

MINUTES
WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING –DECEMBER 17, 2002

1. CALL TO ORDER;
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Supervisor Keagle.
2. ROLL CALL:
The roll call was taken by Clerk Smith. Answering “present” were Trustees Mers, Schafer, Swanson and Hill and Supervisor Keagle. Also present were Assessor Weidner and Highway Commissioner Gossell.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Schafer.
4. APPROVE AGENDA:
The agenda was approved on motion by Trustee Mers seconded by Trustee Swanson, carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.
5. APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2002 REGULAR MEETING.
A motion was made by Trustee Mers seconded by Trustee Schafer to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2002 meeting. Trustee Mers requested clarification of Paragraph 9 referring to possible acquisition of Forest Preserve land. Supervisor Keagle explained that that was just one of several options he was considering. The motion to approve the minutes was carried 4 ayes , 0 nays.
6. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM 11-19-02 THRU 12-17-02:
A motion was made by Trustee Mers seconded by Trustee Schafer to approve payment of bills and all balances from 11-19-02 thru 12-17-02. Trustee Mers asked why a payment to the Federated Church for rental of the Senior Services Office was not included with the bills. Supervisor Keagle acknowledged the oversight and assured the payment would be made. The motion to approve was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, by roll call vote.

Trustee Hill moved to open the meeting to public participation at this point. Trustee Swanson seconded the motion which carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 1. Transfer of G. A. Funds to General Town Fund:
Supervisor Keagle raised the question of transferring General Assistance Funds to the General Town Fund. Supervisor Keagle moved to adopt Resolution #12-17,-02-1 transferring the sum of \$270,000 from the General Assistance Fund to the General Town Fund. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. Assessor Weidner inquired as to what effect the transfer would have on the tax cap. Supervisor Keagle stated it would have no effect. The motion carried by roll call vote 4 ayes, 0 nays.
 2. Grant requests.
A grant to the Neighborhood Community Enhancement Network of Island Lake was discussed. Trustee Mers made a motion to approve a grant of \$2,500.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hill . A question concerning access by all Wauconda Township residents to the facility involved was raised. Trustee Mers rescinded her motion and made a motion that the grant be approved only if access to the facility be available to all Wauconda Township residents, and that the grant be included in the 2003-04 Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hill and carried 4 ayes , 0 nays, by roll call vote.
9. ORDINANCES:
Ordinance #12-17-02-1 , General Town Fund in the amount of \$780,390.00 was approved on a motion by Trustee Swanson, seconded by Trustee Hill and carried 4 ayes 0 nays, by roll call vote.

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Ordinance #12-17-02-2, Road District, was approved in the amount of \$167,000.00 on motion by Trustee Mers, seconded by Trustee Schafer and carried 4 ayes, 0 nays by roll call vote.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Supervisor Keagle requested the Board approve the sum of \$5,000.00 for electricity and door openers for the bus garage. Trustee Mers made a motion to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schafer. Assessor Weidner commented that she had noticed the difficulty incurred by bus drivers in cold weather and encouraged the board to approve the expenditure. The motion was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, by roll call vote.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

A. Supervisor Keagle commented on the escalating costs of health care and stated that it is a problem to be addressed in the near future.

Supervisor Keagle distributed portions of the personnel policy covering employees overtime pay for the board's information, but stated that it did not apply to the Assessor's Division.

B. Assessor Weidner reported that the Assessor's books have been turned in to the county and received an excellent response from the county as to accuracy. Rolls are to be published in the Lake Zurich Courier on December 26th. She stated that there are approximately 8700 parcels and expects future development to increase the Assessor's workload.

E. Trustee Swanson stated employees have requested future meetings with him to discuss personnel policy changes.

Trustee Hill volunteered to work with the Senior Services director on specs for the purchase of a new bus

Trustee Mers requested specific information be distributed to the board on the catastrophic insurance plan.

Trustee Mers stated that she had discussed the need that exists for athletic fields with Park District officials and stated her interest in the Township's participation with the villages in finding available land. Supervisor Keagle stated that applying for State Grants should be looked into, and that leasing land might be a possibility.

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Frank Jankowski requested that the public participation portion of the agenda be moved up and asked that minutes be available before they are approved, or that a special meeting be held for the purpose of approving the minutes earlier in the month.

Mr. Jankowski cautioned that playgrounds in the vicinity of power lines could pose a hazard.

Pat Oaks was recognized and thanked the board in behalf of employees for the very nice Christmas Luncheon.

Dolores Jarchow asked why the minutes could not be distributed before they are approved. Trustee Swanson explained it was not advisable to make documents available that are not official.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. by Supervisor Keagle.

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APPROVED:

JANUARY 8, 2003

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

SUPERVISOR

CLERK

