

**WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2015**

**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 Ringel, Trustee Schorr, Trustee Thompson, and Supervisor Swanson. Also answering present was Assessor Oaks, Administrator Maioriello and Attorney Ridgway. Trustee McKernan was absent.

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

**Approve the Agenda:** Trustee Thompson motioned and Trustee Schorr seconded to approve the agenda. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor; this motion passed.

**Approve the Minutes: December 17, 2014:** Trustee Thompson motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the December Board meeting minutes. A voice roll call was taken to approve the minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Approve Executive Session Minutes: December 17, 2014: Litigation:** Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Thompson seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

**Approve Payment of Bills:** Trustee Schorr motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the bills from December 18, 2014 to January 21, 2015. Floor was open for discussion. Administrator Maioriello stated that an additional bill needed to be included for \$171. Trustee Schorr amended her motion and Trustee Ringel seconded to include the additional bill. Trustee Thompson stated that he was disappointed that the Highway Commissioner was not present to answer questions regarding the overtime that was turned in from the highway department. Trustee Thompson also stated that the Highway Commissioner stated that he would not be coming to any more Board meetings. Supervisor Swanson stated that \$8000 in overtime was presented from the highway department for payment covering only a two week period. The Supervisor stated he wants it noted that before he votes to pay the bills, he feels no one should ever work over 30 hours straight. He does not agree with what happened. Roll call was taken. Trustee Ringel, Trustee Schorr, and Supervisor Swanson voted aye. Trustee Thompson voted nay due to the fact that he does not agree with the overtime that was paid. This motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Supervisor Swanson read the following Treasurer's Report:

General Town Fund	\$ 76,760.81
General Assistance	7,801.63
Social Security/IMRF Fund	12,437.83
Senior Services Fund	10,038.48
Road & Bridge Fund	7,774.76
Permanent Road Fund	<u>72,009.06</u>
Total:	\$ 186,822.57

**Public Participation:** None

**New Business: Land Acquisition:** Trustee Thompson stated that one million dollars was earmarked to purchase property for future growth. He would like to see a building with offices, more meeting rooms, youth center, and property that would have athletic fields on it. Right now the park district and LYAA charge kids that live in the Township out of district fees to play. He stated that property in the area is scarce and what is available now might not be there 10 years down the road. The Township cannot go for grants to buy property. He researched the property on the corner of Rt. 176 and Darrell Rd. He feels the Township should consider buying property now and sit on it until the funds were available for development. Supervisor Swanson is also looking at different properties in the area. He had the engineer put together a preliminary of 20 and 40 acres. He contacted other farms, of which none want to separate any of their land. He feels we

need to continue to shop around. Trustee Schorr suggested doing a search of all the property in the Township and come up with some different options.

**Old Business: Highway Commissioner Report on Planned Projects:** Administrator Maioriello presented a planned project sheet the Highway Commissioner dropped off. She gave it to the Board.

**Public Participation:** None

**Historical Society Report:** Director Oaks presented the Township with the book "Another Time". They ordered 250 of the books and only have 19 left.

**Elected Officials Report:** Assessor Oaks stated that they have started on the 2015 assessments. The Assessor's office is out of storage space. A small server was purchased to scan files and save them to discs which will free up file cabinets. They will still have hard copies available.

Trustee Ringel stated that she is very disappointed that they could not go over things with the Highway Commissioner and that the project paper showed up with no explanation.

Clerk Rowe announced that TOI is awarding seven \$1500 scholarships with the deadline being March 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications are available at the Township offices. The Consolidated Election is April 7.

Trustee Schorr stated that sometimes things are not what they seem in regards to all the overtime that was turned in by the Highway Department. Trustee Thompson stated it was too bad that the Highway Commissioner wouldn't come to explain it. He feels that it would be more justifiable if time tickets weren't filled out by hand.

Supervisor Swanson and the Township is a member of the joint review board in regards to the TIF districts in Lakemoor. He went to the TIF meeting regarding Rt. 120 and Darrell Road in Lakemoor. The north TIF (old part of Volo) voted yes and the south TIF (School District, Library District, and Township) voted no, the College of Lake County, the Fire District voted yes. So they will be moving forward. There will be a meeting on Thursday with public comment.

**Adjournment:** At 7:10 p.m. Trustee Shorr motioned to adjourn. Trustee Ringel seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted this 18th Day of February, 2015

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