

WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JULY 15, 2020

Call to Order: Supervisor Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Clerk Rowe proceeded with roll call. Answering present was: Trustee McKernan, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Santi, Trustee Whitehead, and Supervisor Swanson. Also answering present was Assessor Oaks, Highway Commissioner Weisbruch, Attorney Ridgway, and Administrator Maioriello.

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

Approve the Agenda: Trustee McKernan motioned, and Supervisor Swanson seconded to approve the agenda. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes; June 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting: Trustee Ringel motioned, and Trustee Santi seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes; Executive Session : Personnel Minutes: Trustee McKernan motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Payment of General Town Fund bills from June 18, 2020 to July 15, 2020: Trustee Whitehead motioned, and Trustee McKernan seconded to pay the bills and include an additional bill from Costco for 3 computers and software. A voice roll was taken. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Payment of Road District Fund bills from June 18, 2020 to July 15, 2020: Trustee Ringel motioned and Supervisor Swanson seconded to approve the bills. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

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| General Town Fund | \$ 60,704.62 |
| General Assistance | 7,535.36 |
| Social Security/IMRF Fund | 8,050.02 |
| Senior Services Fund | 5,186.75 |
| Road & Bridge Fund | 80,124.90 |
| Permanent Road Fund | <u>53,767.12</u> |
| Total: | \$215,368.77 |

Public Participation: None

Clarke Mosquito Report: Reports from Clarke Mosquito were put in the Trustee mail boxes. Supervisor Swanson stated that if residents have any concerns, they should call the Clarke Mosquito hot line.

Discussion on Ordinance 12-21-16-03: Establishing the reimbursement of all travel, meals, and lodging expenses of elected officials and employees of Wauconda Township.

Trustee Santi asked about the \$3,000.00 stipend paid to the Supervisor.

Supervisor Swanson stated that the \$3,000.00 stipend he receives is for his car expense and is different than what is in this Ordinance. The Ordinance puts caps on what can be spent on items for meals, etc. at places like conferences.

Trustee McKernan asked for Assessor Oaks to explain why she wanted to talk about this.

Assessor Oaks stated that she brought it up for transparency. She feels that someone would want question how the \$3,000.00 is being spent.

Supervisor Swanson stated that this Ordinance does not address the stipend. His travel expenses are reported every month and voted upon.

Trustee Santi asked if there was a conflict with the stipend and the Ordinance. Attorney Ridgway said no.

Safety Concerns: Supervisor Swanson stated that regarding the Township safety issues, employees went to a fire extinguisher class last year; CPR classes are being rescheduled. The parking blocks in front of the office are there to protect the building. Bathroom door signs have been ordered. TOI was called and so was the insurance company loss department to review the Township's property and safety compliance.

Matt from TOI will be glad to answer any questions.

And new is that a suggestion a box is being placed in the hall for anyone to write down a safety concern and place it in the box. The issue will then be addressed.

New Business: Grants Distributed: Normally, people requesting grants come in and tell how many Township residents are being helped through their organization. This year, everything will be done via email. It will be voted on at next month's meeting.

Public Participation: None

Historical Society Report: Dan Smith, President, stated that meetings have been done through Zoom. Their first in person meeting will be this Monday. If anyone has any memorabilia from Phil's Beach, the park district is looking for some more. All programs were cancelled so far.

Township Reports: Highway Commissioner Weisbruch announced that the department has a new bobcat and is selling the old one. Road striping is done on all 26 miles of roads. The pavement improvements were completed as well as shoulder work.

Assessor Oaks stated that they will closing the books in August and assessment notices will go out in September. As far as the mileage ordinance, she stated that the \$3000.00 would equate to 430 miles a month and asked if the Trustees question that amount. She would also like to know why the senior bus is being parked in front of their office. Supervisor Swanson stated it is for security reasons until the food pantry is done with the garage.

Trustee Santi would like the Supervisor to put a notice of money becoming available for small businesses in the “E” news.

Trustee McKernan stated to please support local business.

Supervisor Swanson stated that the Township is listed as a cooling center. If anyone that knows of someone that is going a long time without air conditioning, please send them to the hall.

Trustee Ringel suggested getting signs to let me people know about the cooling center. The food pantry will be moving back into their building and giving back three stalls in the garage to the Township busses. The food pantry will keep one spot in the garage.

Trustee Ringel read a statement about her feelings on how different attributes are missing from within the township’s working relationships. She asked that the elected officials be kind, patient, and respectful of each other, which will help to address the disrespect at the meetings. She stated that when the Board works together with obedience and respect, then larger events can happen and give the Township hope for the future. She announced that she will be following up her statement with everyone, individually via email, to address concerns.

Adjournment: At 6:40 p.m. Trustee McKernan motioned to adjourn and Trustee Santi seconded, Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted this 19th day of August 2020.

Supervisor Swanson

Clerk Rowe

Trustee McKernan

Trustee Ringel

Trustee Santi

Trustee Whitehead