

WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2004

1. Supervisor Keagle called this meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. in the Wauconda Township Hall, County of Lake, State of Illinois.
2. Clerk Mers took the roll call. Answering present, Trustees Schafer, Hill, Stanley and Swanson. Also Supervisor Keagle and Assessor Doris Weidner.
3. Trustee Jay Schafer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Trustee Stanley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Schafer seconded this motion. All in favor. This motion was carried.
5. Trustee Schafer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hill to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2004 regular meeting as mailed to Trustees. Discussion. Trustee Swanson inquired as to the room dividers for hall and was informed this would be under Old Business report. Clerk took voice roll call. 4 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
6. Trustee Stanley made a motion to approve the bills and balances from July 15 through August 11th, 2004. This motion was seconded by Trustee Schafer. No discussion. Voice roll call vote taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
7. CORRESPONDENCE: None.
8. OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Stanley reported on wall dividers for Township Hall. He reported that dividers are available from soft self-pulling vinyl to mechanical soundproof dividers. Price ranges from \$1000 for a 12 ft. high by 26 ft. wide for a self-pulling and upward to \$12,000 for mechanical soundproof dividers. Washroom availability and exits must be considered before dividers are installed. Supervisor Keagle stated he would check with Mill Creek Restaurant on prices from their purveyors and report back to the board. Trustee Stanley will get catalogs and more information for Trustees before any decisions are made.
10. RESOLUTION:
Copies of Resolution # 8-11-04-01, honoring Jeffrey Lundgren Jr., a member of Wauconda Boy Scout Troop #90, who has earned the status of Eagle Scout, was read by Supervisor Keagle. All Board members had copies. Trustee Schafer motioned to approve this Resolution, seconded by Trustee Hill. Voice roll call vote was taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion was carried.

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11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES:

Supervisor Keagle passed copies of Resolution # 8-11-04-02 concerning elected officials salaries to Board members and Clerk. After reading of this Resolution, Supervisor Keagle made a motion to accept and adopt salaries. Trustee Hill seconded this motion. Discussion. Trustee Swanson objected to Resolution as copies were not given to Board until this meeting and feels Board needs time to study these figures before accepting them. Trustee Swanson objects to increases for Trustees and freeze for other elected officials. Trustee Swanson would like to study other Township salaries for comparison before voting on this Resolution and table this discussion until the next Board meeting.

Supervisor Keagle replied that health benefits are costly and salaries must be kept in line for taxpayers concerns. Setting of these salaries must be done before November of fiscal year. Supervisor Keagle stated he had previously asked Board to vote on health insurance benefits in order to cut the costs in the Township budget figures, and all Trustees except one agreed to cut health benefits.

Supervisor Keagle also stated figures on salaries in other Townships and stated our Township salaries were raised over 20% in the last four years. Supervisor Keagle stated that in Zone One, 18% of Supervisors are under \$30,000 per year and 24% are under \$20,000 a year.

Highway Commissioners are under \$30,000 per year for 13 ½ % and Assessors 16% are under \$30,000. Supervisor Keagle replied this is the way we have set salaries in the past and because of the Open Meeting Act we are unable to speak on these issues in private. Trustee Swanson inquired that we should have had a memo on this salary resolution before this meeting which would not have violated the Open Meeting Act.

Trustee Stanley inquired if these figures for elected officials was a cap with this resolution?

Supervisor Keagle replied they would be the same as this year except for the Trustees who no longer would receive health benefits and thus he felt their salaries should be raised \$1600.00 per year.

Trustee Swanson asked for a motion to open this discussion to the Assessor. Trustee Hill seconded motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Assessor Weidner objects to these salaries being frozen without any notification. Assessor Weidner stated she now has over 10,000 parcels and more work in her office.

She read survey figures of salaries from other Lake County Townships and gave comparison with our Township with others. Assessor Weidner stated that Supervisor Keagle is the fifth highest in salary.

In regards to Highway Commissioners our Commissioner is 11th in standing out of 15.

Assessor Weidner feels Board should have time to study these figures before the Board votes.

Trustee Stanley would like to discuss these figures and issues and agrees some time is needed to digest these figures. He feels Trustees do not need any more money or insurance benefits.

Trustee Schafer asked Assessor Weidner if she considered a 2 to 3% increase suitable considering her workload in her office? She felt it would be reasonable.

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Trustee Swanson would like the health and benefit issues separated in the Resolution. Supervisor Keagle stated all benefits, as health must be listed in salary benefits. Supervisor Keagle then stated he felt this Resolution could be passed if we put in the 3% increase for all elected officials except the Trustees who would remain at the same salary of \$2000.

Supervisor Keagle then amended the motion to accept Resolution # 8-11-04-02 with the following changes: Supervisor, Assessor, Highway Commissioner, Clerk to receive a 3% increase yearly. All health benefits will continue for Supervisor, Assessor and Highway Commissioner. Clerk and Trustees will not have any health benefits.

Trustee Schafer seconded this amended motion.

Roll call vote taken. Trustee Hill, Schafer replied aye as well as Supervisor Keagle. Trustee Swanson and Trustee Stanley voted nay. Motion was carried.

Trustee Stanley then made a motion to keep the Trustees salary of \$2000 the same for next four years as it is a part time job. Trustee Schafer seconded this motion.

Supervisor Keagle repeated this motion and included \$150.00 for Trustees attending special meetings.

Supervisor Keagle then reread the Resolution #8-11-04-02 with all above changes. Voice roll call vote taken by Clerk. Trustees Stanley, Schafer and Hill replied aye as well as Supervisor Keagle. Trustee Swanson voted nay. Motion carried.

B.ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY HEALTH AND SUPPORT REPORT:

Keith Weaver reported that their last meeting was August 2, 2004 at Mylith Park. Their next meeting will be September 13, 2004.

Mr. Weaver stated there would be a meeting on Thursday August 12, 2004 with the EPA to form a CAG group to help monitor the superfund project.

Mr. Weaver stated they have had discussions with the Village and have worked to bring more homeowners into these discussions.

Mr. Weaver would like the Township to give the committee a working budget for office supplies. Trustee Stanley suggested this committee make any copies they need at the Township office. Trustee Stanley also stated that a CAG group can get additional granting.

Supervisor Keagle replied any bills for the committee must be submitted for payment approval first from the Trustees.

12. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

B. Clerk Mers replied that notice has been placed in Township Perspective Magazine on Frank Gossell's death. Also public notice has been placed in Daily Herald for accepting resumes to fill Highway Commissioners Vacancy.

Clerk Mers also stated she has received accreditation certificate from TOI for continuing education.

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- E. Trustee Swanson feels a personal interview should be done with candidates applying for Highway Commissioner vacancy.

Trustee Swanson also feels no progress as yet has been made with the Environmental Committee. No plans have been put in place for resolving this issue on vinyl chloride.

Trustee Hill made a motion to name the new Highway Garage after Frank Gossell .
Trustee Swanson seconded this motion. Trustee Hill will get prices on this sign .
All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Stanley gave copies of Clarke Mosquito report to Board members.

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Resident Jay Glenn stated he had met with Mrs. Bardell, a resident of Hillcrest Subdivision concerning vinyl chloride problems. He stated only eleven homes in this Subdivision are getting bottled water out of 100 homes. Mr. Glenn also spoke on leachae going into the aquifers and wastewater treatment plant.

Mrs. Bardell spoke on air pollution and health issues for residents because of these contaminants. Trustee Stanley urged Mrs. Bardell to speak with Village Public Works to check where pollution is coming from as it could possibly be with neighboring factories and not superfund sites.

Trustee Swanson stated that 81 wells in Hillcrest are contaminated and this problem has been going on since last September. He also stated Rep. Crane and Bonnie Carter, have asked for bottled water for all these residents.

Lengthy discussion ensued on these problems.

Dolores Jarchow asked the Clerk for a copy of publication notice for resumes to fill the Highway Commissioner vacancy. Clerk Mers complied with her request.

Mrs. Jarchow also stated Williams Park has larvacited in their area for the past few years and did not realize Clarke Mosquito does this service.

Assessor Weidner questioned Supervisor Keagle concerning health coverage being omitted for spouses of elected Officials and asked the Supervisor if his spouse had coverage?

Supervisor Keagle stated he will have to look into other insurance for his wife if he is reelected next year.

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14. Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Keagle at 9:50 P.M.

SUPERVISOR

TRUSTEES

CLERK
