

PALOS TOWNSHIP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

FEBRUARY 17TH, 2009

ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING

The Road and Bridge District Meeting of the Palos Township Board was called to order by Highway Commissioner Adams in the Township Hall, 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, at 7:00 P.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Township, Jane Nolan. Present were Trustees Conway, Morrissey, Panos and Ryan. Also present was Road and Bridge District Attorney, Erik Peck, and Administrative Assistant, Mary Wallenberg.

Absent: Supervisor Schumann

Highway Commissioner Adams stated that a quorum of elected officials were present for voting purposes.

Trustee Morrissey made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 20th, 2009, Road and Bridge District Meeting. **Trustee Panos** seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Two residents from Suffield Woods, Palos Park, attended the meeting and had questions concerning the acceptance of the roads in Suffield Woods by the Highway Department of Palos Township. They also questioned sidewalks being placed in Suffield Woods, and the sodding and seeding of vacant lots. There were also questions concerning paver bricks, grass and parking in the subdivision. Highway Commissioner Adams explained the position of Cook County on the acceptance of roads in subdivisions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Commissioner Adams discussed an issue with a contractor and a cash bond at Countryside Bank which concerns the use of the money to do

paving in a subdivision in Palos Township. Countryside Bank said they would release the bond if they received a letter from the Highway Commissioner. Erik Peck wrote the letter to the bank, and is still awaiting their response. He will contact them again, and let the Highway Commissioner know their response in the very near future.

Commissioner Adams informed the Board that the motor fuel tax bill has been re-written again. It is out of committee (in Springfield) at this time. The bill states that the motor fuel tax money will be shared by all townships in the county based on the lane miles of road in the townships. There are four townships that are receiving motor fuel tax money now.

Highway Commissioner Adams stated that the Palos Township Highway Department finally got cleared by IDOT as far as road miles are concerned. The township has 24.89 lane miles of road. After the Suffield Woods subdivision is accepted the number of lane road miles in the township will be close to 29 miles.

NEW BUSINESS:

Highway Commissioner Adams discussed the Highway Commissioners Educational Seminar in Peoria which is scheduled for the beginning of August, 2009. He feels that the economy will take its toll on the conference. There will most likely be fewer vendors at the conference. He feels the attendance could be down by 20%, and the educational seminar will cost more this year. Three Highway Commissioners were sponsored to attend the educational conference by the Highway Commissioners Association last year. This year four scholarships to attend the seminar are being offered.

There was a question concerning the blue and gold signs on roads. These signs are for county workers. This practice has now been stopped.

The bills of the Town Fund were passed for approval by the Board.

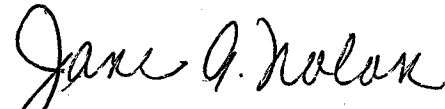
Trustee Ryan made the motion to approve the audit of the Town Fund bills. **Trustee Panos** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Conway, Morrissey, Panos and Ryan. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

The bills of the Road and Bridge District Fund were passed for approval by the Board.

Trustee Panos made the motion to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge District Fund bills. **Trustee Ryan** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Conway, Morrissey, Panos and Ryan. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Highway Commissioner Adams stated that all the election filings for the township officials for the April 7TH, 2009, Consolidated Election have been completed. There will be only two changes in the make-up of the township officials as these offices are not challenged in this election. (2009)

Trustee Panos made the motion for adjournment at 7:45 P.M. **Trustee Ryan** seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.


Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township