

**PALATINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
February 12, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kalkounos called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Patriot Room of the Palatine Township Center.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Moran called the roll and the following members were present:

PRESENT IN THE ROOM:

Voting Members- Supervisor Kalkounos, Trustees Freese, and Smolka

Non-Voting Members- Assessor Pohlman and Clerk Moran

Other Invited Participants- Administrator Chychula, Asst. Administrator Veller, and Attorney Kimzey

IN REMOTE ATTENDANCE:*

Trustees Bolanos

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Trustee Svenson

**please see the Remote Attendance Statement, which was noted later in the meeting and is detailed in the Supervisor's Report section below*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Kalkounos led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Thomas La Fontaine Olson stated that he found the Supervisor's request to remove his hat for the Pledge of Allegiance to be offensive.

Please note that after making his public comment, Mr. Olson began to engage in conduct near the public seating area which Supervisor Kalkounos deemed to be disruptive. The Supervisor requested that Mr. Olson be orderly. After receiving this warning, Mr. Olson's conduct persisted, and the Supervisor ordered Mr. Olson to leave the meeting.

At 7:15 p.m., after repeated requests and refusals, Supervisor Kalkounos called the meeting into Recess.

At 7:41 p.m. Supervisor Kalkounos called the meeting back in Order, with police officers from the Village of Palatine present.

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PRESENTATION

A. The Bridge Youth and Family Services, Interior Design Presentation, Anders Rustin, OKW Architects

The Bridge Youth and Family Services Executive Director Kris Salyards gave a brief history of *The Bridge* and stressed the need for their services, especially post-Covid with the stark increase in anxiety, depression, and suicide. She then introduced Anders Rustin, and noted that he is one of the architects with OKW Architects who is overseeing the upcoming renovation project at *The Bridge*.

Mr. Rustin, gave a PowerPoint Presentation, detailing the various aspects of *The Bridge* offices. He reported that the newly renovated therapy rooms will be remodeled to provide a more calming and consistent atmosphere.

Attorney Kimzey highlighted the fact that the Board will need to approve the final proposal as the proposed work for *The Bridge* is in the Township's building and since it is under the bid threshold it does not need to be bid out, but that all contracts will come before the Board for final approval.

ELECTED OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Highway Commissioner

No Report

B. Clerk

No Report

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C. Assessor

No Report

D. Supervisor

Supervisor Kalkounos report summary:

- Township Trustee Bill Huley, who served from 2005-2017, passed away at the age of 93. He thanked him posthumously for his service to Palatine Township.
- The Township Newsletter will be mailed in the next week or so.
- The *Townships of Illinois* Lobby Day is scheduled for April 17
- The Township will be closed on February 19, for the Presidents' Day Holiday

Supervisor Kalkounos read the following into the record: Trustee Bolanos had requested to attend this February 12, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting by "other means," pursuant to Township Policy and in accordance with Illinois law. This participation is by videoconference. This Board should note: that a quorum of members of the Board is physically present at 721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, Illinois, which is the regular meeting location of the Palatine Township Board; that Trustee Bolanos is prevented from physically attending because of employment purposes; and that Trustee Bolanos provided advance notice to the Supervisor and Administrator in accordance with Township Policy.

The Supervisor confirmed that Trustee Bolanos could hear and be heard via videoconference.

MOTION by Trustee Smolka, seconded by Trustee Freese to allow Trustee Bolanos to attend this February 12, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting remotely

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote

BUSINESS

A. Tentative Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Town Fund and General Assistance Budget

Supervisor Kalkounos introduced James Howard, Principal CPA with Governmental Accounting Inc. (GAI), who gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the COW Packet Insert, *Palatine Township Budget Analysis for the 12 Months Ended March 31, 2025*. The presentation included History, Budget, Revenue and Expenditure highlights. He noted that the Township's financial state is healthy and looking strong with healthy fund balances.

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Supervisor Kalkounos thanked Mr. Howard, Administrator Chychula, and Assistant Administrator Veller for their work during the budget process. He noted that the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be made available to the public for at least 30 days and the Public Hearing will be scheduled.

B. Engagement Letter with Selden Fox, Ltd. for the Annual Audit

Administrator Chychula reviewed the COW Packet Insert, *Engagement Letter with Selden Fox, Ltd. for the Annual Audit – for Year Ending March 31, 2024.*

The Supervisor noted that this will be considered at an upcoming Board Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Trustee Freese, seconded by Trustee Smolka to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

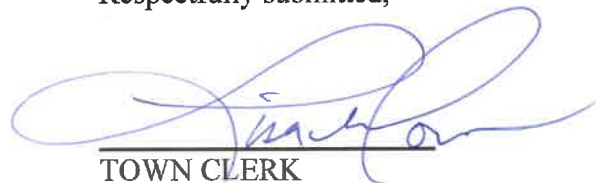
ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bolanos, Freese, Smolka, and Kalkounos

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Respectfully submitted,


TOWN CLERK