

PALOS TOWNSHIP

MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

DECEMBER 21, 2009

ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING

The Road and Bridge District Meeting of the Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Schumann in the Township Hall, 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, 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 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 Schrader.

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

Trustee Conway made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 16th, 2009, Road and Bridge District Meeting. Trustee Carbonara seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Trustee Poulos arrived at 7:12 P.M.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Mr. Tim Zych, Palos Park inquired if anything was new concerning Gallagher and Henry and the Suffield Woods subdivision. Commissioner Adams answered that he had received a letter from an Attorney employed by Gallagher and Henry that stated the asphalt paving will be done the first thing in the Spring of 2010, and the brick pavers will be replaced. He also stated that the Road and Bridge District has a \$20,000.00 bond. Mr Zych voiced his concerns about the roads in Suffield Woods, as well as, comments concerning the homeowners association. He brought a copy of the covenants from Suffield Woods to the meeting. The Road and Bridge District will make a copy for its' own use. There was a short discussion concerning the

homeowner's association in Suffield Woods. He is looking for the Township to enforce their end of what should be done. He wants to know when the Township is going to accept the roads in the subdivision.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Highway Commissioner Adams stated that since the snow fall there has been a great deal of rocks put along the roadway. He would like to create an ordinance which would prohibit any dangerous obstructions within six feet from the edge of the pavement. Residents are putting giant rocks right up to the pavement along with a stake with a reflective light. As the rocks become frozen into the sod, it could cause a snow plow to be ruined if it happened to hit the rocks. The rocks are an obstacle. The real issue is the public right away. There are two lots on 125th Street where the rocks have been placed right up to the pavement. Attorney Peck will send letters to these two residences concerning the rocks. The letters will cite the state statute that prohibits it.

Commissioner Adams informed the Board that the price of salt is down but the salt he has is going fast, and the bills are high. He is attempting to bring the bills down.

Commissioner Adams discussed the Road and Bridge District Tax levy with the Board. The levy will be increased by 4% which will reflect the 2% the Road District was shorted last year. Last year the Road District was over \$8,000.00 short. Some of the 2% shorted was because the Township assessment was lowered last year. The road district is being shorted less this year than last year.

Trustee Poulos made the motion to approve Ordinance 09-02-0 General Road Purposes – 2009 And Of A Special Tax Pursuant To Section 6-601 (605ILCS5/6-601,ET SEQ.) Of The Highway Code. **Trustee Ryan** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Carbonara, Conway, Poulos and Ryan, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Peck explained that the Board (by signing the ordinance) certifies that the Highway Commissioner certified the levy. He also stated that monies are not paid to taxing bodies if taxes in other places are short.

The Road and Bridge District has no motor fuel tax at this time. There is a chance this could come back if a bill concerning this passes the legislature.

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

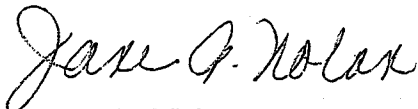
Trustee Ryan made the motion to approve the audit of the Town Fund bills. **Trustee Carbonara** seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Trustees Carbonara, Conway, Poulos and Ryan, Supervisor Schumann. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

There was a short discussion of the levy and budget process.

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



Jane A. Nolan

Clerk

Palos Township