

**WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP  
GENERAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION  
ORDINANCE NO. 05-18-16-01  
MEETING MINUTES MAY 18, 2016**

Supervisor Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. in Wauconda Township Hall, County of Lake, State of Illinois.

Clerk Rowe took the roll call. Answering present were Trustee McKernan, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Schorr, Trustee Thompson, and Supervisor Swanson.

Supervisor Swanson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Swanson opened the floor for discussion from the Trustees.

Trustee Schorr had questions concerning an increase in dues, paving the Township's parking lot, Social Services regarding Pace bus, and money set aside for grants. She stated that she doesn't think the Township should be taking taxpayer's money and donate it. Supervisor Swanson stated that as elected officials, it is up to the Board to give out the money as part of social services.

Trustee Thompson and Trustee Schorr were concerned about money set aside for home relief. It has not been used in years. Supervisor Swanson said that the levy was reduced on that line item due to the money in that fund. The money stays in the General Assistance Fund CD in case there is a need to pay for medical bills of a resident on General Assistance. This is a state law.

Supervisor Swanson opened the floor to public participation.

Frank Bart, Mayor of Wauconda and resident, asked how much money was in reserves. There are two and a half million in reserves. Mr. Bart asked about the Township's reserve policy. By law, the Township is not allowed to keep more than 2.5 times their budget amount in reserves. Mr. Bart inquired about the 1.2 million for land purchase. Supervisor Swanson stated that money is set aside to purchase land and for a building due to the growth of the Township. In closing, Mr. Bart stated that the municipalities need to coordinate and work together to try and save the taxpayer's money. Supervisor Swanson stated he could not agree more, and that the Township is the lowest taxing entity on the tax bill. Unlike a village, the Township cannot receive money from gambling machines, sales tax, or red light cameras. This Board has reduced the levy by 27% and has done a great job with maintaining costs. Having no more discussion, this meeting was closed.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016

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