

**WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

Call to Order:

Supervisor Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge was led by Trustee Thompson.

Approve the Agenda:

Trustee Thompson motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the agenda. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: January 20, 2016 Regular Board Meeting:

Trustee Ringel motioned to approve the minutes. Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. A voice roll call was taken. Trustee Schorr and Trustee McKernan abstained due to being absent. Trustee Ringel, Trustee Thompson, and Supervisor Swanson were in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Payment of Town Fund Bills: January 21, 2016 thru February 17, 2016:

Trustee Thompson motioned and Trustee Schorr seconded to approve the bills for payment. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Payment of Road District Fund Bills: January 21, 2016 thru February 17, 2016:

Trustee Schorr motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the bills for payment. Trustee Thompson asked about some bills regarding clothing allowance and monthly storage rental bills. Supervisor Swanson stated that he had some questions regarding the highway department's bills, but since the Highway Commissioner will not attend meetings, he cannot get the answers. Supervisor Swanson stated that it is insulting that the Commissioner will not come to the meetings and be accountable to answer questions in regards to bills being presented for payment. He is an elected official and should be accountable to the taxpayers. A voice roll call was taken Trustees McKernan, Ringel, Schorr, and Thompson voted aye, Supervisor Swanson voted nay. Motioned carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Supervisor Swanson read the following Treasurer's Report:

General Town Fund	\$ 54,341.68
General Assistance	4,974.31
Social Security/IMRF Fund	8,276.25
Senior Services Fund	5,927.40
Road & Bridge Fund	14,248.43
Permanent Road Fund	<u>55,232.15</u>
Total:	\$ 143,000.22

Public Participation:

Hilda Lichtner, resident, asked why the Highway Commissioner is not at the meetings for residents to get information. Trustee Ringel stated that the Commissioner is not required by law to attend. Trustee McKernan stated that while he is not required, as an elected official, he should come to the meetings. Ms. Lichtner stated that last year her subdivision, Tamarack, was supposed to get their roads resurfaced and they were not done. She wanted to know why not and are they going to get done this year? Supervisor Swanson stated that he does not know why they were not done. In the plan the Commissioner presented at budget time, there were 5 roads that were going to get done of which only 2 got done. Supervisor Swanson suggested her home owners association call Highway Commissioner Munson and try to get some answers. Trustee Thompson stated that the Highway department is separate from the Township and Mr. Munson runs the highway department. The Board has no control over what he does or does not do. Ms. Lichtner stated she was not aware of that and will let her home owners association know.

Vote: Lake County/Wauconda Township Para Transit Service Agreement:

Trustee Ringel motioned and Supervisor Swanson seconded to accept the Para Transit Service agreement. Supervisor Swanson stated the agreement offers curb to curb, dial a ride service. It is called Lake County West, with 6 different townships participating. The scheduling calls go directly to Pace. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Historical Society Report:

Director Oaks stated that their meetings have gotten too big to be held at the Cook house, so they will be held at the Township hall on the third Monday of the month. The Historical Society is participating in the Wauconda Chamber expo. Neville Carr is putting together a Wauconda family photo album. A donor agreed to pay for the printing of the books that will sell for \$20. Another donor is giving the Historical Society a piano that was built in the same year as the Cook house. It will be delivered to the house this coming week. The Village of Volo is the first village to give donations to the Historical Society.

Public Participation: None

Elected Officials Report:

Trustee Thompson stated that he attended the Lake County Municipal League breakfast on February 6th. There were about 150 – 200 attendees. Attending were Senators, State Representatives, and other officials. Topics varied from school funding to the consolidation of local governments. It was suggested that elementary school boards in areas could be consolidated into the other boards which would save those areas a lot of money. For more information on these meetings, go to:

www.BACOG.Org or Info@Lakecountyleague.Org.

Clerk Rowe stated the early voting starts February 29th. New this year, any Lake County resident can early vote at any early voting site in Lake County.

Administrator Maioriello passed around a signup sheet to volunteer to work the Township booth at the expo.

Supervisor Swanson stated he will be attending a legislative breakfast on February 27th.

Executive Session; Personnel Issue: Tabled

Adjournment: At 7:30 p.m. Trustee Schorr motioned to adjourn. Trustee Ringel seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted this 16th Day of March, 2016

Supervisor

Clerk

Trustee

Trustee

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Trustee