

PALOS TOWNSHIP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

APRIL 16TH, 2012

ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING

The Road and Bridge District Meeting of the Palos Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Schumann 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 Carbonara, Conway, Ryan and Poulos, Supervisor Schumann and Highway Commissioner Adams. Also present was Road and Bridge District Attorney, John Zimmerman and Road and Bridge District Administrative Assistant, April Schrader.

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

Trustee Ryan moved to approve the minutes of the March 19th, 2012, Road and Bridge District Meeting. **Trustee Carbonara** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Carbonara, Conway, Ryan and Poulos , Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Adams stated that the Highway Department is finding it difficult to get any calls through to the Cook County Building Department and the Building Department Commissioner.

The resident at 8411 W. 133rd Street, Palos Park, and the Highway Department went to court and the judge committed them to arbitration after the court hearing. It is a non-binding arbitration. The background to this case has been given in previous minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Highway Commissioner Adams stated that Attorney Peck feels that there are many issues that need to be resolved in the Highway Department driveway permit process. He feels that doing something different such as new wording on the permits may keep problems from happening. He wants the new process so, in effect, it will help in the future. Commissioner Adams stated that bonds don't seem to work anymore.

In May, the Road and Bridge District will be working on the tentative budget for 2012-2013. Commissioner Adams stated that it doesn't matter what is budgeted for or levied ---- the Road District doesn't get it. The Highway Department was told by the county collector's office "that what they get is what they get."

The Road District is keeping their heads above water. Township governments operate within their budgets.

Commissioner Adams informed the Board that the Road District is having a good year as far as weather is concerned. The problem they have at this time is that not enough salt was used during the winter season and the Road District must pay for all the salt that was not used. There is no place to store the salt that was not used. This is the first time this has happened to the Highway Department. Approximately 80% of the salt was not used.

Commissioner Adams reported that remodeling permits are being issued at this time as are permits for patios and paving brick driveways.

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

Trustee Poulos moved to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge District Fund bills. **Trustee Carbonara** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Carbonara, Conway, Ryan and Poulos, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Trustee Conway moved to approve the audit of the Town Fund bills. **Trustee Ryan** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Carbonara, Conway, Ryan and Poulos, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Assessor Maloney informed the Board that the Appeal Season has begun. The dates for appeals are April 10th, 2012 to May 10th, 2012.

Trustee Ryan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M. **Trustee Carbonara** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.


Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township