

**PALOS TOWNSHIP  
COMBINED BILL AUDIT AND ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING  
10802 S. ROBERTS ROAD PALOS HILLS, ILLINOIS 60465**

**February 22, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

The Combined Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District Meeting of the Township Board was called to order by **Supervisor Schumann** who was in attendance at the Township Hall. The meeting was held via internal conference call pursuant to Executive Order of the Governor. It was held via video/audio conference on [WWW.Zoom.US](http://WWW.Zoom.US) at 6:30 P.M.

All persons interested in attending were able to do so by visiting the website at [www.palostownship.org](http://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, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann and Highway Commissioner Adams. Also present was Township Attorney Erik Peck

Officials present: Clerk Nolan

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Disposition of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**a. Approval of Minutes – Combined Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District Meeting of January 25, 2021**

**Trustee Jeanes** moved to approve the minutes of the Combined Bill Audit and Road and Bridge District Meeting of January 25, 2021. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Special Presentations/Communications**

There were no special presentations or communications at this meeting.

**Reports of Officials**

**a. Supervisor**

**Supervisor Schumann** reported that the AARP Tax Preparers will begin the tax preparation for Palos Township residents who have made prior appointments. It will be done differently at the township this year because of COVID-19. The clients will wait outside while their tax preparation is being done. There will be no lengthy close contact between the preparer and the client. Last year due to the virus residents were unable to come to Palos Township to get their taxes done. They had to scramble to find a place or a person to help them.

**b. Clerk**

**1. Update from February 10, 2021 TOCC Zoom Meeting**

**Clerk Nolan** informed the Board that the February 10, TOCC zoom meeting was attended by the Clerk and her assistant, Joan Davis. The topics were Press Releases and Social Media during the Pandemic. The presentation was excellent. **Clerk Nolan** will receive a copy of the entire presentation and make notes for the Board after she receives it.

**c. Highway Commissioner**

**Highway Commissioner Adams** reported that there was 43 inches of snow in two months' time in 2021. He thanked the contractors for helping with the snow. He stated that there is paperwork in process concerning Azure Lake being accepted by the Township. He thanked the Township for cooperating with the payment of the Road District bills this month. He is not getting all the money due him from the Motor Fuel Tax. Cook County is working from home so they are very hard to reach. MWRD is backing down on the amount of money to support the Palos Township drainage problem. They have submitted the presentation back to 4 or 5 more people who have "stuck their noses in the project" according to **Highway Commissioner Adams**. They are now saying they can't come up with the money they originally stated would be possible. The residents deserve the money from the Road and Bridge District. The Road District money is supposed to be spent on Roads and Bridges. Cook County keeps saying they have to talk to other people.

### **Attorney's Report**

**a. Adoption of the Annual Town Meeting Agenda Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

**Attorney Peck** stated that the Board needed to consider the adoption of the Annual Town Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

**Supervisor Schumann** moved to adopt the Annual Town Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, March 16, 2021. **Trustee Jeanes** seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**b. Adoption of ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-O-02 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-O-03 (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF PALOS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON APRIL 1, 2020 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2021.**

**Supervisor Schumann** moved to adopt **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-0-02 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-0-03 (AN**

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF PALOS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON APRIL 1, 2020 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2021.)”**

**Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Reports of Standing Committees**

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

**1. Audit and Approval of Town Fund Bills and Warrants dated March 1, 2021.**

**Trustee Woods** moved to approve the audit of the Town Fund Bills and Warrants in the amount of \$14,391.62. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustee Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**2. Audit and Approval of Road and Bridge District Fund Bills and Warrants Dated March 1, 2021**

**Trustee Woods** moved to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge District Fund Bills and Warrants in the amount of \$51,625.81 and the Administrative Expense in the amount of \$5,955.27 for a total of \$57,581.08. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**3. Approval of General Assistance Fund Bills Dated March 1, 2021**

**Supervisor Schumann** moved to approve the General Assistance Fund Bills dated March 1, 2021. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**Supervisor Schumann** stated that there were no new changes in Policy and Personnel.

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

**Trustee Riley** has kept in touch with Tech Gator, and he has an order going out for a few laptops. If anyone is interested in ordering, please let him know.

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

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

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

**Trustee Brannigan** stated that she had no report for the Board and the COVID-19 information is the same. is the same.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

**New Business**

There was no new business to come before the Board.

**Citizen’s Wishing to Address the Board**

**Speaker #1**

Not Trustees

No one spoke there was just music playing.

**Speaker #2**

Bill Beaulieu

He was happy to hear about help for seniors with their taxes. That and Bingo are two major things the township provides for them. It might have been nice if something could have been done about COVID-19. Sharon had no intention of doing anything as the chairperson of the Health Committee. He understands that Sharon wants to ignore it because there are only 500,000 people dead. It is disproportionately hitting the senior population, so no big deal. We know how Sharon feels about COVID because we went by her shop a week ago, and she came outside to lie to everybody and was not wearing a mask. Everyone else was wearing a mask. Maybe she is not aware of COVID-19, and the only thing she watches is FOX and her QAnon Facebook friends. That type of foolish behavior tells you all you need to know about Brannigan and the township.

**Trustee Brannigan** stated that there has been COVID-19 information on the website concerning where to go for shots, etc. The Health Service gives the residents all the information about places to go including addresses and telephone numbers. Also, any resident can call the township for information.

### **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 Jeanes** moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 P.M. **Trustee Woods** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned.

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