

**WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
August 16, 2017**

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Clerk Rowe proceeded with roll call. Answering present was: Trustee Lindberg, Trustee McKernan, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Stiller and Supervisor Swanson. Also answering present was Assessor Oaks, Highway Commissioner Weisbruch, Attorney Ridgway, and Administrator Maioriello.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by Trustee Stiller.

**Approve the Agenda:** Trustee McKernan motioned and Trustee Stiller seconded to approve the agenda. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

**Approve Minutes: July 19, 2017 Regular Board Meeting**

Trustee Lindberg motioned and Trustee Stiller seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

**Approve Minutes of June 21, 2017; Land Acquisition Executive Session Minutes:** Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

**Approve Payment of General Town Fund Bills: July 20, 2017 to August 16, 2017:**

Trustee Stiller motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the payment of the General Town Fund bills. Trustee Lindberg asked about a camera and table purchases. Supervisor Swanson stated that the heavy wood tables were replaced. The camera purchased is used for taking RTA pictures and issues like flooding in the Township. Trustee Stiller asked about the bill for NPEDS report. This report is mandatory for storm management. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

**Approve Payment of Road District Fund Bills: July 20, 2017 thru August 16, 2017:**

Trustee Ringel motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the payment of the Road District bills. Administrator Maioriello stated that another bill for \$1400.00 for salt from Morton Salt that needs to be added. Trustee Ringel amended her motion to include the bill and Trustee McKernan seconded. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Supervisor Swanson read the following Treasurer's Report:

General Town Fund	\$ 76,795.30
General Assistance	9,292.01
Social Security/IMRF Fund	9,339.76
Senior Services Fund	5,710.16
Road & Bridge Fund	15,146.34
Permanent Road Fund	<u>40,009.80</u>
Total:	\$ 156,293.37

**Public Participation:** Megan Ringel, Wauconda Area Queens, requested that the Township endorse the Queens as a pageant. The endorsement would give the organization credibility. Supervisor Swanson said he would like to research the proper way to do this and would put it on the agenda next month for a vote. Also present representing the Queens was Sarah Jakubek and Eva Martin. The Wauconda Area Pageant System has

been in Wauconda for 52 years. The pageant defines young women through public speaking, volunteering, etiquette and companionship.

**Vote: Resolution # 8-16-17-01: Sale of Town and Road District Personal Property:** Trustee Lindberg motioned and Trustee Stiller seconded to accept the resolution. Highway Commissioner Weisbruch stated that the items for sale would be auctioned off through Obenauf Online Auctions. It is 100% opened to the public. Bid opening begin on September 18<sup>th</sup> with September 26<sup>th</sup> being the last day for bids. Most of the equipment has not been used for years and is taking up storage space. The Township has some old tables that might be put in the auction.

**Old Business: Grant Requests:** Trustee Stiller motioned and Supervisor Swanson seconded to approve the grant requests amounts as presented. Trustee Lindberg stated that she is uncomfortable taking tax payer monies to fund some of these organizations. She would like to see a 12% reduction in the amount donated. Trustee Lindberg also stated that the Board should consider eliminating the requests from some of these organizations and put more money into the ones that benefit more residents.

Trustee McKernan stated that he has talked to several residents and feels the monies given is okay with the taxpayers. He feels it is important not to get personally involved, but rather what the constituents want.

Trustee Ringel stated that it is easier to understand the value of these types of donations if you were one that had to use their services. She feels the monies donated gets put to good use.

Trustee Stiller stated that he was concerned about the organizations that offices were located in distant areas like Waukegan. He doesn't feel they benefit Wauconda residents as much as local ones do. After reviewing some of the paper work submitted, he noticed the overhead costs of some of these organizations and of those that give almost 99% back to the residents.

Supervisor Swanson stated the money has been budgeted into social services out of the town fund. This money donated is an extension of general assistance the Township provides. Many of these groups have had funding severely cut by the state and needs help from Townships to continue their services. He has personally talked with many of the organizations and feels the money being allocated is justified by the number of Wauconda residents they serve.

Trustee Stiller rescinded his motion to approve the donations of \$39,500.00 as presented. Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the donations as presented.

A voice roll call was taken. Supervisor Swanson, Trustee Ringel and Trustee Stiller voted aye. Trustee Lindberg abstained. Trustee McKernan voted nay. Motion carried to approve the donations as presented. These organizations will be put in the "E" newsletter and on the website for residents to know where they can get help when needed.

**Public Participation:** None

**Historical Society Report:** Dan Smith, secretary of the Historical Society, stated that the ice cream and pie social will be held on Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. Many activities are planned. On September 24<sup>th</sup>, Neville Carr will present stories of Wauconda. On November 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Jackie Kennedy performance. He thanked the highway department for assisting with the huge clean up of the Cook house basement.

Supervisor Swanson stated that the parking lot has been paved at the Cook house. Neville Carr is going to pursue bringing an old fashioned merry go round the Cook house.

**Elected Official Report:** Assessor Oaks is still working on appeals and flood applications for reduced assessed values. She is working with Highway Commissioner and the president of Williams Park.

Trustee Stiller would like to research managing the storm water in the Fox Lake Water shed that goes though the Crown property and makes its way into Island Lake. It could prevent flooding. Supervisor Swanson stated that is known as Mutton Creek. He stated that the Village of Wauconda has pulled out of the Slocum Lake Drainage District. It is up in the air about their future.

Highway Commissioner Weisbruch stated that he hopes to make around \$42,500.00 from the surplus equipment sale. Flood figure costs to date for the Township are \$2300.00 in dumpsters, \$605.00 in sand, and \$1300.00 for a pump that had to be replaced. He is trying to purchase a hydro seeder that would save the Township about \$350.00 per job. Supervisor Swanson thanked the highway department for making custom floor vents in the Township hall that were very dangerous.

Trustee Ringel thanked Wauconda Township for helping out the Wauconda Pageant's crowning ceremony in August.

Trustee Lindberg thanked Highway Commissioner Weisbruch for going over the surplus equipment that is for sale and showing her the department. She is still working on the Facebook page.

Administrator Maioriello thanked the Highway Department for all the hours worked during the flooding situation. Recycling event costs estimate is \$908.00 for removal of the items and labor costs of about \$3,000.00

Supervisor Swanson stated that Rosemary Mers will be missed. She served as Clerk and Trustee for the Township. Senior services lost a part time employee and they are not planning on replacing her. They will spread the work around and see how it goes. The new van that came in is one that any employee can drive. He and the Highway Commissioner are going to check into the water level in Slocum Lake. They are working with I.D.N.R. to help with their flooding. The Supervisor praised the Highway department for all their hard work during the flooding.

Trustee Stiller motioned to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Trustee McKernan seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted this 20th of September, 2017

  
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