

**WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 17, 2013**

Call to Order: Supervisor Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Clerk Rowe proceeded with roll call. Answering present was: Trustee McKernan, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Thompson, Supervisor Swanson, and Assessor Oaks. Also answering present was Administrator Maioriello and Attorney Ridgway. Trustee Schorr and Highway Commissioner Munson were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance: Trustee Ringel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve the Agenda: Trustee Thompson motioned and Supervisor Swanson seconded to approve the agenda. A voice roll call vote was taken. All were in favor, none were opposed. This motion passed.

Approve the Minutes: Trustee McKernan motioned to approve the minutes of the June Board meeting. Trustee Ringel seconded the motion. A voice roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed. Trustee Thompson abstained as he was absent last month.

Approve Bills: Trustee Thompson motioned to pay the bills from June 20, 2013 thru July 17, 2013. Trustee Ringel seconded the motion. Administrator Maioriello asked that two additional bills be included that were submitted late. Trustee Thompson amended his motion to include the two bills. 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	\$ 50,559.14
General Assistance Fund	3,167.23
Social Security/IMRF Fund	8,278.96
Senior Services Fund	10,645.08
Road & Bridge Fund	5,502.51
Permanent Road Fund	<u>39,992.89</u>
Total:	\$118,145.81

Public Participation: Elizabeth McGinty, President of Marion's Angels, came to thank the Township for allowing a box to be placed in the hall for the collection of coupons for the military families. The coupons can be expired for up to 6 months. These coupons are the ones that are found in the Sunday newspaper.

Old Business: Grant Request Presentations: Paul Dean from Family Services, Christine Malone and Margie Scholla from St. Vincent De Paul, Stephen Love from PADS Lake County, Bruce Johnson from NICASA, and Janice from Countryside, gave a background on the organization and the number of Township families they help. A vote will be taken next month to determine the amounts given to these and other organizations.

Auditor Report: Kevin from Evoy, Kamschulte, Jacobs, and Co., gave a brief summary of his audit. The Township's total assets are \$4,808,333.00 which is mostly cash. He went over some of the figures and items in the report. The report is available at the Township office.

Vote to Retain Auditor: Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Thompson seconded to retain the auditing firm of Evoy, Kamschulte, Jacobs, and Co. LLP. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Historical House Discussion: Trustee Thompson stated currently there are no posted hours for the Historical House. He would recommend that a plan be developed that would include posting the operation hours of the house, set and publish dates for future open houses to the public, and the goals for any future events at the house. Lynn McAlister, President of the Historical Society, stated that there are a lot of items brought up at the meetings regarding these issues and nothing gets done. She is frustrated with the current conditions to get things moving, but will come back at the September Board meeting with some plans. There are not that many people involved in the Historical House, so this is also a problem.

Fuel Depot: Library Discussion: Supervisor Swanson stated that the library would like to join the fuel depot program. They will pay any legal costs incurred if they are allowed to join.

Vote: Fuel Depot: Library: Trustee Thompson motioned and Trustee Ringel seconded to allow the library to join the fuel depot program. A voice roll call was taken. All were in favor, none were opposed. This motion passed.

Public Participation: None

Elected Officials Reports: Assessor Oaks stated that the 2013 assessments will be out on July 24th. The last day to file an appeal will be August 26th. The Assessor's office will be open on Saturdays starting in August. The staff will be there to help people file appeals and answer questions about their tax bill. A new benefit this year is the Lake County website will allow a person to file an appeal on line. Also new, only the property owner or an attorney can file the appeal. Real estate firms representing property owners can no longer file appeals.

Administrator Maioriello stated she went to a meeting at Good Shepherd hospital where expansion plans and some changes at the hospital were discussed. Some of the changes include converting 169 beds to private rooms, assigning a nurse to every patient that leaves the hospital for follow up, making the intensive care area larger, and a front face of the building makeover. The project will cost around 200 million.

The Township was spending \$18,000 per month in hospitalization premiums for the employee and elected officials with an increase of the new premium to be approximately \$21,000. After some research, the Township switched to a health insurance plan that is saving \$5,000 per month. The new monthly premium for the 14 people on it is \$16,211 which is a \$60,000 per year savings. Administrator Maioriello asked that the Board consider changing the date that the employees have to pay in part of their dependents premium. This will be on the agenda next month.

Trustee Thompson stated that the Village of Island Lake parade on the 4th of July was very nice.

Supervisor Swanson stated that the Township participated in the Village of Island Lake parade. The Village of Wauconda fireworks were very nice. The Township donates \$1500 towards the fireworks.

Research is being done on purchasing a new senior bus. The seniors took a trip to Lake Geneva today.

At 7:45 p.m. Trustee Thompson motioned to adjourn. All were in favor; meeting was adjourned.

Submitted this 21th Day of August, 2013.

Supervisor

Trustee

Trustee

Town Clerk

Trustee

Trustee