

**WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 20, 2017**

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 Lindberg, Trustee McKernan, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Stiller 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 Highway Commissioner Weisbruch.

Approve the Agenda: Trustee Stiller motioned and Trustee McKernan seconded to approve the agenda. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Approve Minutes: August 16, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the minutes. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Approve Payment of General Town Fund Bills: August 17, 2017 to September 20, 2017:

Trustee McKernan motioned and Trustee Stiller seconded to approve the payment of the General Town Fund bills. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Approve Payment of Road District Fund Bills: August 17, 2017 thru September 20, 2017:

Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to approve the payment of the Road District bills. Administrator Maioriello stated that another bill for \$496.05 from Home Depot needs to be added. Trustee Lindberg asked about a \$1500.00 bill for Wauconda District 118 that was scheduled to be paid. Highway Commissioner Weisbruch stated that was the Township's part of the fuel bill. Supervisor Swanson amended his motion and Trustee Ringel seconded to include the additional bill. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Supervisor Swanson read the following Treasurer's Report:

General Town Fund	\$ 100,237.85
General Assistance	5,915.79
Social Security/IMRF Fund	9,300.88
Senior Services Fund	5,902.57
Road & Bridge Fund	9,287.77
Permanent Road Fund	<u>40,227.36</u>
Total:	\$ 170,872.22

Public Participation: None

Vote: Wauconda Queens Endorsement: Trustee Ringel stated that the Queens needs the endorsement to build a professional portfolio to receive money from grants to fund a scholarship. Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Stiller seconded to endorse the Wauconda Area Queens. Trustee Lindberg suggested that the endorsement be defined.

Attorney Ridgway recommended that the endorsement be put into a resolution. Supervisor Swanson rescinded his motion and Trustee Stiller also rescinded the endorsement until it was put into a resolution format. Clerk Rowe is to present the resolution next month.

Vote: Resolution# 09-20-17-01: Bank Depositories: Trustee Lindberg motioned and Trustee Stiller seconded to accept the resolution. There are five banks that the Township does business with. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion: Highway Department Building: Highway Commissioner Weisbruch stated that he is getting quotes on the lean to for the highway building. For a stick build and re-roofing, the one bid is over \$109,000.00. He stated that before anything could be done, a variance would have to be approved. This process could take a long time. After reviewing some of the bids and final cost, Trustee Stiller stated that since the Township is in the process of trying to move the Highway department to another location, consideration has to be given on how much should be spent on something temporary. Supervisor Swanson stated that since the owner of the property is not interested in selling the property behind the Highway department, he might be interested in sub-dividing it or possibly giving an easement. This alternative idea is in the preliminary stages.

Discussion: Social Media: Trustee Lindberg designed a mock face book page for the Board to see what a Township face book page would look like. Trustee Lindberg had researched many different face book pages and policies. She produced a 6 page policy document. This page would not to be a blog, but rather a way to share information. She drafted an ordinance that would define the purpose, scope, and what would be accepted as a post. Trustee Lindberg offered to be the administrator of the page. She feels this would show the community we are current with the times. The site would be set up to be protected and all posts reviewed first.

Supervisor Swanson stated that with the web site, the “E” newsletter, the electronic sign out front, and the 11,000 mailed newsletters twice a year, he doesn’t see the need for a face book page. The Township is promoted with the chamber events, expo, and senior picnics. Another concern is agreeing as to what could be posted. He would prefer for people to call the Township or attend meetings instead of posting things on a site. Trustee Ringel was concerned about the future of the page if Trustee Lindberg does not run for another term or even goes on vacation. She saw another Townships site and loves the information on it. She stated that to use this as an advertisement to promote our events would be great.

Trustee Stiller stated that the face book page would hit residents who are not signed up on the “E” newsletter and if managed properly, could be used as a good informational tool. Trustee Lindberg stated this would be a dissemination of information vehicle and not a receiving vehicle.

Administrator Maioriello stated that TOI Conference in November is holding a class on social media. It was suggested that the Trustees attend the class to listen to the pros and cons of social media.

This will be re-visited at the November board meeting.

Public Participation: Hilda Lichter, resident, stated that she does not feel a face book page is necessary.

Historical Society Report: Luis Planas, Director and Head Docent, presented an update on the Historical Society. Some things accomplished this year were: an enactment of new constitution, bylaws, and procedures; completion of new fire and evacuation plan, completion of the Wauconda Leader collection and inventory, re-landscaped lawns and flower beds, conducted an ice cream social with over 140 attendees, and held various programs. Supervisor Swanson mentioned an old merry-go-round that is being donated to the Historical Society. Dr. Planas stated that the merry go around was being worked out with the school district. It has to be installed so it will be stationary and not moving due to liability.

Elected Official Report: Highway Commissioner Weisbruch stated that the bidding for the surplus properties has begun and some of the bids are higher than expected, and some lower. FEMA has denied monies for the July floods costs due to the area not reaching the \$18 million for qualification. Several communities did not ask for anything, so it killed the whole deal. Some of our neighbors are out a lot of money. Commissioner Weisbruch stated that many villages did not file due to being rejected previously after submitting a lot of

paperwork. The County will no longer be allowing signs saying, slow down, children playing, due to the signs providing a false sense of security. Volo is interested in the Township taking over their snow plowing.

Trustee Stiller is still researching grants for the Fox Lake Water shed and Slocum Lake. He did not hear back from his inquiries. Realistically he feels it would be 2019 before they could see any grant monies. That would give time to sort out what the money would be used for.

Trustee Lindberg stated she enjoyed the homecoming parade and being part of it.

Trustee Ringel stated that the Queens will be presenting the monies collected from their Tiara's for Toiletries' campaign on October 14th to the food pantry.

Supervisor Swanson stated that in regards to the flooding in Williams Park, Slocum Lake might need to be lowered. The burm wall needs to be repaired. There are areas that continually flood. He and Highway Commissioner Weisbruch had a meeting with Mylith Park, Williams Park and Waters Edge to address the burm wall and the flooding.

Trustee Stiller motioned to adjourn into Executive session. Trustee Ringel seconded. Supervisor Swanson requested that the Administrator be allowed to attend the Executive session due to the circumstances of the personnel issue. All were in favor. Meeting was moved into Executive session at 7:35 p.m.

At 8:14 p.m., the regular board meeting resumed. Supervisor Swanson stated that no decisions were made in Executive session.

Trustee Stiller motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to adjourn. All were in favor.

Submitted this 18th day of October, 2017

Supervisor

Clerk

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee