

**WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 2016**

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Clerk Rowe proceeded with roll call. Answering present was: Trustee McKernan, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Thompson, and Supervisor Swanson. Also answering present was Assessor Oaks, Administrator Maioriello, and Attorney Ridgway. Trustee Schorr and Highway Commissioner Munson were absent.

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

**Approve the Agenda:** Trustee Thompson motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the agenda. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

**Approve Minutes: November 16, 2016 Regular Board Meeting**

Trustee McKernan motioned and Trustee Ringel 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: November 17, 2016 to December 21, 2016:**

Trustee Ringel motioned and Trustee Thompson seconded to approve the payment of the General Town Fund bills. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

**Approve Payment of Road District Fund Bills: November 17, 2016 thru December 21, 2016:**

Trustee McKernan motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the payment of the Road District bills. A voice roll call was taken. Trustee Ringel, Trustee McKernan, and Trustee Thompson voted aye. Supervisor Swanson voted nay. This motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Supervisor Swanson read the following Treasurer's Report:

General Town Fund	\$ 89,859.38
General Assistance	5,381.34
Social Security/IMRF Fund	9,577.56
Senior Services Fund	9,222.62
Road & Bridge Fund	24,047.88
Permanent Road Fund	<u>218,264.88</u>
Total:	\$ 356,353.66

**Public Participation:** None

**New Business: Vote Pace Paratransit Agreement:** Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the agreement. Voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

**Vote: Release Executive Session Minutes:** Trustee Thompson motioned and Supervisor Swanson seconded to release the following Executive Session minutes: 05-16-16; 08-21-13; 03-19-14; 08-20-14. Voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. These minutes will now be released.

**Ordinances: Vote: Ordinance 12-21-16-02 Township Levy:** Trustee Thompson motioned and Supervisor Swanson seconded to adopt this Ordinance. Voice roll was taken. All were in favor. This Ordinance was adopted. Supervisor Swanson noted that the Township's levy had a 0% increase. \$100,000.00 was put back into the bank from last year. There are some items that might need to be addressed this year. Some of those are a new roof for the hall, paving the parking lot at the Historical House, and possibly a new Senior Transportation vehicle. Trustee Thompson stated that the Township is below what was levied last year. Supervisor Swanson stated that we have to be mindful of reserves as they have caps.

**Vote: Ordinance 12-21-16-02 Road District Levy:** Trustee Thompson motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded to adopt the Road District Levy. Supervisor Swanson stated that Highway Commissioner Munson has been out of town since November, but has requested a 3% increase in the Highway Department's levy. Because the Commissioner is not

available, no one knows what his plans for the increase are. Trustee Thompson stated that the monies levied will not affect the Commissioner until next year. The budget runs until February. Trustee Thompson stated that the increase only amounts to approximately \$6,000. A voice roll call was taken, all were in favor. This Ordinance was adopted.

**Ordinance 12-21-16-03 Travel Reimbursement:** This is put through by the State putting restrictions on what can be spent for travel reimbursement. Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Thompson seconded to adopt this Ordinance. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This Ordinance was adopted.

**Ordinance 12-21-16-04: Ethics Policy:** Trustee Ringel motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded. Supervisor Swanson stated that this will require the Township to find three individuals to serve on the Ethics Board. They will be appointed by the Board. The Supervisor asked the Board to bring names of possible candidates. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This Ordinance was adopted.

**Old Business: Bereavement Policy:** Supervisor Swanson turned this issue over to the Assessor. Assessor Oaks stated that she has had discussions with the Administrator regarding the verbiage in the policy. The Assessor would like to see more conformity as to the definition of family so that everything is more consistent. This was tabled to January.

**Public Participation:** Robin Lindberg, resident, asked why the Board wouldn't vote to give the Highway Department a 0% increase instead of the 3% with all the pressure on Townships. Supervisor Swanson stated they went on the recommendations of the Commissioner Munson. Trustee Thompson stated that the County might not even give the 3%.

Steve Stiller, resident, asked if the Township has reached out to the Island Lake residents about the Para Transit program. Supervisor Swanson stated that the Wauconda Township residents of Island Lake are included in the program.

**Historical Society Report:** None

**Elected Officials Report:**

Assessor Oaks thanked the Board for approving the new carpet and floors.

Trustee Thompson stated that he had a meeting with the High School Athletic Director about starting a new program of the Alumni of Wauconda High School. This group is where the members would serve as mentors to the students. They hope to have it ready by Homecoming of 2017. Trustee Thompson has been working on the land purchase information and wants to have it ready for approval at the Annual Meeting that is held in April.

Supervisor Swanson stated that the Holiday party for the employees turned out very nice. He asked that everyone keep getting email addresses for the "E" newsletter that goes out. 34 families received gifts from donations from the residents. Jewel Osco donated 56 dinners to the Wauconda-Island Lake food pantry.

**Executive Session: Pending Litigation:** Supervisor motioned and Trustee Thompson seconded to adjourn into Executive Session. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 7:30pm.

At 7:55, meeting was reconvened. Supervisor Swanson stated that no action was taken at the Executive Session meeting.

**Adjournment:** Trustee Ringel motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted this 18<sup>st</sup> Day of January, 2017

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