

Supervisor Murphy called the public meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Clerk McMahon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk McMahon called the roll and the following board members were present:

Supervisor Murphy, Trustee Hurckes, Trustee Pratl and Trustee Toscas. Trustee Sexton-Kelly was absent with notification.

Also present were Elizabeth Shine, Attorney, Katie Elwood, Township Manager, Colleen Kenny, Deputy Clerk, Cindy Young, Director of General Assistance, Dorsey Calhoun Palmore, Township employee and citizen Fred Moody.

MINUTES

Motion made by Trustee Pratl, seconded by Trustee Toscas to approve the minutes from Session #1070-25, Regular Meeting, June 24, 2025.

Trustee Hurckes – abstain

Trustee Pratl – aye

Trustee Toscas - aye

Supervisor Murphy – aye

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Trustee Toscas, seconded by Trustee Hurckes to approve putting “No Parking On School Days” signs in a section of Palos Gardens near Shepard High School.

Trustee Hurckes – aye

Trustee Pratl – aye

Trustee Toscas - aye

Supervisor Murphy – aye

Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Pratl, seconded by Trustee Hurckes to approve hiring a full-time employee in the highway department.

Trustee Hurckes – aye

Trustee Pratl – aye

Trustee Toscas - aye

Supervisor Murphy – aye

Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Hurckes, seconded by Trustee Toscas to approve hiring a part-time senior transportation driver.

Trustee Hurckes - aye

Trustee Pratl – aye

Trustee Toscas - aye

Supervisor Murphy – aye

Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor Murphy shared that a new tab “Around Town” be added to the township website. She also discussed the \$200,000 grant that was awarded to the township to resurface highway parking lot. The backpack giveaway will be Monday, August 4th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. 400 backpacks will be given out to residents. Thanks go to CJ Erickson, Griffith Foods and residents that donated supplies.

Trustee Hurckes reported on the ongoing construction projects. The Senior room door is underway but they are waiting for some parts, as part of this grant, we will be getting carpet in the hall leading into the senior room.. The assessor's office is waiting for the furniture to be delivered. The small gym transformation into the multi-purpose room will be starting August 11. The landscaping will finish by next Tuesday. Lastly, the township passed the fire inspection.

Trustee Toscas discussed the Foundation September 26th golf outing. They are looking for more golfers and sponsors.

Township Manager Katie Elwood read Trustee Sexton-Kelly's report. Per Youth Commission, summer camp will be ending next week.

Trustee Pratl said the residents love the senior room. There are a few things scheduled for the month of August. AARP classes are scheduled for August 21-22; August 27th will be cowboy themed bingo; and there is also a trip to see a Lucille Ball show.

Township Manager Katie Elwood read Assessor Murphy's report. The Cook County Assessor's website shows that we are expected to be opening for appeals with the Cook County Assessor in early August. The 2nd Half tax bills that are normally due August 1st have not yet gone out to property owners. Cook County is dealing with a major technical issue. The technical issue has resulted in the Cook County Assessor not processing Certificates of Error that were submitted earlier in the year and now they are currently not accepting any additional certificates of error until the issue is fixed and until they are closer to getting caught up. We are in the process of making sure our database is up to date to search for comparables for the appeals. This is further complicated as the County has decommissioned the AS400 tool that we have used in the past, but we will work through it.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report

PUBLIC/STAFF PARTICIPATION

Fred Moody gave comments on last month's meeting and said he has some FOI's he was going to file but will wait until the township puts the information on its website.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURERS REPORT

Motion made by Trustee Toscas, seconded by Trustee Hurckes, to waive the reading of the Treasurer's report and pay the bills as presented and budgeted.

Trustee Hurckes - aye
Trustee Pratl – aye
Trustee Toscas - aye
Supervisor Murphy – aye

Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Trustee Hurckes, seconded by Trustee Pratl, to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Trustee Hurckes - aye
Trustee Pratl – aye
Trustee Toscas - aye
Supervisor Murphy – aye

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clerk Eamon J. McMahon