

**WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 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 McKernan, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Schorr, and Supervisor Swanson. Also answering present was Assessor Oaks, Attorney Ridgway and Administrator Maioriello. Trustee Thompson and Highway Commissioner Munson were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Trustee Ringel.

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

Approve the Minutes: August 19, 2015: Trustee Schorr motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2015 Board Meeting. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor; this motion passed.

Approve Payment of Bills: Trustee Ringel motioned and Supervisor Swanson seconded to approve the bills from August 20, 2015 thru September 16, 2015. Administrator Maioriello presented a sheet with additional bills totaling \$11,577.40 to be included for payment. After reviewing the additional expenses, Supervisor Swanson had some questions regarding a large bill presented by the Highway Department. The Supervisor stated that he would have liked to ask the Highway Commissioner about this bill, but the Highway Commissioner has not been at the last 4 meetings and is refusing to attend any future meetings. Following some discussion regarding the bills, Trustee Ringel amended her motion to include the additional bills. Supervisor Swanson seconded the motion. 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	\$ 117,997.07
General Assistance	4,782.58
Social Security/IMRF Fund	8,486.21
Senior Services Fund	6,401.35
Road & Bridge Fund	4,947.62
Permanent Road Fund	<u>46,824.58</u>
Total:	\$ 189,439.41

Public Participation: Mr. and Mrs. Lichter, residents, were present and inquired as to why no one was attending the Township Board meetings.

Old Business: Land Purchase Update: Public Participation: Supervisor Swanson stated that there are 6 acres behind the Township that is being researched. Clerk Rowe inquired about the Brans Nuts building next door. It could serve as a senior center and a youth center. Supervisor Swanson will check into it.

New Business: Resolution 9-16-15-01; Bank Depositories: Trustee Schorr motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to accept the Bank Depositories resolution. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor, this motion passed.

Discussion on Community Garden: Trustee Ringel would like to organize a community garden within the Township. Supervisor Swanson stated that the Township owns 98 lots in Williams Park. He suggested that she attend a Williams Park Home Owners Association meeting and present the idea. The project would have to be run with volunteers.

Discussion Board Meeting Attendance: Trustee Ringel would like to invite different community groups to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Board meetings, such as the Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, etc. Each group would be given a designated month. She hopes that people would stay for the meeting. It would at least bring awareness of the meeting. Trustee Ringel will make some calls to different organizations and get back to the Supervisor.

Discussion: Senior Center: Supervisor Swanson stated that he is in the preliminary stages of brainstorming with the Park District in partnering on constructing a building to be shared by both entities. The Park District owns 5 acres on Garland Road. This is in the very early stages of talks. The next meeting is September 29th. Senior Advocate Lisa Knight will be in attendance to discuss the needs of the seniors in designing a new building.

Historical Society Report: Director Pat Oaks stated that the ice cream social was a big success. It was very well attended. She presented the Township with a framed print of the Cook House. Prints are still available for purchase.

Elected Officials Report: Assessor Oaks stated that October 5th is the last day to file an appeal. If you are filing on line, she suggests that you don't do it later than October 4th.

Clerk Rowe stated that she attended a seminar on archiving the Township records. Before anything can be disposed of, the Clerk has to get permission from the State of Illinois.

Supervisor Swanson stated that last month the food pantry served 252 families, which equated to 690 individuals. There were 8 new families.

The senior picnic held in conjunction with the Park District, Wauconda Library and Wauconda Care had over 175 seniors. Supervisor Swanson thanked Senior Advocate Lisa Knight for all her hard work and planning for this event. The Supervisor picked up a senior that was a long time resident of Wauconda Township but had to move into an assisted living home. She was very thankful for being able to attend the senior meeting.

Supervisor Swanson stated his frustration with Highway Commissioner Joe Munson not getting the resurfacing projects completed. The Highway Commissioner presented the Board with the projects while in the budgeting stages, was budgeted the monies, and has not completed many of the projects as of today. This Board approved the funds for these jobs and there are no bidding dates set. The Supervisor stated that the Commissioner has a responsibility to the public. Supervisor Swanson stated that he wants it noted that the Highway Commissioner has been asked to attend a board meeting to answer questions and he refuses to come. This highway department spends thousands and thousands of dollars of tax payers' money and Commissioner Munson should be available to answer questions. It is one meeting a month.

Trustee Schorr suggested that the Supervisor email Highway Commissioner to get the answers.

Adjournment: At 7:26 p.m. Trustee Schorr motioned to adjourn. Trustee McKernan seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted this 18th Day of November, 2015

Supervisor

Clerk

Trustee

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