

**WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2020**

Call to Order: Supervisor Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Before roll call, Supervisor Swanson stated Trustee Ringel was joining the meeting via telephone speaker.

Roll Call: Clerk Rowe proceeded with roll call. Answering present was: Trustee McKernan, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Santi, and Supervisor Swanson. Also answering present was Assessor Oaks, Highway Weisbruch, Attorney Ridgway, and Administrator Maioriello.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Clerk Rowe.

Approve the Agenda: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Supervisor Swanson seconded to approve the agenda. A voice roll call was taken. Motion carried.

Vote: Trustee Appointment: Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded to appoint Jim Whitehead as the new trustee. Trustee McKernan stated that there were two people running for the position that were both very qualified and wished there were two positions open. A voice roll call was taken. Motion carried.

Oath to New Trustee: Clerk Rowe administered the oath to Jim Whitehead. Trustee Whitehead stated he was excited to serve on the Board and hopes to live up to the confidence that was placed in him.

Approve Minutes: April 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting: Trustee Santi motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. Trustee Whitehead abstained. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Payment of General Town Fund bills: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Santi seconded to pay the bills. A voice roll was taken. Trustee Whitehead abstained. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Payment of Road District Fund bills: Supervisor Swanson motioned, and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the bills. An additional bill for \$181.00 was to be included. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Trustee Whitehead abstained. Motion carried.

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

General Town Fund	\$ 78,214.37
General Assistance	10,166.17
Insurance Fund	24,901.00
Social Security/IMRF Fund	10,674.75
Senior Services Fund	7,883.74
Road & Bridge Fund	10,295.54
Permanent Road Fund	<u>54,971.26</u>
Total:	\$197,106.83

Historical Society Report: Supervisor Swanson reported that a screen door had been replaced, two new flags replaced the old ones, volunteers have planted flowers, and a water monitor is being checked into for the downstairs.

Public Participation: Assessor Oaks asked how the position for the vacant trustee position was advertised. Supervisor Swanson stated that past applicants from the last vacancy were notified, word of mouth, and it was put in the E-news.

Vote: Freedom of Information Act Resolution # 05-20-20-01: Trustee McKernan motioned and Trustee Santi seconded to adopt the resolution. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Trustee Whitehead abstained. Motion carried. Resolution was adopted.

Ordinances: Vote: Ordinance # 05-20-20-01 Town Fund Budget Ordinance: Trustee McKernan motioned and Trustee Santi seconded to adopt the budget. Voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Trustee Whitehead abstained. Motion carried. Budget was adopted.

Vote: Ordinance # 05-20-20-02; Road District Budget: Trustee Santi motioned, and Supervisor Swanson seconded to adopt the budget. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Trustee Whitehead abstained. Motion carried. Budget was adopted.

Public Participation: None

Township Reports: Highway Commissioner Weisbruch stated that salt bid was in from the county. There is an increase of \$1.18 per ton. June 4th is the date for the Com Ed plan to take effect of changing over the streetlights to LED lights which should reduce costs from \$30,000.00 to \$18,000.00 per year. Storm sewer pipe installation and re-ditching is being done throughout the township.

Assessor Oaks stated that Lake County announced a real estate tax bill 4 payment deferred plan schedule. 50% of the first installment is due June 8th, the 2nd installment is due August 7th; for the 2nd installment payments, 50% of the first payment will be due on September 8th, and 50% of second installment will be due October 1st. There will be no late fees or penalties imposed. Assessor Oaks asked the Board to add mileage reimbursement for employees and elected official's discussion on next month's agenda. The office has been very busy with signing up seniors for senior freeze exemptions, senior exemptions, and disability exemptions. The chief county assessment office maintains this information. Since she has not heard anything about the Township doing a spring newsletter, she suggested that the Board to consider mailing an informative post card to residents relaying the different payment options and other issues going on with their real estate taxes. Assessor Oaks also stated that due to her last conversation with the Supervisor, she will only meet with him in the future with the presence of a trustee. She is not going to run for re-election and her terms ends in December 2021. She will run her office and will not be micro-managed by any other department head.

Clerk Rowe stated that she received a thank you card from the county clerk for allowing the county to use the hall for voting.

Trustee Ringel thanked everyone for all the work on the budget and talked about articles in the Perspective magazine.

Trustee McKernan stated that the Memorial Day parade is cancelled, Wauconda fest is cancelled, and the Wauconda 4th of July fireworks is cancelled.

Administrator Maioriello stated that she has been attending meetings via zoom. The Township mailed 300 spring cards to seniors.

Supervisor Swanson stated that he helped deliver 192 hot meals to Kuester Manor and Liberty Arms. This was done with the efforts of Wauconda Township, Messiah Lutheran, Catholic Charities, and United Way. The food pantry received a \$7200.00 donation and continues to receive food donations. They meet every Friday called a wrap up committee. Numbers are up approximately 30% for the food pantry. Frontline, a group of people from Wauconda, has donated masks and so far, the Township has handed out 200 of them. The Township employees will come back to work on June 1st. The annual June recycling event has been postponed to September. The Emergency Assistance fund and General Assistance fund numbers are steady right now, but he expects to see an increase in them. motioned to adjourn at 6:20 pm. Last year the Township put money back into the bank that was not spent on last year's budget.

Trustee McKernan motioned and Trustee Santi seconded to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted this 17th day of June 2020.

Supervisor Swanson

Clerk Rowe

Trustee McKernan

Trustee Ringel

Trustee Santi