

**PALATINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
March 10, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kalkounos called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, and Smolka

Non-Voting Members- Assessor Pohlman and Clerk Moran

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

IN REMOTE ATTENDANCE:

None

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Trustees Bolanos

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At the Supervisor's request, Bill Bradish led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

A. VetCenter, Jillian Inserra, Director

Supervisor Kalkounos welcomed and introduced Jillian Inserra, Director of the VetCenter. Ms. Inserra briefly spoke, providing background information and work history with the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), noting 13 years working at Hines VA Hospital in various therapeutic capacities before making the move to the Evanston Vet Center. She is now the Director of the Evanston Vet Center, which is part of the VHA and looks forward to working with the Township in her capacity as Director.

**PALATINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
March 10, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

B. Com Ed Small Business Energy Efficiency Program, Quiet Light Solutions

Karl Wrobel, Regional Director of Sales with *Quiet Light Solutions*, previewed the *Customer Sales Agreement*, found in the *COW Packet*. He noted the Scope of Work would include the main township area, the bridge and the daycare which each have their own ComEd numbers. The work would include the removal of existing lamps and fixtures, replace and add any potential solutions, and dispose of old items lawfully and install new LED's as presented. The total Customer Co-Pay Portion amount noted is \$22,486.91 with stipulations. ComEd is covering approximately 56% of the total project, which includes a 7 year warranty on parts and 1 year on labor. Mr. Wrobel answered *COW* Member questions.

ELECTED OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Highway Commissioner

No Report

B. Clerk

No Report

C. Assessor

Assessor Pohlman reported that his office is now open for Exemptions Service through til mid-April. He thanked Office Manager Strassburger for his help with promotions of this Assessor's Office period.

D. Supervisor

Supervisor Kalkounos report summary:

- A report on a visit he and certain Township staff took to Franklin Park's new Lyden Senior Apartments, to help with any future considerations for additional Palatine Township space/projects, etc.
- A reminder on the *MTA Training Day* (3 hour course) on March 12 at Hanover Township regarding Mental Health Board considerations/information
- A reminder on the *Palatine St. Patrick's Day Parade* participation for this Saturday, March 15
- A reminder that the *MTA Lobby Day* will be March 19 in Springfield, and that himself and Trustees Svenson and Smolka will be attending
- Attorney Kimzey reported on two senate bills that could affect Townships in Illinois. *SB2217* with passage would automatically abolish every township in a county with a population under 5000 people. *SB2504* with passage would involve the dissolution or

**PALATINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
March 10, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

consolidation of Illinois Townships, which was laid out in the Governor's Budget Initiative. This Bill has moved quickly and is currently in Executive Committee. It would change the current law allowing an affirmative referendum vote by 10% to dissolve or consolidate a Township, and change it to just a 5% threshold. It also would allow for a County Board Resolution to do the same. In that case, the County would then take over services currently provided by the Townships throughout that County. He suggested that the Township take action to get constituents involved by having them contact their legislators. There was continued discussion regarding maximizing the *MTA Lobby Day* to address this issue. Attorney Kimzey answered *COW* Member questions.

BUSINESS

A. IGA Between Palatine Township, Cook County & The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Update

Attorney Kimzey provided an update on the *IGA Between Palatine Township, Cook County & The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago*, noting that the project is officially closed out and that the Township was fully reimbursed from the County and the FEMA grant funds. Supervisor Kalkounos spoke about the positive relationships that were formed through this extensive process. He thanked all involved staff, Bill Bradish Associates, the Road District, and Airdo Werwas for all their efforts throughout this exhaustive, yet very beneficial period.

B. Selective Insurance Update, Bill Bradish Associates

Bill Bradish, with *Bill Bradish Associates (BBA)* reviewed the *COW* Packet Insert, *Notice Of Change In Policy Premium/Coverage Or Premium Increase*, provided by Selective Insurance through *BBA*. He noted that the Township's Umbrella Limit will be lowered to \$10,000,000 (from \$15,000,000) due to change in underwriting guidelines driven by prevailing market conditions of high exposure. He reported that his office is looking/researching two options to provide the Township prior to the 4 month renewal period: an additional layer of coverage from another insurance provider; and a switch to a different insurance carrier all together that could provide the full \$15 million of coverage. After some discussion with the Supervisor, it was noted that the Township may opt to keep the new lower \$10,000,000 limit coverage if after discussions with other Townships with similar situations find that they are comfortable with that level, given the fiscal consideration. The Supervisor looks forward to the analytical report that *BBA* will be providing.

C. Cemetery Fee Structure Review

Assistant Administrator Veller reported on a needed review of the Township's Cemetery Fee Structure. She noted that it hasn't been since 2013 that the rules and regulations for the Cemeteries were reviewed, and 2011 for the last pricing review. She reported that

**PALATINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
March 10, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

Professional Cemetery Services provides all the burial services at Hillside (the Township's only active cemetery of its 5 cemeteries). Her recommendation is for the Township's Policy Committee to review the full report she put together that also included a comparison of cemetery services pricing in a 5-10 mile radius of the Township. Supervisor Kalkounos thanked her for her work on this report and also added that the Township may want to consider a possible columbarium at Hillside Cemetery, which would add to the aesthetics of the historic cemetery and could be a possible revenue generator.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Smolka reported that after providing a presentation on Palatine Township, an area Girl Scout Troop sent him a nice Thank-You card.

Assessor Pohlman reported that Highway Commissioner Del Mar was chosen as the King of the Palatine St Patrick's Day Parade this year.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Trustee Svenson, seconded by Trustee Smolka to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote

Respectfully submitted,


TOWN CLERK