

**MINUTES
WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 16, 2002**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Regular 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 Supervisor Keagle, Trustees Mers, Schmidt and Swanson. Also present were Assessor Weidner and Highway Commissioner Gossell. Trustee Schafer was absent

3. **PLEDGE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Swanson.

EXECUTIVE MEETING:

A motion by Supervisor Keagle that the Board move to executive session to discuss a personnel matter, was seconded by Trustee Mers and carried, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The Board moved to the Supervisor's office at 7:40 P.M.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:15 P.M.

4. **AGENDA:**

The agenda was approved on motion by Trustee Mers, seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

5. **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the March 12, 2002 meeting were approved on motion by Trustee Mers, seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

6. **BILLS:**

A motion was made by Trustee Mers, seconded by Trustee Schmidt to approve payment of all bills and to approve all balances from March 13, 2002 thru April 16, 2002. Trustee Swanson voted "aye" with the exception of the invoice from Varga. Trustees Schmidt and Mers and Supervisor Keagle voted "aye" on the motion. Trustee Schafer was absent.

10. **ORDINANCES:**

A motion was made by Trustee Mers to approve the Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #4-16-02-1 in the amount of \$1,256,793.00 and seconded by Trustee Schmidt. The motion was carried by roll call vote; Schmidt "aye" Mers "aye", Swanson "aye", Keagle "aye", Schafer absent.

A motion by Trustee Schmidt seconded by Trustee Swanson to approve the Road District Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #4-16-02-2, in the amount of \$1,064,900.00 was carried by roll call vote : Mers "aye", Schmidt "aye", Swanson "aye", Keagle "aye", Schafer absent.

13. **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:**

Trustee Mers commented on the motion by the electorate at the Annual Meeting to change the date of the regular Board meetings. It was agreed that the 2nd Wednesday would suit most of the Board. Trustee Mers expressed concern over the question of committees requested by electors and certain conflicts with state statutes governing township officials.

Trustee Mers spoke about the Senior Services Office move and the circumstances leading to the decision made by the Board and Mayors of Island Lake and Wauconda.

Supervisor Keagle moved, Trustee Schmidt seconded, to proceed with letting the bid for the Senior Services office and garage. The motion was carried by roll call vote: Trustee Mers, "aye", Trustee Schmidt, "aye", Trustee Swanson "aye", Supervisor Keagle, "aye".

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13. ELECTED OFFICIALS (continued):
Mers, Schmidt "aye", Swanson "naye", Schafer absent.

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jay Glenn requested that the Township call a meeting to set up procedures for forming committees and requested immediate action. Trustee Mers volunteered to attend a meeting.

Supervisor Keagle offered to be available Saturday mornings to address motions to form committees.

Bonnie Carter, representing Hillcrest Subdivision residents spoke about the impact the new developments are having on residents of Hillcrest. Trustee Mers moved that the Board pass a resolution to be drafted by Mr. McKay, who spoke about the problems, detailing the concerns of the Board in behalf of the residents of Hillcrest regarding safety concerns. The motion was seconded by Trustee Swanson and carried 4 ayes 0 naves.

Pat Oaks asked if a written legal opinion would be an appropriate approach to handling motions brought up at the Annual Meeting.

Dolores Jarchow requested clarification of a payment which she contended was an illegal motion. Trustee Schmidt moved to pay the Varga bill in question. Supervisor Keagle seconded the motion which then was carried by roll call vote: Swanson, "naye" Mers, "aye", Schmidt "aye", Keagle "aye", Trustee Schafer, absent.

Nancy Dobner suggested that the controversy surrounding the building of the Senior Services office might be settled by going to referendum.

Trustee Mers defended the decision to build the office and stated her approval.

Supervisor Keagle explained the 37 topics electors have the power to present for passage at the Annual Town Meeting.

Nancy Dobner questioned why the meeting date couldn't be changed immediately. Supervisor Keagle explained the difficulty in changing scheduling for the community hall, notifying suppliers servicing the offices and various other complications.

Trustee Mers suggested that the office staff be consulted about effecting the change.

Mike McKay, Hillcrest subdivision resident and Jean Voss, Hillcrest resident and school bus driver spoke about safety hazards regarding access, intersection and traffic problems unless access is on Bonner.

Assessor Weidner asked for Annual Meeting motions to be reviewed by the Township Attorney. Trustee Mers moved that this be done, Trustee Swanson seconded and the motion was carried 4 ayes, 0 naves, 1 absent.

Bonnie Carter spoke about the County Framework Plan and the possibility of committees being formed to participate. Trustee Mers volunteered to attend a meeting at Fremont Township.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M. by Supervisor Keagle.

APPROVED:
MAY 21, 2002