

**MINUTES
WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 20, 2002**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Supervisor Keagle.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
The roll call was taken by Clerk Smith. Answering " present" were Trustees Mers, Schafer, Hill, Swanson and Supervisor Keagle. Also present were Assessor Weidner and Highway Commissioner Gossell.
3. **PLEDGE:**
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Hill.
4. **AGENDA:**
A motion to approve the agenda was made by Trustee Mers, seconded by Trustee Schafer and carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.
5. **MINUTES:**
The minutes of the July 16, 2002 regular meeting were approved on motion by Trustee Mers, seconded by Trustee Hill and carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.
6. **BILLS:**
Supervisor Keagle requested approval of payment of \$1,740.00 to Prate Roofing for repairs
A motion to approve the payment was made by Trustee Mers,
seconded by Trustee Schafer and carried by roll call vote 4 ayes, 0 naves.
Trustee Schafer moved, Trustee Mers seconded to approve payment of all bills and
balances as presented from July 16, 2002 thru August 19, 2002. Following discussion
the motion was carried by roll call vote, 4 ayes, 0 naves.
7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
Supervisor Keagle requested the agenda be altered to allow Fred Dierker to be
recognized at this time. Trustee Mers moved, Trustee Swanson seconded to allow the change.
Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.
Supervisor Keagle introduced Fred Dierker, former Village of Wauconda Administrator.
Mr. Dierker thanked Supervisor Keagle for their past good relationship involving local
government and congratulated Jim Hill on his appointment to Trustee.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
Supervisor Keagle read a letter from the Assessors Office staff inviting all Board Members
to participate in the Village of Wauconda 125th Parade and Regatta Event on Saturday,
August 31, 2002, in celebration of the Village of Wauconda 125th Birthday.
10. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Supervisor Keagle requested the Board to allow him to pursue the remodeling of the
old garage building for a Senior Services Office, stating that a \$25,000 grant has been
authorized. A motion by Trustee Hill seconded by Trustee Schafer to authorize
Supervisor Keagle to pursue estimates was carried by roll call vote as follows: Trustee Swanson
- naye, Trustee Hill - aye, Trustee Schafer - aye, Trustee Mers - aye.
 - B. A motion made by Trustee Mers seconded by Trustee Schafer to approve \$650.00 to
help fund the Village of Wauconda 125th Birthday celebration, including \$150.00 for a
banner, was carried by roll call vote 4 ayes, 0 naves.
 - C. Supervisor Keagle discussed health care and sick leave policy approved by a committee
made up of department heads, Highway Comm. Gossell, Assessor Weidner and Supervisor
Keagle. The decision states that health care has already been contracted for this year but

that paid coverage for spouses and dependents will possibly be discontinued in the future.

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A decision was also rendered to leave the sick leave policy as is. Employees earn 12 sick days per year and can accumulate to be used when needed or towards a final calculation for their pension.

Trustee Mers stated that since the committee was appointed to reach a decision, their recommendation should be accepted.

Trustee Swanson objected stating that the accumulation of sick days should be capped.

Supervisor Keagle agreed to consider capping sick leave accumulation. Action deferred.

D. SOCIAL SERVICE GRANTS were allowed as follows:

Countryside Assn for Handicapped	\$500.00
Wauconda Island Lake Food Pantry	\$2500.00
U of I Outreach program	\$1000.00
NICASA	\$1000.00
NISRA	\$600.00
Lakes Youth Athletic Assn.	\$1500.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$3000.00

A motion was made by Trustee Schafer seconded by Trustee Swanson to award the above grants. Motion was carried by roll call vote 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Keagle read a request from Neighborhood Enhancement Committee for funding a converse park playground. Decision deferred pending further information.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A motion made by Supervisor Keagle seconded by Trustee Mers to move meeting to executive session for the purpose of disposition of minutes of closed meetings, was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays. The meeting was suspended at 8:10 P. M., and resumed at 8:25 P.M.

A motion was carried by Trustee Schafer, seconded by Trustee Swanson that minutes of closed meetings from Dec. 2001 thru July 2002 , remain in the confidential file. The motion was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

13. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

A. Supervisor Keagle reported that he is looking into the cost of insurance for carastrophic illnesses in the case of G. A. cases, for which the Township could be liable.

Trustee Mers moved, Trustee Swanson seconded to approve the consideration of the insurance. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

B. Assessor Weidner reported that new computers are installed and work in assessor's office is progressing on schedule. Assessor Weidner requested the board consider table caddies to store tables not in use in hall.

E. Trustee Mers expressed appreciation to assessor's staff for their help with the parade and regatta.

E. Trustee Mers requested the Supervisor prepare resolutions for Alex Schmidt and Barbara Gurevitz, recognizing their service to the Township and that they be presented at a pot-luck get together of township officials and employees.

E. Trustee Swanson stated his opinion that public discussion be allowed during meetings instead of just during public participation segment.

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Frank Jankowski suggested that State officials be consulted to improve township meetings.

Frank Jankowski reminded Supervisor Keagle of a request to post annual meeting motions on the web site.

Frank Jankowski stated his opinion that township meeting minutes were not adequate and should be more detailed. He stated he is seeking a legal opinion from the States' Attorney regarding certain motions made at the annual meeting.

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14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (CON)

Lorraine Jankowski expressed her opinion regarding public participation segment as too little to accomodate attendees wishing to participate during the meeting.

Lorraine Jankowski requested that meeting agendas be posted 48 hours in advance of the meetings and that materials used by the board be available on request by citizens, prior to the meeting.

Dolores Jarchow suggested that agendas be posted on the web site in advance of meetings.

Dolores Jarchow commended Glenn Swanson and Rosemary Mers for their effort toward fairness at the last board meeting.

16. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 by Supervisor Keagle.

APPROVED:

August 20, 2002