

**PALATINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
January 13, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Clerk Moran called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Patriot Room of the Palatine Township Center.

Clerk Moran informed the *COW* that Supervisor Kalkounos would not be in attendance at this meeting and asked for a motion to appoint a Chairman Pro Tem to preside over the Meeting.

MOTION by Trustee Freese, seconded by Trustee Smolka to appoint a Chairman Pro Tem to preside over tonight's Committee of the Whole Meeting

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, and Smolka

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT IN THE ROOM:

Voting Members- Trustees Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, and Smolka

Non-Voting Members- Assessor Pohlman and Clerk Moran

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

IN REMOTE ATTENDANCE:

None

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Supervisor Kalkounos

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pro Tem Svenson led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Two residents of Palatine, Keli Swierczek a school social worker, and Chelsea L. Barnes a licensed clinical social worker distributed an informational sheet and spoke to the *COW* regarding the Mental Health Board Referendum that garnered 2500 signatures and was filed with Clerk Moran's office as a Binding Referendum to be placed on the upcoming April 1, 2025 Election ballot. They provided surveys and research pointing to the need and widespread

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support for this mental health board, along with noting that the other Mental Health Boards across the state have been very successful. They finished by asking the Board to support this Referendum publicly, or at the very least remain neutral on it.

ELECTED OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Highway Commissioner

No Report

B. Clerk

No Report

C. Assessor

No Report

D. Supervisor

No Report

BUSINESS

A. Tentative Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Assessor's Budget

Assessor Pohlman reviewed a distributed document, a comparison sheet with line items showcasing the last two year's Assessor's Budgets, and the *2026 Proposed Assessor's Annual Budget* with the noted 2026 tentative amount of \$190,202. Assessor Pohlman noted that the increase from the *2025 Assessor's Annual Budget* of \$182,552, was due in large part to the three percent pay raises proposed for staff.

B. Withdrawal 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

Attorney Airdo reported that the Supervisor asked him to inform the COW that the withdrawal 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*, was due to the state law limiting the number of Public Questions (referenda) to three. By Order of Initiation, the third Resolution of the three advisory referenda the Board approved last month, would not be brought forward and instead withdrawn. (The three referenda remaining were two

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other advisory referenda approved by the board last month and a binding referendum filed with the Clerk's Office). There was some board discussion.

MOTION by Trustee Bolanos, seconded by Trustee Freese to approve the withdrawal 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*, as presented

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, and Smolka

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

C. Consideration of Letter of Understanding between the State of Illinois, through the Department of Transportation, and Palatine Township FAP 342 Algonquin Road to Salt Creek & Rand Road to Lake Cook Road Improvements

Administrator Chychula reviewed her work with the Villages of Palatine and Arlington Heights regarding the COW Packet Insert, *Letter of Understanding between the State of Illinois, through the Department of Transportation, and Palatine Township FAP 342 Algonquin Road to Salt Creek & Rand Road to Lake Cook Road Improvements*

MOTION by Trustee Freese, seconded by Trustee Bolanos to approve the *Letter of Understanding between the State of Illinois, through the Department of Transportation, and Palatine Township FAP 342 Algonquin Road to Salt Creek & Rand Road to Lake Cook Road Improvements* as presented, and to authorize the Supervisor to sign and the Clerk to attest

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, and Smolka

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

D. Consideration of Appointment of FOIA Officers and OMA Officers

Attorney Airdo informed the Board of the Supervisor's proposal to consider updating the current FOIA and OMA Officers, as those related Resolutions will be coming due soon. The Supervisor is proposing the following for when the upcoming corresponding resolutions come due:
FOIA Officers: Chief FOIA Officer – Assistant Administrator Veller; Second FOIA Officer – Administrator Chychula; and Third FOIA Officer – Office Manager Strassburger
OMA Officers: Chief OMA Officer – Administrator Chychula; Second OMA Officer – Assistant Administrator Veller; and Third OMA Officer – Office Manager Strassburger

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E. Consideration of Cook County Sheriff Prescription Drug Takeback/Shredding/Electronic Recycling Events - April 12, 2025, June7, 2025, and September 13, 2025

Assistant Administrator Veller reviewed information regarding the Cook County Sheriff Prescription Drug Takeback/Shredding/Electronic Recycling Events and the proposed dates for consideration: April 12, 2025, June7, 2025, and September 13, 2025. She noted that Cook County would hold all 3 events on the same day at the same time for residents convenience. Administrator Chychula noted that the April 12 date is during a busy time at the Township and the Board may want to avoid for that reason. The Board will consider the three dates before choosing one at an upcoming meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Trustee Bolanos, seconded by Trustee Smolka to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Svenson, Bolanos, Freese, and Smolka

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN CLERK