

**MEETING MINUTES
WAUCONDA ROAD DISTRICT
BUDGET ORDINANCE#05-18-16-02
MAY 18, 2016**

Supervisor Swanson called the Road District Budget meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., Wauconda Township Hall, County of Lake, State of Illinois.

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

Supervisor asked for any discussion in regards to the Road District Budget.
Highway Commissioner Munson passed out papers to the Board.

Trustee Thompson stated that on May 3rd a letter was sent to the Highway Commissioner requesting some information on his proposed budget. The Highway Commissioner's lawyer had stated that correspondence with the Commissioner could only be done through letters. Not hearing back from the Commissioner with any answers prior to the hearing, Supervisor Swanson proposed several changes to the budget before passing it. Some of the items that were gone through line by line with changes included administration, personnel, training, small tools, capital outlay, road equipment, payroll, road maintenance and safety equipment, and purchase of a truck of the proposed budget. Legal expenses on the budget of \$20,150 were set aside for the lawsuit against the Highway Department. In explaining the figures he recommended, Supervisor Swanson stated that one Highway Department employee had more overtime turned in than other Townships entire department. In regards to the truck purchase, no information was supplied to make a decision. Last year five roads were scheduled to get done, only two were done. There were lots of complaints on the roads in Tamarack not being completed.

Trustee Thompson had questions on the purchase of salt and brine budget items.

Trustee Ringel had questions on the truck purchase and safety equipment purchases. Supervisor Swanson stated that since we will have a new Commissioner in 10 months; why not let the new Commissioner buy the equipment needed.

Highway Commissioner asked why the Board picking apart his proposed budget. Trustee Thompson stated that the budget is the only way the Board can control what goes on in the Highway Department. For months the Board has asked for answers to some issues and has not heard from him. His refusal to come to the Board meetings or answer questions is a big concern.

Administrator Maioriello stated that the Trustees had come in and gone over the Town Fund budget and made the adjustments before the meeting. The Commissioner was not available for the questions and would not respond, so that is the reason for the discussion tonight.

After discussion and questions on the several line items on the budget, some of the Board members came up with an agreed amount to vote on in the proposed budget.

Public Comment: Clint Nelson brought pictures of problems of drainage on his street that need to be addressed. He hired someone for \$300 to look at it. He asked for help in solving the issue. Supervisor Swanson asked him to call him and will meet him to go over it.

Dale Berger, resident, asked questions about the money that would not be budgeted to the Highway Department. Supervisor Swanson stated it would go into the Highway Departments CD account for reserves and not in the budget's line item. It could be accessed with a vote from the Board. Mr. Berger stated that he had not looked at the truck in question, but feels it was a good deal. He feels that the Township needs to update their equipment. He asked how much money is in reserves for the Highway department. Administrator Maioriello stated that there is \$344,000.00 between the two funds.

Supervisor Swanson stated that the department bought a new truck last year. The Township has seven trucks and only five drivers. Most of the Townships roads will not handle a six wheeler truck to plow with. Most Townships have an equipment rotation plan, Wauconda does not.

Having no more discussion, meeting was adjourned.

Dated: June 15, 2016

SUPERVISOR

CLERK

TRUSTEES

