

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

July 8, 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.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Township, **Jane Nolan**. Present were Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, 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 of the June 10, 2019 General Meeting

Trustee Woods moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019, General Meeting. **Trustee Jeanes** 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. Ratification of agreement with P.D.S., Inc. Security Company. This item was tabled until the next Board meeting.

b. Clerk

1. Palos Hills Friendship Fest – July 11 through 14 – Palos Hills.

Clerk Nolan informed the audience that the Palos Hills Friendship Fest will take place from July 11, 2019 to July 14, 2019. The fest will include a carnival, petting zoo, bingo tent, Classic Car Show, Beer Tent, Food Vendors and other vendors who will present their wares for residents to buy. There will also be face painting and several live bands each day. All are invited and admission is free.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Peck stated that he had no report.

Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Administration – Trustee Wood

Trustee Woods stated that he had no report for the Board.

b. Policy and Personnel – Supervisor Schumann

Supervisor Schumann reported that there are some policy things which will be discussed in the near future.

c. Technology, Automation and Information – Trustee Riley

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

d. Building and Grounds – Trustee Jeanes

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

e. Public Services and Health – Trustee Brannigan

Trustee Brannigan reported that the Health Service Fees for June were:

Cholesterol	\$	45.00
Health Services		1,170.00
Total:	\$	1,215.00

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for the Board.

New Business

Trustee Brannigan issued another apology to the protestors which is attached to the minutes.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

The following protestors, activists and residents addressed the Board:

Speaker #1

The first speaker stated that she is glad that we are all finally “turning the page...” We need to work together and respect each other. The protestors and activists will be monitoring our actions.

Speaker #2

This has been going on for two years. It shows disrespect to the Muslim Community. It should be resolved. The Board has done nothing. The Board should not try to extend an “olive branch” at this time. The Township Board is just trying to save face. Five protestors/activists were arrested just to frighten them. Trustee Brannigan and Supervisor Schumann have failed us all.

Speaker #3

Her last name is Vasquez and she made a point that she is a Latina who has been coming here for two years. She feels the Board is threatening the children. Your apology means nothing to her as a mother. She asked Trustee Riley – “Richard why are you going along with Brannigan who has KKK members backing her up, and one hit me on the hand when they attended a meeting.” She then stated that the police were looking for this person and that there is an open case on her.

Speaker #4

The Township has refused to provide the name of the security firm. They did not receive the FOIA on time. The Township put our people in danger.

Speaker #5

This has been going on for two years. The apology by Trustee Brannigan is false. She cries crocodile tears. We have 150 people and plan to come back demanding she resign.

Speaker #6

This speaker stated that the Township has a budget of \$1 million. He wanted to know if anyone in the Township has been found financially unstable. He made a remark about township services.

Speaker #7

He said he was walking by and just stopped in. He said if you don't like what the trustee is doing then vote her out! He does not think that this entire thing is making much sense. He told Sharon he thought she was brave. He also spoke about immigration.

Speaker #8

This speaker thanked the Board for all they have done. She also thanked the Arab woman for speaking to the issues. Letting people be heard is a good thing. Don't bow to pressure. The protestor/activists only have one goal in mind.

Speaker #9

The group yelling does not represent our community.

Speaker #10

This speaker stated that he has run for a School Board, and speaks to School Boards all over Cook County, but he has never seen disruptions like this – ever. He stated he was amazed that the Board could continue on with this happening.

Speaker #11

This speaker asked how the Board is able to get anything done with all of these things happening. Most of the protestors and activists do not live here. If they want change then they should find someone to run for office.

Speaker #12

This was Sam. He was yelling loudly the entire time. He asked one of the audience members why he wears a ski mask to every meeting. He read more quotes from Trustee Brannigan's posts. These are all the same quotes the entire group keeps repeating. He also brought the scarves issue up again. He screamed that what is happening is not America because of her. She should RESIGN.

The protestors and activists outside were chanting the same chants as usual all through the meeting. "Racists go home! And Hey, Hey, Ho, Ho, Sharon Brannigan has to go!"

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 Woods** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Trustee Brannigan** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan
Clerk
Palos Township