

Wauconda Township Board Meeting

March 17, 2021, by Zoom.

Call to Order/ Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. For roll call, answering present were: Trustee Lochmayer, Trustee Santi, Trustee Whitehead, Supervisor Swanson, Assessor Oaks, Highway Commissioner Weisbruch, Attorney Hartman, and Administrator Maioriello. Trustee McKernan was absent. Supervisor Swanson announced that a past Trustee, Jay Schaeffer, has passed away.

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

Approve Agenda: Trustee Whitehead motioned, and Supervisor Swanson seconded to approve the agenda. A discussion was open. Trustee Lochmayer asked that the executive session be removed as the Trustees did not receive any information on the subject matter. Trustee Whitehead said the Trustees were not informed where the executive session meeting would be held and would like it removed as well. He would have preferred some communication regarding this meeting and hopes, in the future, the Trustees receive better communication.

Supervisor Swanson stated it was a personnel issue and ongoing litigation issue. Trustee Santi stated that the Trustees were not informed of the contents of the meeting to be prepared. Supervisor Swanson stated it was just an informative meeting.

After discussion, Trustee Lochmayer motioned, and Supervisor Swanson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The Trustees agreed to travel to the Township Hall for the executive session meeting as they were all currently at different locations. A voice roll call was taken. Trustee Lochmayer, Trustee Whitehead, and Supervisor Swanson voted aye. Trustee Santi voted nay. This motion carried.

Report: End of the Fiscal Year 2020: Supervisor Swanson stated that the report shows that the budget is balanced from 2004 through 2021 with actual numbers. The report is for the town fund. He stated some of the funds have reached their reserve limits. The insurance numbers came back positive which is a big expense to the Township.

Trustee Santi asked about the building reserves and land purchase figures. She feels it is not part of the everyday budget and operating expenses and would like it separated. She feels it is misleading and should be pulled out of the actual numbers. The Administrator stated that it has to be on the report, but the amounts get pulled out when applying for the levy.

Approve Minutes of February 17, 2021; Trustee Santi motioned, and Trustee Lochmayer seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Vote: Payment of Town Fund Bills from February 18, 2021, to March 17, 2021: Supervisor Swanson motioned, and Trustee Whitehead seconded to approve the bills. The discussion was opened. Trustee Santi commented it was sad to see the Acres bills for the snow plowing of the Township lot. Assessor Oaks had a question regarding a \$120.00 bill for dues. The Administrator stated it will be corrected. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Vote: Payment of Road District bills from February 18, 2021, to March 17, 2021: Trustee Whitehead motioned, and Trustee Santi seconded to approve the bills. The floor was opened for discussion. Highway Commissioner Weisbruch stated that three of the bills on this month's report were bills that the Administrator

was supposed to pay from last month. They are not additional bills. He also wanted to inform the Trustees that after his bills have been approved for payment, his vendors are not getting their checks.

Trustee Santi asked why the bills are not getting paid. The administrator asked the Board to be patient with her and the new computer system.

Supervisor Swanson stated that he will continue to vote no on paying the Highway Commissioner's bills since he is locked out of the garage.

Trustee Whitehead again stated that when he has a question with a department bill, he calls the department head for an explanation. He feels this is the proper way to address issues.

The Supervisor feels he should be able to access the property. Trustee Whitehead asked the Supervisor to explain why he can't just call the Commissioner on particular bills he has questions about instead of voting no all the time. Supervisor Swanson did not answer Trustee Whitehead.

A voice roll call was taken. Trustees Lochmayer, Santi, and Whitehead voted aye. Supervisor Swanson voted nay. This motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:	General Town Fund	\$ 48,216.85
	General Assistance	4,331.74
	IMRF	6,609.41
	Senior Services Fund	5,728.74
	Road and Bridge Fund	5,598.08
	<u>Permanent Road Fund</u>	<u>40,920.39</u>
		\$ 111,405.21

Public Participation: Bob Wargoski commented on the different areas he has been involved with inside the community. He stated he would like the Board to get along.

Vote: Annual Meeting Agenda: Supervisor Swanson motioned, and Trustee Lochmayer seconded to approve the agenda for April 13, 2021, annual meeting. Supervisor Swanson asked the attorney about holding the meeting. Attorney Hartman stated many townships are moving forward and holding the meeting. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Vote: Adopt Social Media Policy: Supervisor Swanson motioned, and Trustee Lochmayer seconded to table this until next month. Supervisor Swanson is not quite ready to present a copy and it should be ready for next month's board meeting. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Wauconda Historical Society Report: Dan Smith stated that 2 more years of the Wauconda Leader were digitalized and on the website. Visit the website to view photos, documents, and get information on their programs. April meeting will be live at the Cook house.

Public Participation: None

Township Reports: Highway Commissioner Weisbruch stated he wanted to clarify some information that was in the Township newsletter. The Anderson Road sidewalk/bike path project was started two years ago with the Village of Wauconda and Village of Lake Barrington and has another 12 years to go. They are in the process of working on turning that into an SRT route to get funding. He is not aware of the Garland Road improved lighting and improved sign. He is completing the LED conversion project. As far as vehicles getting tickets that are parked in the road widening area on Garland Road, he was told by the Sheriff's department that they cannot be ticketed due to no parking signs not being on the road and it is not a legal bike lane or walkway. Highway Commissioner is working with Lake County and the state on this. The Case Road and

Route 12 project has been started and is about 2 ½ years out.

Assessor Oaks wanted to address a comment made last month about why the Assessors department and the Highway department have their own attorneys. She stated that due to the personal relationship between the past Township attorney and the Supervisor, vacationing at the attorney's home, and three instances where the attorney had prepared personal documents for the Supervisor. At that time, the Supervisor shut off her audio and did not let her finish the explanation.

Supervisor Swanson stated he was not going to let people make statements or accusations that belonged in an executive session meeting. He has stated in the past that department reports were not to be used for this purpose.

Trustee Santi stated that she would like to have heard Assessor Oaks' statement. She feels that using a Township attorney for personal business is a conflict of interest.

Trustee Whitehead thanked the Highway Commissioner and the department for the great job they did snow plowing. He thanked the whole Township team for their work this past year. He feels each department did a great job in keeping the Township financially in good shape.

Trustee Lochmayer thanked the Highway Commissioner also for the snow plowing and the way his department handled a recent Covid issue.

Clerk Rowe stated the Annual Town meeting is going to be on April 13th this year. She gave the hours for early voting and election day.

Supervisor Swanson stated that cars on Garland Road can be ticketed due to some of the tires were pushed beyond the white lines into the roadway. The previous road commissioner did not want to tackle the Garland Road project and it was done through the Supervisors office. There is a public hearing on Darrell Road and turn circles. The Supervisor stated he has been working on the Anderson Road project for 5 years and is glad the Highway Commissioner is involved. He stated that a private citizen who works as Clerk for the Village of Wauconda is doing a great job on the Case Road project.

Vote: Executive Session: Personnel Issue and Litigation Update: Supervisor Swanson motioned, and Trustee Lochmayer seconded to move into executive session at 7:14 pm.

Possible Action from the executive session: None

Adjourn: At 8:00 pm. Trustee Santi motioned to adjourn. Trustee Whitehead seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted this 21st day of April 2021.

Supervisor Swanson

___Absent___

Trustee McKernan

Trustee Santi

Clerk Rowe

Trustee Lochmayer

Trustee Whitehead

