

# Wauconda Township Annual Meeting Minutes April 16, 2013

The Annual Town Meeting convened in the Township Hall in the Town of Wauconda, County of Lake and State of Illinois, on Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013.

The Annual Meeting notice was published in the Daily Herald, on the Township website, in the Township Hall and at the Village Halls within the Township.

Trustee Schorr and Trustee Ringel greeted residents and verified the voter registrants. A total of 32 residents signed in for this Annual meeting.

Clerk Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

The Clerk asked everyone to stand as she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Rowe welcomed everyone. Clerk Rowe announced that Wauconda Township has a total of 12,786 registered voters. In this past election, the unofficial results showed that there was 18% of voter turnout. She stated that the results won't be official until April 23<sup>rd</sup> because the law allows two weeks to receive overseas ballots and other absentee ballots. The new term for the elected officials for the Township begins on May 20<sup>th</sup>, except for the Assessor which begins on January 1<sup>st</sup>. She then introduced the elected officials that were present. They were Supervisor Swanson, Assessor Oaks, Highway Commissioner Munson, Trustees Amrich, Schorr, Ringel and Thompson. The elected officials will be sworn in at the May meeting, which is also our budget meeting.

Clerk Rowe turned the floor over to the Supervisor. Supervisor Swanson thanked everyone for coming. He stated that the Township lost a very dedicated person this past year, Dolores Jarchow. Dolores was a very hard working resident who took interest in the subdivision she resided in. The Township had a plaque put on the bench in the back with her name on it. She sat at that bench during every Township meeting she attended in the last 15 years.

**Elect Moderator:** Clerk Rowe asked for nominations from the floor for a moderator. Joe Munson nominated Danielle Rowe. Jackie Amrich seconded the motion. Having no more nominations from the floor, Danielle accepted the nomination. Clerk Rowe administered the Moderator oath to Danielle Rowe.

**Minutes:** Moderator Rowe asked that since the Clerk supplied the minutes of the 2012 meeting, would there be a motion from the floor to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Gary Thompson motioned and John Amrich seconded the motion to dispense with reading the minutes and approve the minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting. Having no discussion from the floor, a vote was taken. All were in favor, none were opposed. This motion carried.

**Annual Supervisors Report:** Moderator Rowe stated that since the Supervisors report has been supplied, would there be a motion from the floor to read only the balances of the report. Gary Thompson motioned to read only the balances. Joe Munson seconded the motion. Having no discussion from the floor, a vote was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Clerk Rowe read the totals:

General Fund	\$2,107,085.94
General Assistance	\$ 231,982.96
Insurance Fund	\$ 74,854.42
IMRF Fund	\$ 262,598.40
Senior Services Fund	\$ 41,122.31
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 235,966.94
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 346,962.73

Mary Schorr motioned to approve the totals as read. Sheryl Ringel seconded the motion. Having no discussion from the floor, this motion was approved.

**Trustee Amrich Recognition:** Supervisor Swanson started by stating that Trustee Amrich served publicly for 28 years. He served on the Township Board as a Trustee for 8 years, served on the School Board, the Village Zoning Board, Village of Wauconda Board as a trustee, and was a member of the Lions Club for 56 years. Supervisor Swanson presented a plaque to Trustee Amrich as a thank you for all his work and dedication. Wauconda Mayor Knigge presented Trustee Amrich with a Certificate of Appreciation from the residents and the Village of Wauconda Board for the 16 years that John served on the Village Board and civic minded organizations. While serving on the Village Board, he was part responsible for the Liberty Lakes project and the SWALCO projects. Island Lake Mayor-elect Chuck Amrich spoke of Trustee Amrich's dedication to his community. He stated that it was a pleasure to honor John for all his service.

**Discussion from the Floor:** Moderator Rowe stated that any registered voter may comment or bring up items for discussion. She asked that everyone limit their comments to three minutes as to give everyone an opportunity to speak and keep the comments only to those that pertain to Township business.

Hilda Lichter stated that Trustee Amrich started a project for a garbage disposal contract that would allow only one company would be used to alleviate the traffic of the trucks and the wear and tear on the roads. She would like to see that brought back up for another vote. She felt the roads were being ruined by all the garbage truck traffic. Trustee John Amrich said that his research showed that residents would save 50% on their garbage bills if one contractor would be used. When it was brought to a referendum vote; it failed, but he felt it should be tried again. The garbage trucks do put a lot of wear and tear on roads.

Gary Thompson stated that the current Board had accomplished a lot of things the past year from the new garage, food pantry, and generator which included a 27% tax reduction. Gary Thompson stated that the garbage referendum should be brought back up again.

Moderator Rowe stated that she would like to also recognize Dolores Jarchow for her inspiration to get involved. She touched so many people with her commitment.

**Set 2014 Date and Time:** Pat Oaks motioned and Joe Munson seconded to set the 2014 meeting for April 08, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Having no discussion from the floor, a vote was taken. All were in favor. None were opposed. This motion passed.

**Moderators Salary 2014:** Joe Munson motioned to set the 2014 moderator salary at \$50.00. John Amrich seconded the motion. Having no discussion from the floor, a vote was taken. All were in favor. None were opposed. This motion carried.

**Motion to adjourn:** Mary Schorr motioned to adjourn. Gary Thompson seconded. A vote was taken. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

**Submitted: April 08, 2014**

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**Clerk**

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**Moderator**