

PALOS TOWNSHIP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

JUNE 21, 2010

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, Poulos and Ryan, Supervisor Schumann, and Highway Commissioner Adams. Also present was Road and Bridge District Attorney Erik Peck and Road and Bridge District Administrative Assistant, April Shrader.

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 made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 17th, 2010, Road and Bridge District Meeting, **Trustee Carbonara** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Commissioner Adams reported that there have been many calls to the Road and Bridge District concerning sink holes in the Mill Creek subdivision. One particular resident made numerous calls to the township and to Cook County about the problem on her property. She finally called Orland Park and they came and checked. There was encroachment in the sanitary sewer. Commissioner Adams had the camera crew take pictures of the sink hole to be sure it had nothing to do with the Road District's storm sewer. Orland Park did put dye into the sewer and told the resident it was

hers. The storm drain was perfect and there was no infiltration into the storm sewer. This cost the Palos Road and Bridge District \$700.00.

Commissioner Adams discussed the situation on 128th Street off of 86th Avenue. It is commonly called McCord's Pond. It has overflowed and there is two feet of water surrounding a house in this subdivision. 128th Street is a private street. He was contacted by the South Palos Sanitary District and was told the resident was bringing in a contractor to dig across the road. They were upset because no one knows the elevations of the sanitary sewer or the water main and there is an easement on either side of the road. Cook County met with South Palos Sanitary District on the site and notified the people that they could not just hire someone to dig across the road. The water had accumulated in the lower part of their property and they were going to hire a paving company on their own, but they were told that would not work. They need to hire an engineer or a professional to do this work.

Highway Commissioner Adams stated that Attorney Peck has drafted a letter to Orland Park requesting that they review their policy relative to sink holes in residents backyards as they are charging a storm water tax, and they are not giving the residents service as far as their storm water problems are concerned.

Highway Commissioner Adams discussed some possible upcoming lawsuits concerning the Road and Bridge District. The first one concerned 8411 W. 133rd Street where the road was torn up because the resident excavated in the middle of the winter (two years ago) and her trucks tore up the road. She used her own general contractor and her sub-contractor can't be found. She will be responsible for her bond because she received her permit from the Palos Township Road and Bridge District.

Jamie Corso, Azure Lakes, ---- the bank terminated the bond and the Road District is waiting for the bond money. (\$10,000.00) Attorney Peck had the bond reinstated. Azure Lakes is a private subdivision. The entrance road to the subdivision will be repaired and the remainder of the money will be used to repair the road that Jamie Corso put in.

Commissioner Adams reported that David Goldman, Palos Park, signed that he would be responsible for work done on his driveway and the driveway permit. He still has not paid the amount of money that he owes.

His tax bill could be encumbered but that would be financially unsound. The Road District will continue to inform him of his obligation.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2010-2011 Road and Bridge District Budget will be approved on June 30th, 2010. There will be a published hearing and a special meeting t 6:30 P.M.

Commissioner Adams read part of the Road and Bridge District's Prevailing Wage Resolution for 2010-2011. Attorney Peck stated that most townships adopt the County's prevailing wage rate.

Resolution 10-01-1 The Prevailing Wage Resolution for the Palos Road and Bridge District 2010-2011 was presented and approved by Highway Commissioner Adams on June 21, 2010.

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

Trustee Carbonara made the motion to approve the audit of the Town 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 Conway made the motion to approve the audit of the Road and Bridge District 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.

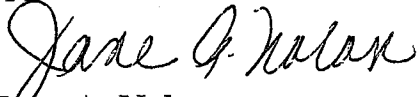
Commissioner Adams stated that the Highway Commissioners Association is thinking of relocating their Summer Educational Seminar because of attendance problems. They are trying to make it more attractive to the highway commissioners in the southern part of the state. The Highway Commissioner's Association of Illinois approved \$5000.00 for TOI's 2011 Educational Seminars.

He stated that the Road and Bridge District FOIA'd the County on the first of the month, and they responded by the 21st of the month. (concerning the speed limit on 131st Street being changed to 30 miles per hour.)

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Assessor Maloney reported that the Cook County Assessor Appeal Season started on June 21, 2010, and will end on July 22, 2010. The Assessor's Office will end the appeal season on July 21st, 2010, due to the fact that the appeals must be at Cook County by July 22nd, 2010. He also answered various questions concerning the appeals season and long term occupancy.

Trustee Conway made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. **Trustee Poulos** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.



Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township