

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

October 14, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.

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.

Trustee Brannigan moved that Trustee Woods could attend the meeting by telecommunication. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Schumann led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes

a. Approval of the Minutes - General Meeting September 9, 2019

Trustee Jeanes moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019, General Meeting. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schuman. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0

Special Presentations/Communications

There were no special presentations or communications at this meeting.

Reports of Officials

a. Supervisor/Treasurer

1. PLOWS Luncheon – November 1, 2019- Orland Chateau

Supervisor Schumann reported that the PLOWS Luncheon will be Friday, November 1, 2019, at the Orland Chateau in Orland Park. The doors open at 11:30 A.M., and lunch is served at 11:45. All officials are invited to attend.

Supervisor Schumann also reported that Hearne and Associates have completed the annual audit, and the audit has been filed with both the state and the county. The report is available for inspection. There were no special problems but the audit did go slowly.

b. Clerk

1. TOI Education Award 2019.

Clerk Nolan reported that the Township has been awarded the 2019 Education Award from the Township of Illinois for the 14th time. This award is given to townships who report 70 hours of education by township officials throughout the year. This year Palos Township posted 108 hours.

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 reported during the Technology, Automation and Information Committee.

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann reported that a new nurse has been hired for the Health Service.

c. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley

1. Authorization to Purchase Service/Configuration Services

Trustee Woods explained the reasoning for the purchase of a new server for the township. He stated that it is time to move forward with the purchase of a server as the network is very vulnerable now, and a new server is necessary.

Trustee Woods moved to authorize the purchase of an updated server for Palos Township not to exceed the fee of \$8,000.00. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Building and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes

Trustee Jeanes reported that the security camera technician who will be installing the new outside cameras did not come to the township for his appointment. She stated that the new landscaping at the front of the township building is doing well.

e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Brannigan

Trustee Brannigan reported that the Health Service Fees for the following months were as follows:

July

Cholesterol	\$	55.00
Health Services		1,365.00
Total:	\$	1,420.00

August

Cholesterol	\$	80.00
Health Services	\$	2,710.00
Total:	\$	2,790.00

September

Cholesterol	\$	245.00
Health Services	\$	1,230.00
Total:	\$	1,475.00

Unfinished Business

Clerk Nolan reported that the North Palos Fire Protection District is having their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 13, 2019, at the fire station. All are invited to attend this worthy cause. The times are 6 A.M. to 12 Noon.

New Business

Clerk Nolan also reported that the North Palos Fire Protection District was supposed to hold short classes on CPR curbside during the Pancake Breakfast, but did not due to employee scheduling problems. She further stated that after speaking to the North Palos Fire Chief that this could take place at the Palos Township building if we contacted North Palos. **Supervisor Schumann** advised **Clerk Nolan** to contact the Health Service concerning this matter.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

The following protestors, activists and residents addressed the Board:

Speaker #1

The first speaker asked for a moment of silence for European Colonialism from back to the beginning. She stated that this period of history was very important.

Speaker #2

This speaker's name was Vickie and she is an alumna of Queen of Peace High School. She discussed the recent demolition of that school and their commitment to peace and justice, and how they instilled this commitment in their students. She spent time discussing Trustee Brannigan's apologies to the group. She did not think they were correct as she stated she has viewed recent things on her website that did not appear to be truthful. She thinks the Township Board should stand-up for truth.

Speaker #3

This speaker started out stating that Act for America is supporting Sharon Brannigan and then he suddenly sat down.

Speaker #4

This speaker was Hussam Marajada who spoke very loudly about the security firm the township has hired. He stated he found facts about them. It appeared that he and someone else were looking for things to speak against this firm. There were many unfounded accusations stated concerning this firm.

Speaker #5

This man spoke about the Act for America. He said they tried to rent a space at the Trump Tower (most likely in New York) and even the Trump management turned them down, as did "racist Trump."

Speaker #6

This speaker stated that Act for America is not a registered hate group because hate groups can't be registered. The public can accept or reject what policy groups say. He asked the Board to remain steadfast to the 1st Amendment.

Speaker #7

This activist asked, "Why did Sharon Brannigan go to Act for America?" He said that Sharon stated (not sure when he meant,) "they want us dead because they are infidels!" He stated once more that the Board knew they were coming. (Act for America) He also said he went to one of the court dates and called someone a "lying racist pig." It was extremely difficult to correctly repeat his statements.

Speaker #8

This young activist discussed Trustee Brannigan's texts. He stated they were linked to an infidel page. He told her that "the First Amendment does not save you from the consequences of what you say. It will follow you all your life."

Speaker #9

This protestor talked about a prior meeting when the protestors sat in our seats (the Board's). This was reported in print and pictures in several local newspapers. He said, "we are not misbehaving-we are just protesting!" He called us racist _____. Brannigan should be censured by the Board. Brannigan should resign.

Speaker #10

This speaker, Activist Tammy Georgiou, said that had we listened to the protestors in the beginning the Board would not be using taxpayer money for armed security. This is racial profiling by the white privileged and white supremacy. She also stated that the campaign will continue until there is justice and accountability. We stood silent and that is what we will be remembered for in the future.

Executive Session

No motion was made to enter Executive Session.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Schumann moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 P.M. P.M. **Trustee Brannigan** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan
Clerk
Palos Township