

WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2004

1. Supervisor Jim Keagle called this meeting to order at 7:30 P.M., in the Wauconda Township Hall, County of Lake, State of Illinois.
2. The roll call was taken by Supervisor Keagle in absence of Township Clerk, Rosemary Mers. Office Administrator, Lettie McKay, recorded the minutes of this meeting.
3. Trustee Swanson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Supervisor Keagle stated that George Balis from Clarke Mosquito was unable to attend this meeting, therefore item #C under New Business will be removed from the agenda. Supervisor Keagle made a motion to accept the revised agenda. This motion was seconded by Trustee Swanson. All in favor. This motion was carried.
5. Trustee Schafer motioned to approve the minutes of September 8, 2004 Regular meeting. Trustee Stanley seconded this motion. Discussion. Trustee Swanson inquired if Public Participation will be placed on the agenda after approval of bills as he previously requested in last month's minutes? Supervisor Keagle said this would be decided at the next meeting after receiving ideas from all concerned and then putting it on the agenda. The Supervisor stated in the past we have allowed public participation on various agenda items discussed if the items had legitimate concerns. Voice roll call vote taken on approval of the minutes. 3 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
7. CORRESPONDENCE:
Trustee Swanson received an email from Jodi Bork seeking funding help from the Township for the Senior Resource Guide publication. 4500 copies are to be printed at \$1.20 per copy. Trustee Swanson asked the Board to consider this financial request. Discussion. Trustee Stanley made a motion to support printing costs of Resource Guide with a \$1000 donation from the Township and in the event enough funding is not received, the Board would ask the Supervisor to research the Township Budget for additional funding. Trustee Swanson seconded this motion. Voice roll call vote taken. 3 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
6. Trustee Stanley made a motion to approve all bills and balances from September 9th through October 13th, 2004 and include \$1000.00 for the Senior Resource Guide. Motion seconded by Trustee Schafer. No discussion. Voice roll call vote taken. 3 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
8. OLD BUSINESS: HEALTH BENEFITS
 - A. Supervisor Keagle stated that the Resolution approving salaries has already been passed but further discussion on the health benefit section has been requested.

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Trustee Swanson made a motion to amend section of the health benefits to read, the Supervisor, Assessor and Highway Commissioner shall receive full health benefits along with their spouses and dependents. (Trustees and Clerk will not receive health benefits.) This motion seconded by Trustee Stanley. Discussion.

Trustee Swanson stated his rationale for this amendment concerns 99% of Townships that cover the cost of Supervisor, Assessor and Highway Commissioners and their spouses and dependents. Trustee Swanson feels these elected officials need this compensation for the amount of duties the position involves and to insure qualified candidates maintain these offices.

Supervisor Keagle stated salary increases to officials are fair but feels because of rising health care costs, officials should volunteer to relinquish part of their health benefits.

After further discussion, a voice roll call vote was taken. Trustee Swanson aye. Trustees Schafer, Stanley and Supervisor Keagle nay. This motion did not pass.

Trustee Stanley motioned to amend the health benefits section to read that the Supervisor, Assessor and Highway Commissioner will pay 20% of spouse/dependent coverage and the Township will pay 80%. Trustee Swanson seconded this motion. Discussion.

After further discussion on percentages, Trustee Stanley revised his motion to read that the Supervisor, Assessor and Highway Commissioner will pay 40% of their spouse/dependent coverage and the Township will pay 60%. These payments would be deducted through the payroll.

A voice roll call vote was taken. Supervisor Keagle, nay. Trustees Stanley, Swanson and Schafer, aye. This motion was carried.

8.B.OLD BUSINESS..OVERTIME ISSUE:

Supervisor Keagle stated there are still many questions on administrative employees receiving overtime. Since the House and Senate are still debating the overtime rulings, the Township will not establish a policy until the TOI and our attorney gives us future advise.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resumes were received from four individuals interested in the Trustee position vacancy. They were Roseanne Hansen, Fred Dierker, Penny Lally and Claus Dunkelberg. After reviewing resumes, Trustee Swanson made a motion to appoint Roseanne Hansen. No second on this motion. Supervisor Keagle made a motion to appoint Claus Dunkelberg as Trustee to fill this vacancy. This motion was seconded by Jay Schafer. Discussion. Voice roll call was taken. Trustee Swanson, nay, Trustees Stanley and Schafer, aye. Supervisor Keagle voted aye. This motion was carried.

Trustee Stanley commented that he did not appreciate the implications that there was collusion in appointing of new Trustee and he wanted this to be recorded in the minutes.

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B. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY HEALTH AND SUPPORT REPORT:

Trustee Swanson reported that a meeting was held on October 4th, 2004. Issues discussed were Web Site access through Township lines and educational materials needed by committee.

Supervisor Keagle, Trustees Swanson, Schafer and Stanley all agreed to Web Site access with Township. Trustee Swanson will work with Al Weaver on this issue.

Julie Tudor, member of the committee, stated \$64.25 is the cost for the educational materials and gave list to office administrator Lettie McKay for ordering. Trustee Swanson made a motion to have Township purchase these materials. Seconded by Jay Schafer. Voice roll call vote taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

Trustee Swanson inquired on the Slocum Lake drainage progress. Supervisor Keagle stated the ditches will be cleaned out when the ground freezes and they can get to site with heavy equipment. Volunteers are needed to help with this project. Mayor Eschenbach promises Village help when time and date are agreed on.

Julie Tudor reported that Gabriel Myers telephone number was incorrect in the Township newsletter. The correct number is 847-2831.

Trustee Swanson reported the EQH next regular meeting will be November 7th at 7:00 P.M. Also a special meeting will be held on October 18th concerning the super fund site.

- D. Supervisor Keagle read a memo from Clerk Mers asking the board to approve Yolanda Segovia as Deputy Clerk. Discussion. Trustee Swanson asked if this position warranted a salary? Supervisor Keagle replied no and then made a motion to approve Yolanda as Deputy Clerk. This motion was seconded by Trustee Stanley. Voice roll call vote taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

10. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

- B. Assessor Weidner stated she took exception to Supervisor Keagle's remarks inferring a lack of respect for elected officials offices and their duties. Supervisor Keagle replied his comments were not aimed at her.
- C. Highway Commissioner commented that maintenance of roads is continuing and the highway crew are busy clearing brush and filling pot holes. He stated that the homecoming groups from the school used the Township garage for decorating their floats this year.

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D. Trustee Stanley stated he is looking into bike paths on Garland Rd. Trustee Stanley has asked a surveyor to estimate some budget numbers for the design and formation of this path without using any dedicated right of way roads.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Julie Tudor, resident, addressed a comment to Trustee Stanley concerning his remark on selection of a new Trustee. Ms. Tudor feels there was collusion in his vote. She feels the Board had made up their minds before the vote was taken. Ms. Tudor stated Claus Dunkelberg should not serve as chairperson of the Environmental Committee and serve on the Township Board.

Trustee Stanley replied he voted for Claus Dunkelberg based on his resume and qualifications.

Trustee Schafer commented he also made his decision on Trustee appointment based on their resumes and qualifications and had no pre conceived ideas before the Board Meeting.

13. Supervisor Keagle made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 P.M. All in favor.

SUPERVISOR

TRUSTEES

CLERK

