

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF PALATINE TOWNSHIP**

October 25, 2021

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Voting Members- Supervisor Kalkounos and Trustees Svenson, Bolanos, Pohlman, and Smolka

ABSENT: None

Non-Voting Members- Clerk Moran, Highway Commissioner Del Mar, and Assessor Kelly

Other Invited Participants- Administrator Lopez, Assistant Administrator Chychula, Township Department Heads from General Assistance, Transportation, Food Pantry & Outreach, Township Attorney Airdo, and friends, family, and acquaintances of the late Donald Van Cleave

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Supervisor requested that Liam Van Cleave, grandson of the late Donald Van Cleave being honored this evening, lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance, and he obliged.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Aaron Del Mar, Palatine resident and Trustee on the *Palatine Rural Fire Protection District Board (PRFPDB)*, informed the Township Board that the *PRFPDB* had secured the acceptance of Richard Kurka as new Fire Chief for the District and that invitations to the appointment ceremony, will be arriving in the mail shortly.

PRESENTATION

A. Honoring Memory of 28 Year Palatine Township Volunteer Donald Van Cleave

Gene Pratt from the *Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 585* spoke about his longtime friendship with Donald Van Cleave, noting his direction of/involvement in many community non-profit programs and events throughout his lifetime. He also presented a \$200 check on behalf of Palatine's *Masonic Lodge #314*; Genita Furgat from the *Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 585* and Jared Worster, Palatine Township Food Pantry Coordinator also spoke in Mr. Van Cleave's honor.

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A resolution signed by the Township Board was presented to Mr. Van Cleave. Supervisor Kalkounos listed all of the many community organizations that Mr. Van Cleave was involved in over the years, including his 28 years as a Township Volunteer in the Food Pantry and other programs, and noted the gratefulness of the Township for all of his selfless work with the Township and throughout the community. The Supervisor shared that Representative Morrison was unable to attend this evening's festivities, but relayed his regards and sympathies and had secured a special certificate from the members of the Illinois House of Representatives which will be forwarded to the family. Sen. Anne Gillespie, also unable to attend, provided an Illinois Senate Proclamation which was presented to Mr. Van Cleave's family.

Aron Van Cleave, son of Donald and Janet spoke, and the Supervisor requested that his verbatim message be included in these Minutes (below):

“We really appreciate being invited here tonight. We thank you all very much for all of your kind words. There's not much that I can say that has not already been said, so I'll skip most of it. Just the selflessness, never desiring recognition for what he did, complete commitment, tens of thousand of hours serving others. He spent over 12,000 hours feeding the homeless, watching over them as they slept at the First United Methodist Church of Palatine. Also the other services that have already been mentioned and I don't want to be redundant, the only other being the crowd walk battling world hunger. I think people of Dad's ilk, while he had too many awards to mention, are truly national treasures that make up the best of our society. And he truly lived a life of service, with his faith guiding him. I think the thing to take from it, is if anybody can emulate the way he lived, more people could make the world a better place. And if you want to honor my Dad, speak out for the oppressed of our communities and the world, feed the hungry, visit the sick, be friends to the prisoner, work for reconciliation in our neighborhoods. If you want to honor my Dad, and make the world a better place, I implore you to ask what you can do to help someone that is less fortunate and what can you do differently.”

MOTION by Trustee Bolanos, seconded by Trustee Svenson to take a short recess to allow for group photographs and a plaque unveiling in honor of Donald Van Cleave, at 7:26 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote

At 7:40 p.m. Supervisor Kalkounos called the meeting back in session and asked for a roll call.

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

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B. 2022 Palatine Township Health Insurance Renewal – Dennis J. Manganello

Health Insurance Chairman Kelly introduced Dennis Manganello, with *Strategic Benefits Advisors* who reviewed the distributed report, *2021 Renewal Analysis- Palatine Township October 25, 2021* as well as related board packet inserts. Chairman Kelly reported that this year's proposed Township health plan would see a 1.3% increase in total premiums from current coverage and that it is much lower than the national 5% average increase noted by the Human Resource Management study. Mr. Manganello confirmed Chairman Kelly's information and answered Board Member questions. Chairman Kelly highlighted the Health Insurance Committee's recommendation to keep the same Insurance providers as well as keeping the premium and deductible rates for employees at current rates. Renew Dental with Met Life (*proposed 5% increase--\$821.76 for current employee coverage breakdown*). Renew Vision with VSP (*4% increase-\$103.56 for current employee coverage breakdown*)

**This proposed renewal approval is noted further into the agenda.*

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Discussion & Potential Action on Approval of Minutes:

- i. September 27, 2021 Regular Board Minutes
- ii. October 11, 2021 COW Minutes
- iii. October 18, 2021 Special Board Minutes

B. Acceptance of Township Elected Officials' Reports:

- i. October 2021 Clerk's Report
- ii. October 2021 Assessor's Report
- iii. October 2021 Hwy Commissioner's Report

C. Acceptance of Prior Approved Committee Minutes:

- i. October 27, 2020 Human Needs Committee Minutes
- ii. September 27, 2021 Finance Committee Minutes
- iii. October 2, 2021 Human Needs Committee Minutes
- iv. October 5, 2021 Human Needs Committee Minutes
- v. October 12, 2021 Human Needs Committee Minutes

MOTION by Trustee Svenson, seconded by Trustee Pohlman to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Kalkounos gave a brief report.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Brief reports were given by Administrator Lopez, Transportation Coordinator Wolff, Food Pantry Coordinator Worster, Outreach Coordinator Betsy Lama, and General Assistance Coordinator Shapiro.

AUDIT OF PAYROLL & BILLS

A. Approval of Payroll & Bills for Town Fund (presented by Administrator Lopez)

MOTION by Trustee Svenson, seconded by Trustee Pohlman to approve the payroll and bills for October, as presented for *Town Fund*- \$163,119.64

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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

MOTION by Trustee Pohlman, seconded by Trustee Smolka to approve the payroll and bills for October, as presented for *General Assistance*- \$33,873.76

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

C. Approval of Payroll & Bills for Road District (presented by Administrator Lopez)

MOTION by Trustee Svenson, seconded by Trustee Bolanos to approve the payroll and bills for October, as presented for *Road and Bridge*- \$184,789.98

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

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A. Other

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Proposal from Strategic Benefits Advisors – Health Insurance Renewal for 2022

MOTION by Trustee Pohlman, seconded by Trustee Svenson to approve the health, dental, and vision insurance plans noted in the *2021 Renewal Analysis- Palatine Township October 25, 2021* by *Strategic Benefits Advisors*, as presented

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

B. Approval of the 2022 Township Holiday Schedule

MOTION by Trustee Smolka, seconded by Trustee Bolanos to approve the 2022 Township Holiday Schedule, as presented

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote

C. Approval of the 2022 Township Meeting Schedule

MOTION by Trustee Svenson, seconded by Trustee Pohlman to approve the 2022 Township Meeting Schedule, as presented

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote

D. Approval of Transfer Appropriation – Town Fund & General Assistance Fund Fiscal Year 2021-2022

MOTION by Trustee Smolka, seconded by Trustee Bolanos to approve the *Palatine Township Town Fund Transfer of Appropriation – October 25, 2021* in the amount of \$81,900, as presented

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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E. Other

Cemetery Committee Chairman Kelly distributed a letter from the Palatine Historical Society that accompanied a \$1,250 check, which is to go towards cemetery restoration work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ON MATTERS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Trustee Bolanos, seconded by Trustee Pohlman to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote

***NOTED ACTION ITEMS:**

None

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN CLERK