

**PALATINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
August 9, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kalkounos called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Palatine Township Center.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Moran called the roll and the following members were:

PRESENT IN THE ROOM:

Voting Members- Supervisor Kalkounos, Trustees Svenson, and Bolanos

Non-Voting Members- None

Other Invited Participants- Administrator Lopez, Assistant Administrator Chychula, Outreach Coordinator Betsy Lama, Outreach staff member Judy Mazzone, and Attorney Michael Airdo

IN REMOTE ATTENDANCE:

Voting Member- Trustee Pohlman (Video)

Non-Voting Members- Clerk Moran (Video), Assessor Kelly (Audio)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At the Supervisor's request, Trustee Bolanos led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Kalkounos read the following into the record: Pursuant to Palatine Township Policy Number 150: Remote Attendance, Clerk Moran, Assessor Kelly, and Trustee Pohlman have requested to attend this August 9, 2021, Committee of the Whole Meeting by "other means." For Clerk Moran and Trustee Pohlman, the participation is by Video conference. For Assessor Kelly, the participation is by Audio conference. This Board should note: that a quorum of members of the Township Board is physically present at 720 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, Illinois, which is the regular meeting location of the Palatine Township Board; that Clerk Moran, Assessor Kelly, and Trustee Pohlman are prevented from physically attending because of Personal Illness or Disability, Employment Purposes or the Business of the Township, or a Family or Other Emergency; and that Clerk Moran, Assessor Kelly, and Trustee Pohlman provided advance notice to the Supervisor and Assistant Township Administrator in accordance with Palatine Township Policy Number 150: Remote Attendance.

MOTION by Trustee Svenson, seconded by Trustee Bolanos to approve the allowance of Trustee Pohlman, Clerk Moran, and Assessor Kelly to attend this August 9, 2021, Committee of the Whole Meeting by "other means."

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Pohlman, and Kalkounos

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

A. Outreach Coordinator Overview, Betsy Lama

Outreach Coordinator Betsy Lama reviewed the *COW Presentation- Palatine Township Outreach Program Overview*, along with Judy Mazzone, and answered *COW* Member questions. The Supervisor and Assistant Administrator Chychula noted the good work being done by the newly promoted Outreach Coordinator .

ELECTED OFFICIALS ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Supervisor

i. Comcast Proposal

Administrator Lopez reported that Comcast provided a proposal which would be the lowest proposal received for phone services, and would save the Township approximately \$2000 annually. The Supervisor noted that a board vote was unnecessary on this contract and asked if there were any objections from the Board for proceeding with this contract. No objections were made.

ii. FY 2020-2021 Audit Review

Supervisor Kalkounos reported that this would be the first audit of this new Board. He noted that the Township will be requesting from the State Comptroller's Office a sixty-day extension to provide the Board ample time to do a thorough review of the audit. He noted that from the initial review of the audit, the Township is in good working order.

iii. Update Re: Issues at 1602-1604 E. Algonquin Rd. of the Park Place Shopping Center

Supervisor Kalkounos reported that 1602-1604 E. Algonquin Rd. of the Park Place Shopping Center in Schaumburg, has continued to have issues, including recent shootings. The Supervisor is in close contact with the respective county commissioners regarding the efforts they are employing to provide a solution to the problem. The Supervisor sent Sherriff Dart a letter requesting extra patrols in this area. County Board President Preckwinkle was copied on that letter. The Supervisor noted that he will continue to provide updates to the Board.

iv. Update Re: Issues at 1580 E. Algonquin Rd. Formally Known as Frankly Yours

Supervisor Kalkounos reported that 1580 E. Algonquin Rd, cite of the former business, Frankly Yours and across the street from the Park Place Shopping Center, provides another challenging situation. The property is littered with hypodermic needles, broken windows/glass, and is frequented by vagrants. He is requesting that Cook County act to abate a nuisance. He noted that

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if the County isn't responsive, the Township will take action of their own to get the grass cut and board up broken windows. The property is owned by a Trust, and that if necessary, the Township could seek to put a lien on the property. The Supervisor noted that he will continue to provide updates to the Board.

B. Highway Commissioner

No Report

C. Clerk

No Report

D. Assessor

Assessor Kelly noted that he will be attending the Eagle Scout ceremony of Harmon Bashir.

BUSINESS

A. Cemetery Committee

Cemetery Committee Chairman Kelly reported that he had been in contact with Joe Petykowski of the Palatine Historical Society (*PHS*) regarding the wording going on the plaque for the restored canon. The cost of the plaque is being covered in part by the *PHS, Palatine American Legion and Sons of the American Legion- Post 690*, and that the Township's portion will be under \$200.

B. Finance Committee

Finance Committee Chairman Pohlman reported that there will be a regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday of the month.

C. Human Needs Committee

Human Needs Committee Chairman Pohlman reported that dates for the upcoming meetings have been established. He noted that all are welcome, but that only voting members can vote on the final allocations.

D. Insurance Committee

No Report

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E. Communications Committee

Supervisor Kalkounos shared Chairman Smolka's Communication Report that his committee had met on July 24th. Second Chairman Pohlman noted that Assistant Administrator Chychula had just provided information gathered from other Townships regarding their websites, and that the new website design may be done by CivicPlus, as that group had done the majority of sites in our area.

F. Policy Committee

Supervisor Kalkounos shared Chairman Smolka's Policy Report that his committee will be meeting again in mid-August.

G. Transportation Committee

Transportation Committee Chairwoman Bolanos will be arranging a meeting with Transportation Coordinator Wolff in the near future.

H. Intergovernmental Relations Committee

No Report

I. Discussion on Purchasing Electronic Devices for Elected Officials

Supervisor Kalkounos reported that there had been a request for discussion regarding the need for electronic devices, possibly iPads, for township business to be conducted on, and kept separate from their personal business. He noted that it is a reasonable request, and that there is a budget for this. Clerk Moran noted that as Clerk she does much work on Minutes, etc. from home, and requested a laptop instead of an iPad as it is more conducive to the work she does, and that devices should be transferred to the next set of elected officials. The Supervisor noted that he will have the Administrative Staff put together a purchase proposal for these devices, and will update the Board prior to any purchases being made.

J. Other

The Supervisor asked that Clerk Moran be emailed the earlier referenced letter to Sheriff Dart, so she could include it with the Minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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ADJOURN

MOTION by Trustee Svenson, seconded by Trustee Bolanos to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Pohlman, and Kalkounos

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Respectfully submitted,



TOWN CLERK



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“PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE”

July 27, 2021

Supervisor

Andy-John G. Kalkounos

Clerk

Lisa Moran

Assessor

Terry Kelly, CIAO

Highway Commissioner

Aaron B. Del Mar

Trustee

Bill Pohlman

Trustee

A. Christine Svenson

Trustee

Leslie M. Bolanos

Trustee

Michael C. Smolka

Serving:

Arlington Heights

Barrington

Hoffman Estates

Inverness

Palatine

Rolling Meadows

Schaumburg

South Barrington

Thomas J. Dart

Cook County Sheriff

50 W. Washington, Room 704

Chicago, IL 60602

Sheriff Dart;

I am reaching out to you for immediate assistance on an urgent matter.

Once again, gunshots were fired this past Friday, July 23, 2021, at or near the Park Place Shopping Center located at 1600 Algonquin Road in unincorporated Palatine Township. The shopping center, which includes a 24-hour convenience store and a late-night Bar/Lounge, appears to have come “under siege” in the early morning hours. This is the third shooting incident already this calendar year.

Our residents—and the workers in our local businesses—are in grave danger. Multiple gun shots are being discharged just feet from their properties. We are being told shocking stories by sleepless residents who are justifiably concerned and seeking help. Their children play on the same street and in the same yard in which the firearm from this past Saturday morning was recovered.

I am requesting additional patrols and sustained police presence from the hours of 1:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. for the protection of both the residents and the employees working 2nd and 3rd shifts at businesses in this immediate area.

I suspect that you have a well-documented and long trail of information to draw from related to these shooting incidents. I am asking that you not delay on this matter. My jurisdictional limitations give me little option to help assuage the fear and panic that has now set in for so many children and families in our community.

I would like to extend an invitation for a meeting on the issues surrounding this area and its impact on the thriving communities, and, most critically, the residents who put their trust in us to keep them safe. I would like to host this meeting at the Palatine Township offices and provide a tour of the subject property which is just three miles away.

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to protect all who depend on you in Cook County. I have a deep respect for your service and that of your capable officers.

Please reach me on my direct mobile number 847-418-7522, and please know that you have a friend and partner in Palatine Township.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy - John G. Kalkounos". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Supervisor Andy-John G. Kalkounos
Palatine Township

cc: Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle
Commissioner Scott Britton