REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PALATINE TOWNSHIP
October 26, 2026
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kalkounos called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Patriot Room of the Palatine Township Center.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT IN THE ROOM:
Voting Members- Supervisor Kalkounos, Trustees Smolka, Freese, Sloan and Sahinoglu
Non-Voting Members- Clerk Svenson and Highway Commissioner Del Mar (via Zoom)
Other Invited Participants- Administrator Chychula, Assistant Administrator Veller, Attorney Kimzey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At Supervisor Kalkounos' request, Clerk Svenson led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

A. Road District Tax Levy Estimate for Tax Year 2026

Commissioner Del Mar explained the budget and how his department had been able to lower the levy and save money for the taxpayers of the township. The levy was reduced by $100,000 without any reduction in services.

B. Human Needs Funding Presentations

Palatine Township Senior Center – Diane Lancour
Northwest Compass – Alison Pittas
Boys and Girls Club – Amanda Schleede
Fellowship Housing- Betsy Canady
Northwest CASA – Rebecca Placencia
Journeys the Road Home – Steven Repses
North Shore Senior Center – Moira Warnement

C. 2027 Palatine Township Health Insurance Renewal Proposal, Dennis Manganello, Strategic Benefits Advisors, Inc.

Mr. Manganello reported that there was a 20% increase generally through Blue Cross. The township has been absorbing the costs for the employees historically.

Assistant Administrator Veller also spoke regarding the delicate balance sought between the amount covered by the township vs the amount the employees might have to augment. It was recommended for the township employees to bear a 10 percent increase this year of the 20% premium increase to the township.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Board Minutes 9-28-26
2. Finance Committee Minutes 9-28-26

B. Acceptance of Township Elected Officials' Reports:
1. Assessor's Report
2. Highway Commissioner's Report

C. Audit and Approval of Payroll and Bills

1. Approval of Payroll & Bills for Town Fund
2. Approval of Payroll & Bills for General Assistance
3. Approval of Payroll & Bills for Road District

Town Fund- $134,861.77
General Assistance- $10,081.36
Road District- $109,942.94

D. Departmental Reports:*
1. General Assistance
2. Food Pantry
3. Transportation
4. Outreach

Motion by Trustee Sloan, seconded by Trustee Smolka to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Kalkounos, Smolka, Freese, Sloan, Sahinoglu
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Chychula reported that township staff and trustees attended the MTA symposium in September.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Kalkounos reported that the Palatine Township Foundation has an open house event tomorrow night. He also reminded everyone to attend the TOI event next month.

In addition, the September and October events were very successful. We also received a check from St. Nectarios Church. Finally, the Supervisor also attended an event held by the Palatine Men's Civic Club.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration of 2027 Palatine Township Health Insurance Renewal

Motion by Trustee Smolka, seconded by Trustee Freese to approve Consideration of 2027 Palatine Township Health Insurance Renewal as a shared expense as presented.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Kalkounos, Smolka, Freese, Sloan, Sahinoglu
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

B. Approval of Community Mental Health Board Appointment

Motion by Trustee Freese, seconded by Trustee Sahinoglu to approve the Community Mental Health Board Appointment of Sarah Sicher

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Kalkounos, Smolka, Freese, Sloan, Sahinoglu
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

OTHER BUSINESS (INCLUDING ACTION ON MATTERS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION)

None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Trustee Sloan, seconded by Trustee Sahinoglu to adjourn at 8:49 pm.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN CLERK