

PALOS TOWNSHIP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

MAY 11, 2009

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Palos Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Schumann at 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 Township, Jane Nolan. Present were Trustees Conway, Morrissey, Panos and Ryan, Supervisor Schumann. Also present was Township Attorney, James Gierach.

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

Trustee Panos made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 13th, 2009, Regular Meeting. **Trustee Conway** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Conway, Morrissey, Panos and Ryan, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Gifts were given to Trustees Panos and Morrissey upon their departure from the Board. There were comments from both Trustees thanking the Board and the office staff for their four year tenure in office which was enjoyable, worthwhile and educational. They are wished future success in any endeavor they choose to undertake.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Assessor Maloney discussed Cook County Property Tax Assessments and some changes therein.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk Nolan discussed the TOI Educational Seminar which will take place on June 17th, 2009, at Hotel Indigo in Palatine, Illinois. The deadline for registration is June 3, 2009. Any interested official should notify the

township office if they intend to attend. Palos Township is in TOI Educational District 6.

Supervisor Schumann discussed the TOCC Spring Conference which will take place on May 28th, 2009, at the Holiday Inn in Willowbrook, Illinois. The Bill Audit Meeting which is also being held on that night will take place at 5:30 P.M. instead of 7:00 P.M. The meeting change has been posted and sent to the area newspapers. Please inform the Township office if you wish to attend.

Current Press Releases:

Supervisor Schumann discussed the Senior Spelling Bee which will take place on June 4th, 2009, at the Township Hall. The press release should appear in the Regional and Reporter newspapers in the near future. Any person 50 years of age or older can be a contestant. There are websites to which interested persons can go to find out information. Palos Township is in Region 12. Palos is one of only three townships from the south side participating. People can participate if they live outside of Palos Township. Hopefully, this will involve more resident participation. The winners of the Bee will go on to compete in the Regionals, and then on to Springfield where the final Spelling Bee will take place on Senior Day at the State Fair. Letters have been sent to all the Senior Clubs and information was also placed in church bulletins and on Comcast Channel 4. All participants must register by calling the township. There will be three judges and one pronouncer at the Palos Township Spelling Bee. **Clerk Jane Nolan** will be one of the judges and **Jack Murray** from the Regional will be the pronouncer. The Spelling Bee will take place at 10:00 A.M. on June 4th, 2009.

Clerk Nolan reported that on June 3rd, 2009, Palos Township is partnering with Sheriff Tom Dart's office to present free 911 cell phones to any senior who wishes to participate. This program has been around for some time and Palos Township has participated in the past with good results. Any interested senior should contact the Township office to have their names placed on the list.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Nolan discussed the new "no fault absentee ballot." Anyone can now get an absentee ballot without a reason. The 2010 Primary Election will definitely be on February 2, 2009. Early voting will begin on January 11, 2010. In 2010 all the election judges will have to be re-trained. The county is pursuing the idea of doing the judge training on line.

Supervisor Schumann announced that the Health Service is hosting a Diabetes Seminar on My 26th, 2009. The speaker will be a dietician from Palos Hospital. Glucose testing will be available.

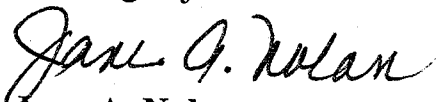
Attorney Gierach discussed the 2009-2010 Budgetary Timetables. The budget needs to be adopted in the first quarter which ends on June 30, 2009. The Board should set a Public Hearing for June 30th, 2009, and the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be passed at that time. The tentative budget can be reviewed by the Board at the May 28th, 2009, Bill Audit Meeting.

Trustee Morrissey made the motion to authorize the publication of the Legal Notice concerning the Public Hearing of the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year 2009-2010. **Trustee Panos** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Conway, Morrissey, Panos and Ryan, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Gierach discussed a complaint letter received from neighbors concerning the condition of the property at 7849 W. 127th Street in Palos Park. Attorney Gierach investigated the property and it was in poor condition. A letter was sent to the property owners requesting them to take action on its condition. Attorney Gierach is awaiting their response.

The 2009 searing-in ceremony of the newly elected Township Officials took place at this time.

Trustee Panos made the motion for adjournment at 7:55 P.M. **Trustee Morrissey** seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.


Jane A. Nolan