

PALOS TOWNSHIP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

NOVEMBER 18TH, 2013

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 Brannigan, Lebarre, Riley and Woods, Supervisor Schumann, and Highway Commissioner Adams. Also present was Road and Bridge District Attorney, Erik Peck, and Road and Bridge District Administrative Assistant, April Schrader.

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

Trustee Lebarre moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2013, Road and Bridge District Meeting. **Trustee Riley** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Adams stated that there are good reports concerning the new Cook County Highway Commissioner. He had a meeting with all of the highway commissioners. He will see to it that the County inspectors follow through on the law. He has vowed to work with the highway commissioners. Palos Township has an excellent rapport with the County Inspector for the township at this time.

Commissioner Adams stated that he will deal with building permits as they come to the Road District.

Attorney Peck discussed the driveway plan of residents who changed the plan on their own where there was a problem. When they were contacted about this situation they replied that they “didn’t care” and the Road District can fine them. The Attorney asked “Would a larger cash bond have made a difference?” This problem has been going on for 2 years. The residents have temporary occupancy at this time and they could receive final occupancy within one or two years. Commissioner Adams stated that asphalt driveways are more temporary than concrete driveways.

There was a discussion of penalties/fines for residents.

The township has the ability to go to court concerning unincorporated areas.

Commissioner Adams feels there needs to be guidelines for each permit that the Highway District issues to residents.

Commissioner Adams stated that the Road project is completed. There have been some problems with measuring concerning this project.

Commissioner Adams reported that he has no idea when the LED Light Project is going forward at this time. There was some misleading information concerning the project given by Com Ed.

Commissioner Adams reported that the State of Illinois is changing their traffic lights to LED lights. The township is obligated to pay a portion of the bill for the traffic light at 131st and 86th Avenue. It is in the unincorporated area to the south of Palos Township. The Road District's obligation is 10% of the cost in the change of that traffic light to LED's. The cost to the Road District is \$504.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

The trustees will review the draft of Ordinance 13-05-0 the Annual Tax Levy For Road Purposes- 2013 And Certification Of A Special Tax Pursuant To Section 6-601 (605 ICLS, ET SEQ.) Of The Highway Code.

COMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Toriano Griggs, 8625 W. 130th, Palos Park stated that he is still not in his home at this time. He is looking for direction at this time. Commissioner Adams stated that Mr. John Vaznelis, Road District Engineer, has spoken with Mr. Grigg's engineer. Mr. Griggs stated that this in not true. He said that his engineer told him that he was told by the Road District's engineer to "handle it!" Once again, Mr. Griggs wants direction at this time. He is going through the process as he was asked to do.

Mr. Bill Beddow, Palos Park, wants to know what is happening with the foreclosed property on his block. This property has been in foreclosure since May. A court date is pending at this time. The dumpsters will have to be removed due to a

citation. The property has been declared hazardous and dangerous. The court will rule what can be done.

Attorney Peck stated that there are three different scenarios concerning this situation.

1. Whoever has the mortgage owns the property at this time. If it is in foreclosure the bank will take ownership of the property.
2. The County filed citations against the owner of the property whether it be the resident or the bank. The township has the ability to demolish the home. Permission must be received from the County and then the township must go to court. It is a laborious situation. The township has taken no action at this point.
3. The County has issued adjudication citations at this time for 13260 Windward Trail, Palos Park.

Mr. Beddow stated that the residence at 13203 S. 84th Court had a fire two months ago.

Trustee Woods moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. **Trustee Brannigan** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Jane A. Nolan

Clerk
Palos Township