

Wauconda Township Board Meeting

November 18, 2020

Call to Order/ Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. Supervisor Swanson announced that Trustee Ringel has resigned as trustee. 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: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Supervisor Swanson seconded to approve the agenda. Supervisor Swanson asked to move up the Historical Society report on the agenda. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Approve Minutes of October 14, 2020 Meeting: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Whitehead, seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Special Meeting October 27, 2020 Meeting: Supervisor Swanson motioned, and Trustee McKernan seconded to table this until next month's meeting. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Executive Session 9-16-20 Personnel Issue, 10-14-20 Personnel Issue & Litigation, and 10-27-20 Personnel Issue: Trustee Santi motioned, and Supervisor Swanson seconded to table this until next month. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Historical Society Report: Dan Smith reported that two successful events were held at the house. The Phil's Beach ornaments sold out and are their second reorder. There will not be any events until 2021. Two more years of the Wauconda Leader, 1955 to 1956 were scanned and digitalized for the website. The Cook House will be needing some outside bricks replaced in 2021. They hope to have the newspapers through 1969 put on the website.

John May, President of the Food Pantry, came to thank the Board for all the things that the Township has done to assist them in delivering food. They appreciate the use of the garage, due to no in store shopping.

Vote: Move into Executive Session: Litigation: Trustee Santi motioned, and Supervisor Swanson seconded to go into executive session. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Meeting was moved into executive session at 6:18 pm. At 7:30 pm., the regular board meeting was reconvened.

Approve Payment of General Town Fund Bills from 10-15-2020 to 11-18-2020: Trustee Santi motioned, and Trustee Whitehead seconded to approve the bills. An additional bill to be included in the payment is the Cook House furnace repair for \$233.00. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Approve Payment of Road District Bills from 10-15-2020 to 11-18-2020: Trustee Santi motioned, and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the bills. Additional bills to be included were \$285.00, \$27.76, and \$1,971.89. Supervisor Swanson asked the Commissioner why parts of an attorney bill were redacted. The Commissioner stated because of the sensitivity of the information on the bill, he felt it best to redact some of it. He presented the Board with an unredacted copy of the bill. A voice roll call was taken. Trustee McKernan, Trustee Santi, and Trustee Whitehead voted aye. Supervisor Swanson voted nay. This motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

General Town Fund	\$ 80,836.58
General Assistance	6,987.08
Social Security/IMRF	12,921.98
Senior Services Fund	7,944.23
Road and Bridge Fund	11,741.63
Permanent Road Fund	<u>93,916.21</u>
	\$214,347.81

Public Participation: None

Vote: Pace Paratransit Service Transportation Agreement: This agreement, with Ela Township, is for ridership of children that go to Little City in Palatine. Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the agreement. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Vote: Paratransit Local Share Agreement: This agreement includes five other Townships that helps residents that are not 60 or older with curb-to-curb service into different areas of Lake County. Anyone can join and offers discounts for the handicapped and seniors. Wauconda Township's share is \$4,000.00. Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Whitehead seconded to approve the agreement. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Vote: Food Pantry Lease: The Food Pantry five-year lease is \$10.00 per year. Trustee McKernan motioned, and Supervisor Swanson seconded to approve the lease. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Vote: 2021 Board Meeting Dates: Supervisor Swanson motioned, and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the 2021 dates. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Vote: Holiday Dates: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Santi seconded to approve the holiday dates. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Levies: The levies were distributed to the Board for review. They will be voted on at December's meeting.

Public Participation: Carol Kampendahl asked about when the Annual meeting was going to be held. Supervisor Swanson stated the Township was researching doing it by zoom on December 15th. He also stated that due to the new state restrictions, the regular December Board meeting will also be by zoom.

Township Reports: Highway Commissioner Weisbruch stated that the department was finishing up under groundwork. The contract for salt was signed and they are preparing for the snow and ice.

Assessor Oaks read a statement in which she wanted to make the Board aware of several violations of the policy and procedure manual by a particular employee. She would like the Board to address these violations, either in this meeting or in a closed session meeting. The violations are Sec. 6.12 Employee Cooperation, Sec. 6.20, Political Activity, Sec. 1.19 Confidentiality of Data given, Sec. 1.15 Personnel Files, and Sec. 6.17 Inner Office Relationships. In her statement, she gave explanations of the violations. She stated that according to the manual on page 5, "Should any question arise as to the interpretation of any provision of this Manual, or any other personnel policy, the decision of the Township Board will be final." She feels these violations are causing mistrust and resentment between the employees.

Clerk Rowe stated that 11,793 residents voted this past election in Wauconda Township.

Trustee Santi stated that she would like to address Assessor Oaks concerns of the violations next month in an executive session meeting. She also asked about using the Costco and BMO Harris rebates that were deposited in the general fund for the holiday party.

Supervisor Swanson stated that he is negotiating the purchase of an Econoline van. He is in the process of interviewing attorneys. Trustee Whitehead stated he would like the Board to be part of the final decision, as good counsel is important. Supervisor Swanson also stated that the Township hall will be closed due to the new Illinois COVID-19 restrictions. The Township will be accepting applications to fill Trustee Ringel's vacancy through December. It will be advertised on the website and in the E-News.

Adjourn: At 8:05 pm., Supervisor Swanson motioned to adjourn, Trustee McKernan seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted this 16th day of December 2020.

Supervisor Swanson

Clerk Rowe

Trustee McKernan

Trustee Ringel

Trustee Santi

Trustee Whitehead