

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

SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Road and Bridge District Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Schumann in the Township Hall, 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, at 7:17 P.M. 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 Road and Bridge District Attorney, Erik Peck and Road and Bridge District Administrative Assistant April Schrader.

Absent: None.

Supervisor Schumann turned the meeting over to **Highway Commissioner Adams** who stated that a quorum of elected officials was present for voting purposes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Schumann led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Disposition of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. Approval of Minutes – August 28, 2017 Road and Bridge District Meeting

Trustee Woods moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2017, Road and Bridge District Meeting. **Trustee Brannigan** seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Financial Matters

a. Audit and Approval of Road and Bridge Warrants and Bills

Trustee Woods moved to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge Bills in the amount of \$62, 482.65 including the administrative account. **Supervisor Schumann** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Brannigan, Jeanes, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Highway Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Adams discussed Senate Bill 003 and the Highway Commissioner's of Illinois bullet to be sent to all Senators and Representatives. There was an amendment to Senate Bill 003 and this bullet will address that amendment. It will state that an audit of township expenses and additions through taxation will show that before the township could be annexed or dissolved into a municipality the residents will see that townships are more efficient than municipalities. Therefore, the residents of the township would vote against the dissolution of the township.

Townships do business more inexpensively than municipalities. Road Districts are more frugal than municipalities in taking care of their roads. This is pertaining to an amendment on Senate Bill 003 which is calling for the dissolution of townships. **Commissioner Adams** mentioned that coterminous townships could be eliminated in the next four years.

Unfinished Business

Commissioner Adams stated that there are several roads being resurfaced at this time. The roads are about three fourths completed now.

New Business

There was no new business.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Mr. Frank Garcia who lives on 85th Avenue in Palos Park addressed the Board concerning traffic on 85th Avenue and the adjoining streets. He submitted

signatures of residents who lived on 85th Avenue. He wants something to be done about the traffic and the problems the traffic is causing on those streets. He showed pictures of speed bumps that Oak Lawn uses to improve traffic conditions.

Commissioner Adams told the resident that as township Highway Commissioner he could not do anything about this.

Attorney Peck informed the resident that the Highway Commissioner works in conjunction with Cook County, and that Cook County prohibits the speed bumps. Municipalities have their own laws. There was a discussion concerning streets which included apps and placing residents only signs on the streets. Also discussed was making all the streets one way.

Attorney Peck stated that the petitions will be forwarded to Cook County to ascertain if something can be done to alleviate the problem. The township will take one step at a time. The township understands that this is a problem for the residents.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board Supervisor Schumann asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. The motion to adjourn was made by **Trustee Woods** and it was seconded by **Trustee Brannigan**. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan
Clerk
Palos Township