

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF PALATINE TOWNSHIP
February 28, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Supervisor Fleming called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., in the Board Room of the Palatine Township Center. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a brief moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Moran called the roll and the following were present: Supervisor Fleming, Clerk Moran, Highway Commissioner Powers, Assessor Kelly, Collector Johnson, Trustees Huley, Goes, Langlotz-Johnson and Administrator Pioch.

READING OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION by Trustee Goes, second by Trustee Huley to waive the reading of the Public Notice.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING & APPROVAL ON TENTATIVE BUDGETS

Resident and audience member, Beth Siela Marcin on behalf of the Cemetery Committee stated that she hoped the cemetery budget will remain the same or increase due to necessary work and the need to maintain them.

Resident Bob Starr, a Food Pantry volunteer for the last 3 years addressed the Board. He questioned the Township's continued requests for food donations. He believes that there is enough food already donated and the issue is a client base that has doubled from 300 to 600 and the need for expanded Food Pantry days. Without expansion of those days he does not want the Township to continue asking residents for donations.

Trustee Langlotz-Johnson read a letter sent to her from a resident, Marshall Sutton of Palatine, whom she said wanted his letter read to address the Road District Budget at the Public Hearing. In the letter he noted that residents in the unincorporated sections of the Township pay little or no taxes for service on their roads. He also noted that past budgets were put together on a swag method. His wife and him are retired and on fixed incomes. He would like government bodies to stop spending taxpayers money. He asks the Township to go back to the 2004 budget, freeze all raises, put everything out to bid, and form a resident committee to oversee bids and contracts. He reminds the Township that they need to listen to voters, and that elected officials aren't forever.

Highway Commissioner Powers commented that he will answer the letter and also that the Road District lowered their levy.

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Trustee Goes informed the Board that the Road District budget should be approved during the Public Hearing meeting and not the regular meeting, as per our attorney. Supervisor Fleming stated that other Townships in the state approve it at the regular meeting.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Trustee Goes, second by Trustee Huley to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN CLERK