

Wauconda Township Board Meeting : October 14, 2020

Call to Order/ Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Answering present were: Trustee McKernan, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Santi, Trustee Whitehead, Supervisor Swanson, Assessor Oaks, Attorney Ridgway, and Administrator Maioriello. Highway Commissioner Weisbruch was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was led by Trustee Whitehead.

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

Approve Minutes of September 16, 2020 Meeting: 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 9-16-20 Personnel Issue: Supervisor Swanson asked for this to be tabled.

Approve Payment of General Town Fund Bills from 9-17-2020 to 10-14-2020: Trustee Ringel motioned, and Trustee Santi seconded to approve the bills. Assessor Oaks stated that her office presented a bill for her lawyer last month that was not included in the bills. She requested that it get paid. Supervisor Swanson stated that the bill would be included to be paid. Assessor Oaks wanted to make the Board aware that the Assessor's vehicle was in for repair. The estimated cost to the Township will be about \$500.00 A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Approve Payment of Road District Bills from 9-17-2020 to 10-14-2020: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Whitehead seconded to approve the bills. Supervisor Swanson stated he has a concern regarding a \$300.00 tow bill on private property. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

General Town Fund	\$ 70,684.15
General Assistance	7,116.11
Social Security/IMRF	8,544.29
Senior Services Fund	5,234.97
Road and Bridge Fund	2,189.62
Permanent Road Fund	<u>52,203.41</u>
	\$145,972.55

Historical Society Report: Supervisor Swanson stated that the Cook house is going to be winterized. A new alarm was installed to detect water in the basement.

NPDES Report: Mark Rooney, engineer, gave the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit talk. The Township works with the Lake County Storm Water which has a local qualifying program to help fulfill our requirements. The NPDES report and EPA report is available at the office or can be emailed to anyone requesting a copy. (The Clean Water Act authorizes EPA and states, which are delegated the authority by EPA, to regulate point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (**NPDES**) permit program.

Public Participation: A resident asked if the executive session on the agenda had any relationship with last month's executive session meeting. Attorney Ridgway stated that since it was executive session, it could not be discussed.

Discussion/Vote: Ordinance 10-14-20-01 Elected Officials Salary and Benefit Package

2021-2025: Trustee Ringel motioned, and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the ordinance as presented. Trustee Ringel and Trustee Whitehead stated that last month's proposal by the Supervisor to reduce the Supervisors salary to \$32,000.00 was not adequate enough for the position and feel that \$50,000.00 plus benefits is more in line with other Townships salary for the part time position. Supervisor Swanson has revised the request for the Supervisors salary to stay at \$75,222.00. He feels that the reducing it to \$50,000.00 will make the person elected as Supervisor hold another job to support themselves and will cost the Township more in additional staff. Trustee McKernan asked about the disclaimer being added regarding the \$250.00 per month for the Supervisors monthly travel expense. Supervisor Swanson said that the statement of all previous ordinances and resolutions will be revoked and are included in this ordinance. After Trustee McKernan provided some of his research, Trustees Santi, and Trustee McKernan stated that considering the support staff in the township office and surrounding townships packages, \$50,000.00 is a good figure for the Supervisors position.

Moving on to the Highway Commissioners salary, Supervisor Swanson noted that the highway commissioner was asking for an 11% increase, along with a clothing allowance and the regular benefits such as vehicle and phone. He also stated that without the IGA's, there is less roads to maintain.

Trustee Ringel stated she was okay with the increase since this is a hard-intense labor job and has a lot of dangers.

Trustee Whitehead stated that the Commissioner submitted a list of his accomplishments with his request and that he and his constituents are very happy with the job the Commissioner is doing.

Trustee McKernan stated that Commissioner Weisbruch does not have a foreman or superintendent with big salaries like the other townships. After researching other surrounding townships, he feels this proposed salary is in the ballpark.

Other discussion continued regarding the Clerk, Assessor and Trustees salaries.

After much discussion, a voice roll call was taken on the motion. Trustee McKernan, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Santi, and Trustee Whitehead voted nay to the presented ordinance.

Supervisor Swanson voted aye. Motion failed.

Trustee McKernan motioned to change the Supervisors salary on the presented ordinance to \$50,000.00 for all four years, all others to remain as presented. Trustee Ringel seconded. A voice roll call was taken. Trustee McKernan, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Santi, and Trustee Whitehead voted aye. Supervisor Swanson voted nay. Motion carried.

Rt.12 and Case Rd. Discussion with Petitions: Supervisor Swanson passed out papers to the Trustees regarding starting a petition to improve the driving conditions on Rt. 12 and Case Rd. with traffic signals, lighting, signage, and flashing warning sign. He would like the Township to be the lead agency on this and plans on holding a meeting to discuss this. Signage on the bike path on Garland Road has helped tremendously with the traffic and safety on this road.

Public Participation: John Miceli stated that cars are being parked on Garland road in the bike path which causes people using the path to have to walk out into Garland Rd. Supervisor Swanson stated that the sheriff's department has been made aware of this and cars will be ticketed.

Elected Officials Report: Assessor Oaks asked about when there are groups using the hall and the sanitizing procedure that is being used. Supervisor Swanson stated that staff cleans the room along with a cleaning service.

Assessor Oaks asked about the letter the elected officials received from the president of the Wauconda Chamber of Commerce informing them that the Supervisor went to their board meeting on behalf of the Township. She wanted to know if the Trustees were aware of the Supervisor's actions. Supervisor Swanson stated he did not need their permission to do this.

Trustee Ringel went to the Chambers ribbon cutting for the Foundation Center.

Clerk Rowe stated that early voting begins October 19 and that people who received ballots by mail can drop off their ballots at any Lake County early voting site. People in Lake County can vote at any Lake County early voting site. Sunday hours have been added to early voting.

Trustee McKernan stated to please shop locally.

Trustee Santi attended a ribbon-cutting for a new chamber business called the Relaxation Station.

Supervisor Swanson stated that the Township is receiving thank you cards from the grant recipients. He attended the police program "Shop with a Cop". The township newsletter goes out on Thursday. He will be at the Township parking lot on election day helping with traffic control.

Supervisor Swanson motioned to move into an executive session at 7:46 pm. Trustee Ringel seconded. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. The regular Board meeting was adjourned into executive session.

Meeting Resumed: The regular Board meeting was resumed at 9:35 pm.

Action from Executive Session meeting: The Board learned of a TIF agreement to a settlement with the Wauconda school district, library, Township, and Village of Lakemoor. Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded to accept the TIF settlement as presented. A voice roll was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Adjourn: At 9:40 pm., Supervisor Swanson motioned to adjourn, Trustee McKernan seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted this 18th day of November 2020.

Supervisor Swanson

Clerk Rowe

Trustee McKernan

Trustee Ringel

Trustee Santi

Trustee Whitehead