

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF PALATINE TOWNSHIP
December 16, 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 Svenson, Freese, Bolanos, and Smolka
Non-Voting Members- Assessor Pohlman, Highway Commissioner Del Mar, and Clerk Moran

Other Invited Participants- Administrator Chychula, Asst. Administrator Veller, multiple Dept. Directors, and Attorney Airdo

** Please note that Road District Administrator Sachs was present just after the Roll Call*

IN REMOTE ATTENDANCE:

None

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At the Supervisor's request, Highway Commissioner Del Mar led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Del Mar, a Palatine Resident spoke in favor of the three referenda that were on tonight's agenda, noting that they are non-binding referendums that can help turn out voters and can help guide area legislators with the pulse of the electorate. He asked the Board to vote affirmatively on all three.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - i. Regular Board Minutes 11-18-2024
 - ii. Finance Committee Minutes 11-18-2024
 - iii. Executive Session Minutes (pro forma) 11-18-2024
- B. Acceptance of Township Elected Officials' Reports:
 - i. Clerk's Report
 - ii. Assessor's Report
 - iii. Hwy Commissioner's Report

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MOTION by Supervisor Kalkounos, seconded by Trustee Smolka to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, Smolka, and Kalkounos

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

AUDIT OF PAYROLL & BILLS

A. Approval of Payroll & Bills for Road District (presented by Administrator Chychula)

B. Approval of Payroll & Bills for General Assistance (presented by Administrator Chychula)

C. Approval of Payroll & Bills for Town Fund (presented by Administrator Chychula)

MOTION by Trustee Svenson, seconded by Trustee Freese to approve the payroll and bills for December, presented for:

Road District- \$86,047.63

General Assistance- \$14,637.99

Town Fund- \$114,808.31

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, Smolka, and Kalkounos

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. General Assistance

Director Shapiro gave a brief monthly report via remote attendance.

B. Food Pantry

Director Westlund-Deenihan gave a brief monthly report.

C. Transportation

Director Marin gave a brief monthly report via remote attendance.

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D. Outreach

Director Lama gave a brief monthly report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Chychula gave a brief monthly report, which included a brief report from Assistant Administrator Veller.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Kalkounos gave a brief monthly report.

**Please note that all monthly Regular Meeting Reports from Board and Staff are available, in their entirety, from each member upon request.*

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Kalkounos noted that there are three referenda resolutions on tonight's agenda that are for consideration and approval to allow for the placement of such non-binding referenda on the upcoming April ballot.

A. Approval of Resolution 20-24, Submission of Advisory Question of Public Policy Regarding Unfunded Mandates to the Voters of Palatine Township at April 1, 2025, Consolidated Election

MOTION by Trustee Svenson, seconded by Trustee Freese approving *Resolution 20-24, A Resolution To Submit An Advisory Question Of Public Policy To The Voters Of Palatine Township At The General Election On April 1, 2025, Regarding Constitutional Pension Reform*

Attorney Airdo replied to Trustee Smolka's question about Township responsibilities if all referenda pass, noting that the Township has no obligations.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, Smolka, and Kalkounos

Nays: None

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B. Approval of Resolution 21-24, Submission of Advisory Question of Public Policy Regarding Constitutional Pension Reform to the Voters of Palatine Township at April 1, 2025, Consolidated Election

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MOTION by Trustee Bolanos, seconded by Trustee Smolka approving *Resolution 21-24, A Resolution To Submit An Advisory Question Of Public Policy To The Voters Of Palatine Township At The General Election On April 1, 2025, Regarding Redistricting Reform*

Highway Commissioner Del Mar reported that all three of these referenda on tonight's agenda, are worded the same way on other municipalities agendas throughout Cook County.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, Smolka, and Kalkounos

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

C. Approval of Resolution 22-24, Submission of Advisory Question of Public Policy Regarding Redistricting Reform to the Voters of Palatine Township at April 1, 2025, Consolidated Election

MOTION by Trustee Freese, seconded by Trustee Bolanos approving *Resolution 22-24, A Resolution To Submit An Advisory Question Of Public Policy To The Voters Of Palatine Township At The General Election On April 1, 2025, Regarding Local Unfunded Mandates*

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, Smolka, and Kalkounos

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

D. Approval of Ordinance 4-24, 2024 Palatine Township Town Fund and General Assistance Levy

MOTION by Trustee Svenson, seconded by Trustee Smolka approving the *Tax Levy Ordinance Palatine Township Ordinance No. 4-24*, with taxes to be levied for Palatine Township for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2026 for *General Town Fund* in the amount of \$1,957,830.00; *General Assistance Fund* in the amount of \$244,000.00; resulting in a *Total Tax Levy* of \$2,201,830.00, as presented

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, Smolka, and Kalkounos

Nays: None

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E. Consideration of 2025 PACE Municipal Vehicle Program Agreement

Administrator Chychula reviewed the *2025 PACE Municipal Vehicle Program Agreement*. Supervisor Kalkounos noted his gratitude for all who worked on this.

MOTION by Trustee Svenson, seconded by Trustee Bolanos approving the *2025 PACE Municipal Vehicle Program Agreement* as presented, subject to final review by the attorney, and authorizing the Supervisor and Clerk to attest

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, Smolka, and Kalkounos

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

F. Consideration of 2025 PACE Locally Based Service Vehicle Program Agreement

Administrator Chychula reviewed the *2025 PACE Locally Based Service Vehicle Program Agreement*.

MOTION by Trustee Bolanos, seconded by Trustee Freese approving the *2025 PACE Locally Based Service Vehicle Program Agreement* as presented, subject to final review by the attorney, and authorizing the Supervisor and Clerk to attest

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, Smolka, and Kalkounos

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

G. Consideration of 2025 T.R.I.P. Transit Grant and Service Agreement

Administrator Chychula reported that the final *2025 T.R.I.P. Transit Grant and Service Agreement* is still being finalized.

MOTION by Trustee Svenson, seconded by Trustee Smolka approving the *2025 T.R.I.P. Transit Grant and Service Agreement* as presented, subject to final review by the attorney, and authorizing the Supervisor and Clerk to attest

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, Smolka, and Kalkounos

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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H. Discussion on IDOT Route FAP 342 – From I-90 to Salt Creek & US 12 to Lake Cook Road

Attorney Airdo and Administrator Chychula reviewed the Board Packet Inserts related to *IDOT and Palatine Township regarding IDOT Route FAP 342 – From I-90 to Salt Creek & US 12 to LakeCook Road.*, including a *Letter of Understanding*. Extended discussion from Highway Commissioner Del Mar, Road District Administrator Sachs, and others regarding specifics. The Road District would consider sharing in some of the cost of maintenance on the proposed upgrades for pedestrian connectivity (bike paths, etc.), as their budget allows. It was noted that *IDOT* will need to provide specifics on the details of maintenance terms and that there will need to be related Intergovernmental Agreements of various sorts.

There was Board Consensus to proceed with continued discussion of this proposal with *IDOT* as noted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS (INCLUDING ACTION ON MATTERS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Trustee Smolka reported that he was asked to speak, and enjoyed speaking at a Girl Scout Meeting to discuss local government.

Supervisor Kalkounos asked for a moment of silence for the loss of life at the Madison school shooting earlier today.

Trustee Svenson asked about the consideration of moving the Finance Committee Meetings from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. moving forward, acknowledging that the meeting dates and times have already been posted for 2025. Attorney Airdo will look into this.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Trustee Bolanos, seconded by Trustee Freese to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, Smolka, and Kalkounos

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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Respectfully submitted,

TOWN CLERK