

Wauconda Township Board Meeting
December 16, 2020 by Zoom

Call to Order/ Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. Supervisor Swanson announced that this was the Townships first meeting by Zoom. For roll call, answering present were: Trustee McKernan, Trustee Santi, Trustee Whitehead, Supervisor Swanson, Assessor Oaks, Highway Commissioner Weisbruch, and Administrator Maioriello. Attorney Ridgway was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was led by Supervisor Swanson.

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

Supervisors Statement: Supervisor Swanson announced that to keep meetings in a more respectable setting the following guidelines would be followed: everyone should be addressed by their titles, not their names, only Board members will be allowed to speak at prescribed times, reports at the end of meeting will only include highlights of your departments. This is not a time to present unsubstantiated, fabricated, or false statements against elected officials or employees. Meetings are to be positive and beneficial to the public.

Approve Minutes of November 18, 2020 Meeting: Trustee Santi motioned, and Trustee McKernan, seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. Trustees McKernan, Trustee Santi, and Trustee Whitehead voted aye, Supervisor Swanson voted nay. This motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Special Meeting October 27, 2020: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Santi seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. Due to his absence at this meeting, Supervisor Swanson abstained. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting 9-16-20 Personnel Issue: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Santi seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting 10-14-20 Litigation and Personnel Issue: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Santi seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting October 27, 2020 Personnel Issue: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Santi seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. Trustees McKernan, Santi, and Whitehead voted aye. Due to his absence at this meeting, Supervisor Swanson abstained. This motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting November 18, 2020 Personnel Issue:

Trustee Santi motioned, and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. Trustees McKernan, Santi, and Whitehead voted aye, Supervisor Swanson voted nay. This motion carried.

Approve Payment of Town Fund bills from November 19, 2020 to December 16, 2020:

Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Whitehead seconded to approve payment of the bills. Supervisor Swanson stated that he does not approve of laptop purchases by the Assessor. He also does not agree with the bill for fixing of the Assessor’s vehicle as it was not the lowest bid. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Approve Payment of the Road District bills from November 19, 2020 to December 16, 2020:

Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Santi seconded to approve payment of the bills. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Historical Society Report: Supervisor Swanson reported that the house has been winterized.

Treasurer’s Report:

General Town Fund	\$ 58,233.04
General Assistance	5,100.96
Social Security/IMRF	8,720.63
Senior Services Fund	6,499.41
Road and Bridge Fund	9,288.90
Permanent Road Fund	<u>49 735.98</u>
	\$137,578.92

Public Participation: John Miceli asked about the TIF settlement with the Village of Lakemoor, School District, Township, and Library as stated in the October 14, 2020 minutes. He asked what the settlement is. Supervisor Swanson stated that it is not settled 100% and that the Board voted to go along with the terms of the proposed settlement. The public will be able to FOIA the settlement once it has been settled by a court of law.

Vote: Ordinance# 12-16-20-01 Town Fund Levy: Supervisor Swanson motioned, and Trustee McKernan seconded to accept the town levy set at 0.0. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Vote: Ordinance# 12-16-20-02 Road District Levy: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Santi seconded to accept the road district levy. Supervisor stated the levy has a 3% increase. Trustees McKernan, Santi, and Whitehead voted aye, Supervisor Swanson voted nay. This motion carried.

Vote: Release Executive Session Minutes: Supervisor Swanson motioned, and Trustee McKernan to release executive session minutes from 11-02-16; Personnel Issue. A roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Vote: Attorney Appointment: Supervisor Swanson recommended and motioned to appoint Attorney James C. Hartman as the Township’s attorney starting January 1,2021. Trustee McKernan seconded the motion. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried. He will serve as attorney until the next election.

Public Participation: None

Township Reports: Highway Commissioner Weisbruch stated that the department was working on tree removal on the right of ways, finishing up the engineering on the Timberlake subdivision and hopes to go out to bid to repave the whole subdivision in the spring The department is still battling the beavers that are blocking the waterways in Williams Park and Mylith Park. Supervisor Swanson asked if the beaver problem should be storm water management problem or Slocum Lake drainage district. Highway Commissioner Weisbruch said he did reach out to them and got referred to Inner Lake Management which is not a government entity and would need to be paid. To prevent flooding of the Township system, which is under our storm water permit, he is trying to alleviate the flooding until the freeze comes. Nobody is claiming responsibility.

Trustee Santi stated that she wanted to let the Assessor know that the Board has not forgotten about her concerns from the last month and will be addressing.

Trustee McKernan asked about the trustee vacancy. Supervisor Swanson stated it will be filled next month.

Supervisor Swanson stated that the Township did a basket program which helped 39 families, 10 families with Township funds and 29 families with donations. They also received some turkeys. Melissa and Nicole, from the office, put the program together. He delivered 56 meals from Messiah Lutheran Church, to retirement homes. He thanked the Board for approving the 0% increase in the town levy.

Adjourn: At 6:35 pm., Trustee McKernan motioned to adjourn. Trustee Santi seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted this 20th day of January 2021.

Supervisor Swanson

Clerk Rowe

Trustee McKernan

Trustee Santi

Trustee Whitehead