can't be ignored anymore. She did not think people voted for Biden because he is great. She added she thinks he is not. People voted against Trump

and his dangerous rhetoric. We will hold Biden accountable. "The People United Will Never Ever Be Defeated."

Speaker #4 Omar

Omar said "Hello Racists". This election showed us how racist people are. 72 million people voted for Trump! This shows us how messed up this country is and divided. We (the township) are part of this 72 million. We are going to get rid of all of you! We are going to keep phone banking, door knocking and sending messages to the community so they can see what kind of "messed up" things you guys are doing! We shall not stop! Enough is enough!

Speaker # 5 Elliott Johnson

This is Reverend Dr. Elliott H. Johnson, Sr., proud Rich Township Trustee, and two-time President of Township Officials of Cook County. In my 38 years of residing in the south suburbs, and my 16 years of working with Palos Township, I have never seen or experienced any acts of racism. As a township you have done an exemplary job of providing services to all members of your township. Rich Township is proud of your work! He gave a special shout out to his brother Gene Adams and my other sister, Jane Nolan. Supervisor Schumann keep up the good work!

Speaker #6 Mohammed

Mohammed thanked the courts for finding the charges dropped for trespassing. Citizens are being prosecuted for stopping citizens for practicing their first amendment rights. You, the Board, will be facing lots of trouble. We are working with our signatory to be sure none of you are elected back into office. We are working with the Board of Commissioners so we can submit all of our documents so that the next thing we have a township of no trustees and no hate and are ethical and legit and will serve the people. It is a shame that the Reverend is saying that because there is a lot of racist people around this world like you. Thank you very much for your racism! Don't be surprised if you never get elected and put out of this board.

Speaker #7 Nareman Taha

There are other names than white people names. You want to put up cameras, so you want to use our money, citizen's money, people of the township to surveil your own people. You are trying to justify it by finding out who is messing with your "shit box." I don't understand it and you! That is so disappointing. None of you are focused on COVID. Your Health Department report is absolutely ridiculous! How many people, Brannigan, have you treated or helped out? And to that Elliott guy – what job? They are barely doing their job. What are you thanking them about? Please help me understand the process. I wish I could be proud of you that represent this township. If you had said, as a Board, you would stand together against this racism you would not be dealing with four years of this shit. But you continue to do the same thing over and over again. You are continually against us.

Speaker # 8 Mark Kuehner

He called on Sharon Brannigan to resign. She is a disgrace to this public office. She spreads racist and bigoted comments about her neighbors. Her own neighbors cannot expect any equal or respectful treatment from Trustee Brannigan. It is time that she resigns. It is also time that the rest of the Board looks at retirement as well. Their disgraceful behavior has enabled Brannigan to continue with this racist and bigoted rhetoric. She has not ever backed off or stopped. It is your job Board members to reign her in, and to stop this disgrace from occurring. The public deserves much better than this. Our society needs to have respect and dignity for our neighbors. This Board is trying to divide Americans and divide the neighbors in Palos township to create hatred, bigotry and division between neighbors in this community. This is not what this position is for.

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 Jeanes** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township