

PALOS TOWNSHIP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

APRIL 29, 2010

BILL AUDIT MEETING

The Bill Audit 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, Poulos and Ryan. Also present was Township Attorney, James Gierach.

Supervisor Schumann stated that a quorum of elected officials were present for voting purposes.

Trustee Ryan made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 31st, 2010, Bill Audit Meeting. **Trustee Carbonara** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Carbonara, Poulos and Ryan, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Conway abstained from voting as she did not attend the March 31st, 2010, Bill Audit Meeting.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk Nolan reminded the Board members to turn in their Economic Interest receipts to her when they are returned to them.

Attorney Gierach discussed the latest FOIA request. He briefly reviewed the situation with the Board. He stressed that when a FOIA is received, regardless of the office, it must come to the Clerk and all answers of the request must be completed by the Clerk. The Clerk must stay in the loop.

He stated that if any resident is asking for information whether they say it is pursuant to the FOIA Act or not, it should be taken as such so that the five day response period is not running, and the Township is not aware of it. The Clerk needs to be notified immediately when a FOIA request is made, and she needs to be part of every step before the answer goes out. When the request is answered, it must be from the Clerk, the Palos Township FOIA Officer. Someone who doesn't have the statutory obligation shouldn't be in charge.

Attorney Gierach will discuss meeting tapes at a later date.

Supervisor Schumann briefly discussed the article in the SouthtownStar concerning the recent FOIA the Township received from them. Some Townships are spending money, but are not following General Assistance Guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Schumann informed the Board that Our Lady of the Woods Parish is having its 25th year anniversary this year. They have requested an ad for their ad book from the Township. Our Lady of the Woods is one of our senior groups.

Trustee Poulos made the motion that the Township donates \$100.00 for an ad for Our Lady of the Woods 25th Anniversary ad book. **Trustee Ryan** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Carbonara, Conway, Poulos and Ryan, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Current Press Releases

Supervisor Schumann informed the Board that the current press release at this time is one concerning the Senior Spelling Bee which will take place on

Thursday, May 20th, 2010. The moderator will be Jack Murray from the Regional Newspaper, and the judges will be Clerk Nolan and Deputy Assessor Dibbern.

Health Service Update

Supervisor Schumann stated that the new nominal Health Service fee schedule is going very well, and \$400 to \$500 a week is being collected. There have been no complaints about the fee schedule to date. There have been a few people who have been unable to pay and it has not caused a problem.

The last in-service was a success with approximately 40 people attending. It was a holistic natural approach to medicine given by Dee Woods. It was very informative and the residents felt they received helpful information.

The Health Service is beginning school physicals at this time.

Clerk Nolan stated that the stickers for unincorporated Palos Township will arrive on May 15th, 2010, and will be available for sales on May 17th, 2010. Residents will be able to purchase stickers on line this year.

Attorney Gierach discussed the 2010-2011 Palos Township Budgetary Timetable. He explained the upcoming issues contained in the timetable.

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

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

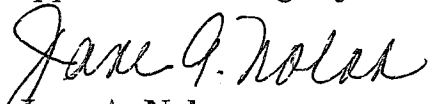
The bills of the General Assistance Fund were passed for approval by the Board.

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

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

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

Trustee Carbonara made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 P.M. **Trustee Conway** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.


Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township