

PALOS TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2009
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, Illinois, at 7:04 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. 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 August 31st, 2009, Bill Audit Meeting. **Trustee Carbonara** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Carbonara, Conway and Ryan, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Poulos did not vote due to absence at the August 31st, 2009, Bill Audit Meeting.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Gierach informed the Board that the Cook County Tax Extension Department has not released the new tax rates at this time. He made some calls to the county and was told that the new tax rates should be out next week. When these are finalized the Board can then begin the levy process.

The cost of living increase that will be used for 2009 is 0.4. The tax levy resolution should be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Clerk Nolan discussed some FOIA changes at this time. The training of those involved in the new FOIA changes will be on line and will be done on a yearly basis.

Clerk Nolan will call a special meeting of the Board and other elected officials when she has all the facts concerning the changes. She will then explain them and answer any questions. The new FOIA rules will take effect on January 1, 2010. The person in charge in Springfield has not yet been appointed. **Clerk Nolan** passed out a Better Government Association FOIA which belonged to the Highway Department. The FOIA request that she circulated is very involved and presents an excellent representation of what townships will have to deal with when these FOIA changes are implemented in 2010. Clerk Nolan informed the Board that the bill was passed without considering the input of municipal and township attorneys.

Supervisor Schumann added some details concerning Township highway roads and the ongoing process of trying to eliminate them from townships and incorporate them into municipalities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Gierach reported that he attended the Gateway TIF meeting in September, 2009, at the Palos Heights City Hall. The TIF is for property located at the northeast corner of Route 82 and Harlem Avenue, called Northpoint. The TIF was created in 2005 and will expire in 2028. The finance report says they have \$122, 400.00 on hand. The project is sitting dormant at this time. The developer is the Basic Development Group. The revised developmental plan was approved. The City of Palos Heights preliminarily approved the plat. The money is being used for developmental costs. This is the second meeting concerning this Attorney Gierach has attended. The next meeting will take place in January, 2009.

Attorney Gierach informed the Board that while attending this meeting he received some information that the Jewel in Palos Heights will be expanding. It will be 150% larger than it is at this time. There are ongoing discussions as to whether or not a TIF will be created for this project. It was stated that the present Jewel will remain open while the expansion is

happening. There are ongoing meetings between Jewel and the City of Palos Heights concerning this project.

Clerk Nolan discussed the new voting precincts with the Board. Palos Township has six less precincts than before. There was a consolidation of precincts. This was done as a cost saving measure.

The Equipment Manager for the February, 2010, Primary Election will be trained on line.

Clerk Nolan reported that Palos Township will receive the TOI Education Award for 2009. This is the fourth year the Township has won this award! It will be presented to the officials attending the TOI Educational Conference in November at the Annual TOI Breakfast.

Clerk Nolan inquired if the Board was going to complete the 2009 Legislative Survey. **Supervisor Schumann** informed the Board that if anyone has any ideas to pursue concerning the legislative survey please let her know or bring your ideas to the next meeting. The survey must be returned to Springfield by November 2, 2009.

Supervisor Schumann informed the Board that everyone is invited to attend CEDA's Legislative Breakfast. It will take place on October 5th, 2009, from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. CEDA is located at 7666 W. 63rd Street in Summit, Illinois. If you intend to attend please inform Bernadette Orr, who is the current President of CEDA, as soon as possible.

Supervisor Schumann informed the Board of the PLOWS Luncheon which will take place on October 23rd, 2009, at the Oak Lawn Hilton. The Township has a table for 10 reserved. Please call Bernadette Orr to inform her if you will attend.

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

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

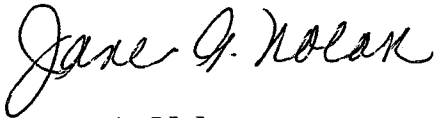
The bills of the General Assistance Fund were passed for approval by the Board.

Trustee Poulos made the motion to approve the audit of the General Assistance Fund bills. **Trustee Carbonara** 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 Town Fund were passed for approval by the Board.

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

Trustee Conway made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M. **Trustee Poulos** seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.



Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township