

Wauconda Township Board Meeting

January 19, 2022

Call to Order/ Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. For roll call, answering present were: Supervisor Knight, Trustee Lochmayer, Trustee McKernan, Trustee Whitehead, Trustee Santi

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was led by Supervisor Knight

Approval Of Agenda: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Santi seconded. Roll Call was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed

Vote: Approve Consent Agenda: Trustee McKernan motioned and Trustee Lochmayer seconded to approve the amended agenda by omnibus vote. Roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed

- A) Approve Payment of Town Fund Bills-December 16, 2021-January 18, 2022 in the amount of \$77,747.29
- B) Approve Payment of Road District Bills-December 16, 2021-January 18, 2022 in the amount of \$71,966.97
- C) Approve Minutes of Board Meeting – December 15, 2021

Approve Items A-C on Consent Agenda: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Trustee Santi seconded to approve the agenda. Roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed

Historical Society Report: Dan Smith was present. He stated ornaments are still for sale at local retailers. There also will be an upcoming train event in March. Details to come.

New Business

- A) **Public Hearing on Amended Budget Including Public Comment:** Supervisor Knight stated we are looking to amend the budget specifically under the administration contractual services. Line item 1125260 which is for Legal and Professional Services was originally budgeted for \$30,000 and would like to add \$25,000 to make it now \$55,000 for Legal and Professional Services. Part of the reasons Supervisor Knight stated to amend:
 - a. There is a pending Federal case and there will be a \$20,000 deductible that WTB will have to pay.
 - b. States Attorney Investigation and is close to being resolved
 - c. Wauconda Township has had quite a few FOIAs. Since May 2021, have had 24. Some we can handle in house but if there is too much information being requested, we have to go to legal counsel. One FOIA took about 19 hours of

time, about 5 hours of legal. There are a lot of things that have caused us to go over the budget. Trustee McKernan inquired about some of the fees- Supervisor Knight will go back but can give an idea- the invoice from Ancel Glink in December was a little over \$5,000. Trustee McKernan inquired if we can share where these requests are coming from- Supervisor Knight stated we can share as this is can be FOIA'd. 14 out of the 24 FOIA's were from the past Supervisor.

- B) **Discussion/Vote: Amended Budget:** Discussion and vote on transferring the \$25,000 to the Legal and Professional Services fund. This will be transferred from General Fund. Trustee Whitehead motioned and Trustee Lochmayer seconded. Roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

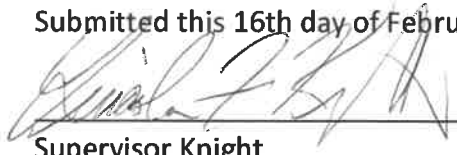
Public Participation: None

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Knight shared him and the Trustees attended a virtual training by the Metropolitan Township Association on the topic of Strategic Planning. Next week Supervisor Knight and the Business Manager will be traveling to attend a training thru Townships of Illinois in HR training. This Friday 1/21/22 the Wauconda Chamber of Commerce is hosting their annual dinner virtually.

Elected Officials Reports: Trustee Santi stated she has no report. Trustee McKernan stated he has no report. Trustee Lochmayer stated he had no report other than to share it was a very good hour of training for strategic planning. Trustee Whitehead share that David Geary, Shane Isaacson and Molly Jostock will be the three public residents joining the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will convene soon and will assist the Board in recommendations. Trustee Whitehead applauded the Supervisor and Board for getting this going and also thanked those who will be serving as public servants. Supervisor Knight welcomed Assessor Carlson to her first Wauconda Township meeting. Assessor Carlson stated they are working on their 2022 tax year. Highway Commissioner Weisbruch wanted to share he is looking forward to working with the Finance Committee and he is here to help. He has stated they have started to do tree trimming throughout the neighborhoods and will continue thru the winter and will stop in the spring. Highway Commissioner Weisbruch also wanted to share as many hours have been spent on FOIA's and he doesn't mind sharing and has no issue with gathering the information and the transparency, however, when you are doing it out of spite that poses an irritation but will get through it.

Adjourn/Roll Call: At 6:14 pm. Trustee Santi motioned to adjourn. Trustee McKernan seconded. For roll call, answering present were: Supervisor Knight, Trustee Whitehead, Trustee Lochmayer, Trustee McKernan. All in were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.


Submitted this 16th day of February 2022.



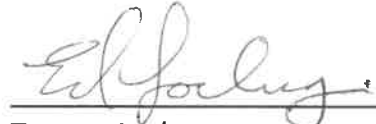
Supervisor Knight



Clerk Rose




Trustee McKernan



Trustee Lochmayer



Trustee Santi



Trustee Whitehead (Absent)