

**WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2018**

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, and Administrator Maioriello. Attorney Ridgway was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Trustee Lindberg.

Approve the Agenda: Trustee Stiller motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the agenda. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor.

Approve Minutes: December 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

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

Approve Executive Session Minutes: December 20, 2017; Litigation/Personnel Issues

Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Stiller seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor.

Approve Payment of General Town Fund Bills: December 21, 2017 to January 27, 2018:

Trustee Ringel motioned and Trustee Stiller seconded to approve the payment of the General Town Fund bills. Assessor Oaks requested that three additional bills for the Lake County Treasurer Information and Technology for \$750.00 each, be included in the payment. Trustee Ringel amended her motion and Trustee Stiller seconded to pay the bills with the three additional bills. Trustee Lindberg asked if the AT&T bill could have the due date moved to avoid late charges. The Administrator will follow through with this. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor.

Approve Payment of Road District Fund Bills: December 21, 2017 thru January 17, 2018:

Trustee Stiller motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the payment of the bills. Trustee Stiller questioned a salt payment. Highway Commissioner Weisbruch stated it was the last payment of the allocation. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Supervisor Swanson read the following Treasurer's Report:

General Town Fund	\$ 54,920.44
General Assistance	6,134.00
Social Security/IMRF Fund	11,401.53
Senior Services Fund	7,884.39
Road & Bridge Fund	3,918.82
Permanent Road Fund	<u>58,051.23</u>
Total:	\$ 142,310.41

Public Participation: None

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion: Williams Park Vacant Lots

Supervisor Swanson stated that Wauconda Township owns 98 lots in Williams Park that were acquired through the FEMA buy out. When lots become available, they are more desirable if they are adjacent to current lots. Otherwise, they have no value to the Township. It is his recommendation that a particular lot that is available does not meet the guidelines to be of value to the Township. It collects water and is not adjacent to the Townships current lots. After discussion, it was decided not to vote on acquiring this lot and hold off until further notice from the owner.

Discussion: Shaw Cemetery: Supervisor Swanson thanked the Highway Commissioner and the highway department for helping in clearing out this property. Supervisor Swanson passed out pictures showing the improvements. There is a face book page on Shaw Cemetery for those looking for information.

Vote: Para Transit Transportation Service Funding Agreement: Trustee Lindberg motioned and Trustee Stiller seconded to accept the agreement. This is for the Lake County West dial a ride, curb to curb service available to the general public and those that are handicapped. A voice roll call was taken All were in favor.

Public Participation: Amy Wagner, resident, thanked Trustee Stiller for his input and comments while attending the Slocum Lake Management meeting.

Tim Richt, resident, thanked the Highway Commissioner for the great job his department did on snow plowing.

Old Business: Vote: Ethics Panel Appointments: Supervisor Swanson motioned to table this until next month. Trustee Stiller seconded. Voice roll was taken. All were in favor.

Historical Society Report: Historical Society Lead Docent, Dr. Luis Planas, reported about the success of the Christmas program. He also stated some of the events being planned are a wedding dress exhibit and a high tea. Completion of the inventory is completed and continued research on the digitations of periodicals collections. The Society plans on conducting their winter meetings at the house. They joined the American Association for State and Local History. This will give them access to resources and expertise to support their mission. In memory of life member, Doris Aimers-Voss, a memorial tree and bench will be installed.

Elected Official Report: Highway Commissioner Weisbruch stated that new computers were installed in the trucks. He also stated that monies spent by the previous Commissioner, in this budget cycle, should not reflect the cost saving efforts of this new department. He feels the department will do just fine despite the costs incurred before he took office.

Assessor Oaks stated that a Lake County Board Member, Dan Danforth, sent out a post card to Ela and Cuba Township residents offering a work shop on property tax assessment appeals. She questioned him as to why Wauconda was not included. He offered to do one as well for Wauconda Township residents.

Trustee Lindberg attended the senior New Year's Eve party and Wauconda Chamber Awards presentation. She congratulated the Township on winning the Wauconda Cares Award. She thanked the Supervisor and the staff for the very nice holiday party. She plans on attending Lake County Para Transit market study. She is also attending an economic summit involving Barrington area. She feels this is important as the Township has part of Port Barrington and Lake Barrington within the Township.

Trustee Stiller attended the Slocum Lake Management meeting. Things, such as berm walls, dams, and pumps, are being prioritized in order to put together a plan.

Clerk Rowe stated that she attended a meeting with Lake County Recorder of Deeds, Mary Ellen Vandervender, as the speaker. There are letters going out to the general public soliciting fees for a deed to

your home for \$89.00. While this is legitimate, a copy your deed will only cost \$1.00 from their office. If they email it to you, there is no cost. This office is also the official keeper of military discharge records. They date back to 1919. Copies are free to Veterans. A new program being offered is Property Check. This new 24/7 service is free to use and allows residents to sign up on the Recorders website to receive an email and/or text message alerting them whenever a document has been recorded against a specific name or property. Right now, anyone can place a lien on your property and **not** notify you. Property check is a free service. A resident can call 847-377-2575 or go to: Lakevcountyil.gov/Recorder/Propertycheck.

Administrator Maioriello stated that a new sexual harassment policy will be presented next month in accordance with the State of Illinois compliance. The State of Illinois is requiring employers to file W2's electronically. The prescription drug card through the Township had over 28,000 prescriptions filled since 2012. Since its inception in 2012, over 4900 different people have been served which represents a savings of \$1,597,842.02. This equates to a 62% savings to whoever used the card. The Township also receives money from people using this card. It is typically around \$200.00 per month.

Supervisor Swanson stated that the Township won the Wauconda Chamber award to a non-for-profit organization. The award brings recognition to the Township programs such as the recycling program, diaper bank program, and food pantry. He has served for 8 years on the Housing and Community Development Commission for Lake County and received a nice plaque upon his retirement from this position. In 2017, the Township numbers are up for general assistance, emergency assistance, the food pantry, LIHEAP program, and other services offered through the Township. Highway Commissioner Weisbruch will be representing the Township in the Chili Cook off on January 26th.

At 7:11 pm., Trustee Stiller motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to adjourn. All were in favor.

Submitted this 21st day of February, 2018

Supervisor

Trustee

Trustee

Clerk

Trustee

Trustee