

Wauconda Township Board Meeting : September 16, 2020

Call to Order/ Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Answering present were: Trustee McKernan, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Santi, Trustee Whitehead, Supervisor Swanson, Highway Commissioner Weisbruch, Assessor Oaks, Attorney Ridgway, and Administrator Maioriello.

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

Approve Agenda: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Whitehead seconded to approve the agenda. Trustee McKernan asked that an executive session be added to the end of the agenda for a personnel issue. Trustee Ringel would also like to have a discussion on a holiday program. The motion was amended to include the executive session and holiday program discussion. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Approve Minutes of August 19, 2020 Meeting: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Supervisor Swanson seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Approve Payment of General Town Fund Bills from 8/20/2020 to 9/16/2020: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Santi seconded to approve the bills. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Approve Payment of Road District Bills from 8/20/2020 to 9/16/2020: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the bills. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

General Town Fund	\$106,635.45
General Assistance	5,101.11
Social Security/IMRF	8,510.65
Senior Services Fund	5,368.46
Road and Bridge Fund	5,804.60
Permanent Road Fund	<u>48,353.96</u>
	\$179,774.23

Public Participation: None

Historical Society Report: President Dan Smith stated that newspapers from 1940 through 1954 have been added to the website. October 4, 2020 there will be a program at the house. Meetings are back at the Cook house the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business: NPEDS Report: Tabled

Rescind Resolution # 06-16-10-01: Travel Expenses: Trustee McKernan would like to have the Supervisor be reimbursed for travel expenses when he turns in receipts and not a monthly guaranteed amount. Attorney Ridgway said that this resolution could be rescinded when the next term starts but could not be done in the middle of a term. Trustee McKernan stated that since it was implemented in the middle of a term, it should be able to be stopped in the middle of a term. Attorney Ridgway said that cannot be done that way. The resolution should not have taken effect in the middle of a term. Trustee Whitehead recapped that making this change would be a change in a compensation package and would have to wait until next term. Trustee McKernan withdrew his motion and said the changes will be made next term.

New Business: Vote: Resolution # 09-16-20-01; Bank Depositories: Supervisor Swanson motioned, and Trustee Ringel seconded to accept the bank depositories resolution. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Vote: Ordinance #09-16-20-01 Senior Bus Donations: Supervisor Swanson motioned, and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the ordinance. This ordinance prohibits donations being accepted on the senior busses. Signs stating no donations were passed out among the board as a suggestion to place in the busses. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Vote: Senior Bus Liaison: Supervisor Swanson stated that the Township and Village of Island Lake have an agreement that the Wauconda Township senior bus service, will transport residents that live within the Village of Island Lake, but are in Nunda township. Trustee McKernan asked if it was utilized a lot. Supervisor Swanson said yes. Trustee Santi asked what Island Lake pays. Supervisor Swanson said Island Lake pays 16% (\$13,740.00) of the program. After going over the agreement, Trustee Santi asked what the roles of the Trustees were in this agreement. Supervisor Swanson said that there are log sheets with the names, mileage of where residents went and when they returned. These are maintained by the senior bus director and the Trustees can go and review. Trustee Santi said the information should be put in a spread sheet. Trustee Santi asked if she could get the ridership data on this agreement and if it should be recalculated every year, especially now with Covid and ridership is down. Supervisor Swanson said the money is calculated yearly on actual costs. Supervisor Swanson stated that he holds verbal meetings with the Mayor of Island Lake regarding the agreement conditions. Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Ringel seconded to have Supervisor Swanson serve as the liaison. A voice roll was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Vote: Ordinance # 09-15-20-02: Salary and Benefit Package 2021-2025: Supervisor Swanson motioned, and Trustee McKernan seconded to adopt this ordinance. Discussion: Supervisor

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Swanson stated that he has supplied the Trustees with spreadsheets on salaries of other townships and asked if there were any questions. Trustee McKernan said he would like to table this until next month to have more time to review the salary packages.

Trustee Whitehead stated that he has not had enough time to review all the information provided.

Trustee Santi agreed and asked if the reason Ela and Cuba Townships Supervisors made half of what Supervisor Swanson made were due to being part time. Supervisor Swanson stated that by statute, the Supervisors position is a part time position. Supervisor Swanson said that for the next term he is cutting the Supervisors salary from \$74,000.00 to \$32,000.00 because there are no major projects in the future plans, this is comparable to other township supervisors salaries, and this salary would be appropriate for a person who is Supervisor and does not do anything else. Supervisor Swanson rescinded his motion, and this will be tabled until next month.

Holiday Program: Trustee Ringel would like to put together a program to put baskets together for the holidays to the residents and seniors. She would get volunteers to help with this. Supervisor Swanson stated she should work with Melissa Garcia from the township office to put this program together. Trustee Ringel stated she wanted to share this with the Trustees before she started working on it.

Public Participation: None

Elected Officials Report: Highway Commissioner Weisbruch had put some information in the Trustees boxes regarding the cost per miles and different scenarios.

Assessor Oaks stated that September 14th was the last day to file appeals. They have less than 400 appeals. She emailed a spreadsheet to the Trustees regarding Assessors salaries survey.

Clerk Rowe stated: Early voting begins October 19 and goes to Nov. 2nd. at any Lake County early voting site; 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you have received your ballot in the mail, all 17 early voting sites will have drop boxes inside the buildings to put your ballot in. You will have to get out of your car to put it in the box, no drive thru. Postage free drop boxes will be open starting on September 24th. This for those that do not want to send it through the post office. Election judges will be collecting those ballots daily. On Nov. 3rd, all drop boxes will be locked up after 7 p.m. The Lake County Clerk's office has very good information on their site if you lost your voters card or need information about your districts etc.; **Lakevoterpower.info**. Fill out the 5 questions, first name, last name, address, zip code, and date of birth. This will pull up all your voting information such as congressional and legislative district, voters registration card, and other

voter information. Nine information boxes also pop up to give you all the voting info you would need.

Trustee McKernan stated to please shop locally. He also asked that all the department heads make sure that their employees do not engage in any political activities at any time while at work. This is covered in the employee the policy and procedure manual 6.2.

Supervisor Swanson stated that the Township delivered 100 meals today to seniors through the Messiah Lutheran Church. There are new signs at the cemetery on Barrington Road stating it is a Township cemetery. John Davidson wrote a complete history, 22 pages long, on the Volo cemetery with information on how it got started, who is in it, and where they moved. On a sad note, Linda Kraniak who designed the Township logo, passed away this past weekend. Supervisor Swanson plans on drafting a letter from the Township and send along with a flag to her family.

Supervisor Swanson motioned to move into executive session at 7:09 pm. Trustee Santi seconded. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned into executive session.

Adjourn: At 8:05 pm., the regular board meeting resumed. Supervisor Swanson stated that no decisions were made. Trustee McKernan motioned to adjourn. Trustee Santi seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted this 21st day of October 2020.

Supervisor Swanson

Clerk Rowe

Trustee McKernan

Trustee Ringel

Trustee Santi

Trustee Whitehead