

WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING: AMENDED PROPOSED BUDGET
DECEMBER 19, 2018 6:00P.M.

The Special Town Meeting convened in the Township Hall in the Town of Wauconda, County of Lake State of Illinois on Wednesday, December 19, 2018.

This Special Meeting was called to amend the adopted budget from May 2018.

The notice of this meeting was posted on the Township website, in the Daily Herald, and was emailed out to those on the Township email list.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Answering present were Trustee Lindberg, Trustee McKernan, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Stiller, Supervisor Swanson, Assessor Oaks, Highway Commissioner, and Administrator Maioriello. Attorney Ridgway was absent.

Supervisor Swanson stated that this meeting was to amend the 2018 Township budget. The only changes being made are to the contractual services and capital outlay lines.

Supervisor began by stating that more money is needed to complete the remodeling project. He apologized for the bids coming in so much higher than the projected amount. The number was set by the engineer and not questioned by the architect. One of the main reasons was the cost of the roof, along with the soffits and fascia were a lot higher than expected. He accepted the lowest bid in the \$583,000.00 range. The Supervisor stated that 1.2 million had been saved over the years for land purchase and a building. He is asking for an additional \$500,000.00 be transferred to cover the costs of the remodeling. Supervisor Swanson stated that the old building brought a lot more problems than foreseen. Prevailing wage also brought some higher costs. He is working on reducing some of the change order costs. He feels that the final costs will be around \$640,000.00 to \$660,000.00. With his experience in construction, he is reviewing everything very conservatively. He stated that the \$660,000.00 would not include extras such as fire alarm system, curtains, landscaping, desk re-assembly, and a camera system. The building remodeling will provide the staff with a nicer work area, be more efficient in gas and electric bills, and provide better security. His goal is to update the building and make everything look fresh and new. He feels the taxpayers would not approve purchasing land and building a new facility. When the surrounding townships built theirs, it was a different climate.

Administrator Maioriello wanted the Board to know that there would also be extra costs for painting the utility room and pulling up the tile and replacing it. She stated the roof was a very expensive part of this project. When she talks to residents, they are positive about the remodeling.

Trustee McKernan stated that it seems that most of the higher costs were from hidden issues. The other higher bids that came in would not have included these costs either.

Trustee Stiller's concerns were the cost of the overruns from the original bid of \$385,000.00. In past meetings, it was stated that the money was set aside for land acquisition and a building. He feels we are connecting a new building with an old building. One of the things that bothers him is that with spending the \$660,000.00, not one additional thing was done for the residents of Wauconda Township.

Trustee Ringel stated that if the residents had questions about the costs of the remodeling, they could ask of the Board questions or come in and review the bills.

Trustee Lindberg stated she takes her job as a Trustee very seriously and is concerned about overseeing the taxpayer's money. She stated she has some hesitation, since the very first large over run was from the initial bid of \$365,000.00.

Trustee Lindberg stated that this a very expensive endeavor, and that the Board is moving a large amount of money to cover costs that came in much higher than expected. She understands that the project must be completed in the most economically and conservative manner possible. She also stated that it should go on record with the number of \$620,00.00 to \$640,000.00 to include all the incremental costs. That money was originally for land acquisition and would like that line refunded with money left over.

At 6:45 pm., Trustee Stiller motioned to adjourn. Supervisor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Attest: January 16, 2019

Supervisor

Trustee Lindberg

Clerk

Trustee McKernan

Trustee Ringel

Trustee Stiller