

**WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2019**

Call to Order: Supervisor Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Clerk Rowe proceeded with roll call. Answering present was: Trustee McKernan, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Stiller, and Supervisor Swanson.

Also answering present were Highway Commissioner Weisbruch, Assessor Oaks, Attorney Ridgway, and Administrator Maioriello. Trustee Santi was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Assessor Oaks.

Approve the Agenda: Trustee Stiller motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the agenda. A voice roll was taken. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: November 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting: Trustee Stiller motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. Motion carried.

Approve Payment of General Town Fund bills: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Supervisor Swanson seconded to pay the bills with the addition of three bills. After some questions by Trustee Stiller, a voice roll was taken. Motion carried.

Approve Payment of Road District Fund bills: Supervisor Swanson motioned, and Trustee Stiller seconded to approve the bills. A voice roll call was taken. Motion carried.

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

General Town Fund	\$ 57,114.08
General Assistance	5,585.76
Social Security/IMRF Fund	9,945.82
Senior Services Fund	7,423.86
Road & Bridge Fund	9,996.48
Permanent Road Fund	<u>62,857.31</u>
Total:	\$152,923.31

Public Participation: None

Historical Society Report: President Dan Smith showed the new ornament that is for sale at local stores depicting the Cook House. The Historical Society received a \$900.00 donation from Barrington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for digitizing and scanning of the Wauconda Leader. That is worth about three years of doing the papers.

Vote: Release Executive Session Minutes: Supervisor Swanson motioned not to release any executive session minutes based on the attorney's recommendation. Trustee Ringel seconded. A voice roll call was taken. Motion carried.

Vote: Ordinance 12-18-19-01: Town Fund Levy: Trustee Stiller motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to adopt this ordinance. Supervisor Swanson stated that this levy is 0.00% and that the Township is in good shape financially. Not only did the Township complete some huge projects but stayed within a balanced budget. The biggest projects are behind and there are no foreseeable big expenditures in the next couple years.

Trustee Ringel stated she is proud of the work the elected officials and all involved did to keep a balanced budget. She stated that when she goes down to Springfield and sees the frivolous spending of other Townships, she is proud that we put our money for the basics and if we need to splurge on things like the fireworks, the money is there for the community. Attorney Ridgway stated that he thinks the Supervisor should do a press release on the 0.00% levy amount. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Vote: Ordinance 12-18-19-02: Road District Fund Levy: Supervisor Swanson motioned, and Trustee Stiller seconded to adopt this ordinance. A voice roll call was taken. Motion carried.

Public Participation: None

Township Reports: Highway Commissioner Weisbruch had a meeting with IDOT regarding an intergovernmental contract for plowing from Bonner Road to Route 120, due to an IDOT shortage of manpower on Rt. 12 plowing. It will be based on lane mileage an event. The department has plenty of salt and the equipment is ready for winter.

Assessor Oaks stated the 2019 appeal process is concluded with 414 appeals out of approximately 11,000 parcels of property. She is going to the County for the hearings.

Trustee Stiller stated that the Turkey Trot was successful, and STAR charities presented a check to the Wauconda Food Pantry for \$18,500.00.

Trustee McKernan asked if the Wauconda Food pantry is fearful because of the new Snap program being limited and having more people walking in. Supervisor Swanson stated that the food pantry has almost a quarter of a million dollars on hand between their CD.'s and accounts. They are probably the more solvent food pantry in Lake County. They do not work with the Illinois Food Bank, so they are on private donations. Their number of people coming in are down. They have meetings on the first Saturday of the month, at 8:30am., in the Food Pantry building and everyone is welcomed to attend. The Food pantry people are doing a great job and have very hard workers.

Administrator Maioriello stated that there are new laws for CDL drivers and the W4 forms for new employees have changed.

Supervisor Swanson stated that the new hall floor was installed a couple of weeks ago. The fencing was installed at Good Hope Cemetery. There will be a dedication in the springtime. He stated that there were a lot of accomplishments and goals were met.

Trustee Stiller motioned to adjourn, Trustee McKernan seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted this 15th day of January 2020.

Supervisor Swanson

Clerk Rowe

Trustee McKernan

Trustee Ringel

Trustee Santi

Trustee Stiller