

**WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 17, 2015  
LOCATION: COOK HOUSE, 711 N. MAIN ST., WAUCONDA**

Before the meeting began, Supervisor Swanson introduced a man portraying Andrew Cook was given. He stated some interesting facts regarding the Cook family and the house. In 1850, he built the house on 380 acres and made the bricks from the sands of Bangs Lake. He was 39 when he left Vermont and moved his wife, Mary, to Wauconda, Illinois. Justus Bangs married his wife's sister. Andrew Cook was the Road Commissioner at the first Township meeting. He also served on the school board and as a Trustee. Since his farms were bountiful, he was able to give back through public service. He mentioned how things have changed since his days in the 1800 with women holding more prominent positions today.

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:40 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, Attorney Ridgway and Administrator Maioriello. Highway Commissioner Munson was absent.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by Trustee Thompson.

**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: May 20, 2015:** Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Thompson seconded to approve the minutes of the May 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor; this motion passed.

**Approve the Minutes of the Township Budget Meeting; May 20, 2015:** Trustee Thompson motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the minutes of the Township Budget Meeting. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor; this motion passed.

**Approve the Minutes of the Road District Budget Meeting; May 20, 2015:** Trustee Schorr motioned and Trustee Thompson seconded to approve the minutes of the Road District Budget Meeting. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor; this motion passed.

**Approve Payment of Bills:** Trustee Ringel motioned and Trustee Thompson seconded to approve the bills from May 21, 2015 thru June 17, 2015. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor; this motion passed.

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

General Town Fund	\$ 76,700.68
General Assistance	5,815.14
Social Security/IMRF Fund	8,362.89
Senior Services Fund	8,349.46
Road & Bridge Fund	28,890.19
Permanent Road Fund	<u>154,456.12</u>
Total:	\$ 282,574.48

**Public Participation:** Scott Lincoln, Church St, Wauconda, inquired if there were any of the original minutes to look over. Supervisor Swanson stated that some of the very first minutes were destroyed in a fire. The Township does have records dating back to 1881. Supervisor Swanson invited Mr. Lincoln to stop by the Township Hall to see them. Chuck Black, Monroe St., Wauconda, commented on what a great idea it was to hold the Township Board Meeting at the Cook House. He stated that he hopes the tradition carries on next year.

**Clarke Mosquito Report; George Balis:** George stated that even in 1850 there were mosquitoes. They have started with the one of the five inspections of the 180 sites in the unincorporated areas of Wauconda Township. The sites are tested for breeding. If anyone notices any standing water that doesn't normally belong there, they should call the hotline at: 800-942-2555. There is no charge for Clarke to come out and test the standing water. There have been a few cases of West Nile Virus in the Chicagoland area. Trustee McKernan asked how they determine which sites to inspect. George stated that through aerial surveys, resident feedback, and past history, they are able to pin point a high risk area. Trustee Schorr asked if they treat areas with helicopters. George stated that they do by dropping the product directly into the water. Trustee Schorr asked how to know if an area has been treated. George suggested that they call the 800 number. Trustee Thompson asked what the window is to predict a site for breeding. George stated that 14 days after a rainfall is the time to detect for breeding.

**Vote: Retain Auditor:** Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Schorr seconded to retain Kevin from the firm Evoy, Kamschulte, Jacobs, & Co., LLP as the Township Auditor. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor; this motion passed.

**Vote: Release Executive Session Minutes:** Trustee Thompson motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded not to release any of the Executive Session Minutes. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor; this motion passed.

**Vote: Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Donation:** Trustee Thompson motioned and Trustee Schorr seconded to donate \$2,000.00 to the FBLA. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor; this motion passed. Trustee Thompson commented on the great job that organization is doing for the young adults that participate in it. Administrator Maioriello is to mail the check immediately.

**Vote: Prevailing Wage Ordinance # 06-17-15-01:** Trustee Schorr motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to adopt the Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Trustee McKernan asked that since it is state law, why the Township has to vote on it every year. Attorney Ridgway stated that the State wants an affirmation that the Township will comply. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This Ordinance was adopted.

**Public Participation:** Mary Taylor, Osage Street, Wauconda, stated that she had a complaint with the Memorial Day parade and the way the seniors in the line dancing group were treated. Supervisor Swanson stated that the Memorial Day parade is not a Township event. It is held by the American Legion. He suggested she call the Legion. Trustee McKernan gave her the dates and times of the Legion's meetings.

**Historical Society Report:** Director Pat Oaks introduced the Historical Society Board members that were present. They were Chuck Black, Vice-president, Cindy Graff, Secretary, and Cathy Kulawik, Tour Director. Director Oaks stated that the first open house was on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Society is doing a membership drive and plans on rolling out the corporate sponsorship packages at the Chamber's Business after Hours on Thursday. She distributed a sheet with upcoming events for the house. The Historical Walk event was well attended.

**Elected Officials Report:** Assessor Oaks stated that the Assessor's department is busy working on 2015 assessments. Trustee Ringel thanked the people from the Historical Society for the all the work that went into the restoring of the Cook house.

Trustee McKernan stated that Waucondafest is coming up.

Clerk Rowe stated that on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m., Ela Township will host a meeting concerning the issue of eliminating Township government. The invitation is extended to the elected officials from the Township that would like to go.

Trustee Thompson thanked Supervisor Swanson and Administrator Maioriello for all the hard work at the recycling event. He stated that cars were backed up past Main St. and Bonner Rd. The Township only had 3 Cert volunteers and stated that more Board members need to show up and help out at this event. Supervisor Swanson stated that there were over 800 cars this year.

Administrator Maioriello thanked Supervisor Swanson and Trustee Thompson for their work at the recycling event. Some of the items collected were: 496 pairs of shoes, 23 batteries, 49 propane tanks, 12 American flags, 18 bicycles, and over 6446 pounds of shredding. If SWALCO cannot get funding, the program will be in jeopardy. Starting in July, people can just drop off their items at any time. There will not be staff on the first Saturday of the month anymore.

Attorney Ridgway stated that he enjoyed having the Board meeting at the Cook house.

Supervisor Swanson stated the Township received a thank you card from Faye Nelson, the lady that celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Senior Advocate's office has been painted and had new carpet put in. The Township offices and hall have also been painted. The Cook House had a new porch put on. Supervisor Swanson commended the Historical Society for their hard work on the house. He then thanked the Board for all their support of the project. He gave a big thank to Trustee Thompson and Administrator Maioriello for all their hard work with the recycling event.

**State of the Township Address:** Supervisor Swanson gave a brief summary of the dates and event that took place when the house was first built. The address is attached.

**Adjournment:** At 7:25 p.m. Supervisor Swanson motioned to adjourn. Trustee Schorr seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted this 15th Day of July, 2015

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