

WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2005

1. Supervisor Swanson called this meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. at Wauconda Township Hall, County of Lake, State of Illinois.
2. Clerk Maioriello took roll call. Answering present, Trustees Bilisko, Amrich, Ryan and Hansen. Also present Supervisor Swanson and Highway Commissioner Joe Munson.
3. Trustee Amrich led the Pledge of Allegiance
4. A motion was made by Trustee Amrich, seconded by Trustee Bilisko to approve the Agenda as presented. No discussion. Voice roll call vote was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
5. A motion was made by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Amrich to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2005 meeting. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion. Trustee Hansen asked for a change to the minutes stating that Trustee Hansen did not lead the Pledge of Allegiance that Trustee Ryan led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dolores Jarchow asked to make some corrections to the minutes also. Supervisor Swanson asked for a motion to open up discussion to the public. Trustee Bilisko made a motion to open discussion to the floor. Supervisor Swanson seconded. Dolores Jarchow asked for corrections on Page 2 that the 109 lots should be 105 ½ lots. On Page 3 the corrections are accept not except, wear & tear not ware & tear and Percos is Percox. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any more discussion from the public or the Board. No discussion. Voice roll call vote was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
6. A motion was made by Trustee Amrich, seconded by Trustee Hansen to approve the bills and balances from July 21, 2005 thru August 17, 2005. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion from the Board. No discussion. Voice roll call vote was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
Joe Weadick asked if there was a specific area or in general that the fire department letter supporting the Township in clearing the right of ways was referring to? Highway Commissioner Munson replied it is in general the letter was referring to.

Dolores Jarchow commented on the new format of the Agenda and thought it was very nice. The second thing was a comment to Clerk Maioriello that no one can edit their own errors.

Barb Peterson asked if she could approach the Board. Ms. Peterson had a question regarding the Slocum Lake Cemetery and how it was not in good shape. Ms. Peterson supplied photos of the condition of the cemetery. She requested information so she could be part of this. Supervisor Swanson suggested to Ms. Peterson to call Leslie Rohrer regarding this matter.

Ms. Peterson also requested some help from the Township to cut the top of a tree so it does not fall on her home. The Township had been out to her home to look at the tree. The tree is not on Township property and is on the property of her neighbor. Supervisor Swanson said he would share some phone numbers with Ms. Peterson of some contacts he made over the last few weeks to do work for free to help out persons who could not afford to pay for work done themselves.

Supervisor Swanson asked if there was anyone else who would like to address the Board? There was none.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Trustee Amrich talked to Andy Quigly from SWALCO and he felt the Board might have to have a referendum to go to one garbage company. Supervisor Swanson met with the Supervisor of Maine Township and he said it does have to go through referendum and he has information for Trustee Amrich to look over on how to do it. Supervisor Swanson will make a copy of this information and put it in Trustee Amrich's mailbox.

Supervisor Swanson received a letter from Clarke Mosquito Control very concerned about the West Nile Virus. There is a 73 percent of positive mosquito pools for the state have been detected in the Chicago area. Supervisor Swanson will request George Balis come in before we give Clarke Mosquito any more money.

Residents in the unincorporated areas of the Township and some village residents received a letter requesting the Village to grant easements on their properties to hook up to the water system. The residents will be asked to sign this letter, have it notarized and returned back to the Village. There will be an informational meeting regarding the hook up of the water 7:00 P.M. Monday, August 22, 2005 at Wauconda High School.

The Township received a letter from Wauconda Fire Department requesting to switch over the fire alarm system. It will be a one-time cost of \$1,000.00 in the Township office and \$1,000.00 at the Highway Department with a 5 year contract with the Village. As of now it is about \$700.00 per phone line per year to have the Township hooked up to the Fire Department.

SWALCO will have two (2) pick ups for chemical waste collections. One will be September 10, 2005 in Round Lake Beach at the Metra Train Station parking lot. The other date will be September 24, 2005 in Lake Forest.

Jewel/Osco sent a Shop & Share Identification Slip. When you shop at Jewel/Osco a percentage of your purchase will go to Love Inc. of Lake County on 8/29/05, 8/30/05 & 8/31/05.

Bill Hossman a Lake County Engineer, took before & after pictures of the roads in Mylith Park. It shows what a nice job was done in Mylith Park. Supervisor Swanson passed the photos around the Board.

Warren Township sent a letter thanking Wauconda Township for their help in the efforts to help with the Warren Township clean up after a storm. Wauconda Township sent 3 men and a truck with a chain saw and chipper. There will be no money exchange but Wauconda Township was invited to a pig roast later this fall.

Supervisor Swanson made mention of the 6th Annual Street Dance and Food Drive presented by the Wauconda Chamber of Commerce to benefit our Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry on September 3, 2005 6:00 until 12:00.

The Township received its certificate of membership from the Township Officials of Illinois.

There was a letter sent to Supervisor Swanson thanking him and Highway Commissioner, Joe Munson for donating the chairs, ice and water for a meeting with Congresswomen Melissa Bean and U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, August 5, 2005 in Hillcrest Subdivision to announce that they have appropriated \$750,000.00 in federal grant money to increase the water system from 4" mains to 8" mains and give fire suppression to those areas as well.

August 6, 2005 Supervisor Swanson attended the Senior Fishing Derby at Lindys Landing. Supervisor Swanson wrote a letter to Wauconda Park District thanking them for the use of the Park District's boat. A letter was also sent from Mary Swanson, Maine Township thanking Wauconda Township for donating the boat at the Fishing Derby.

Supervisor Swanson read a letter from University of Illinois Lake County Extension which will be holding its annual bulb sale on September 16 & 17, 2005. If anyone is interested in attending it will be held at the Extension office.

Supervisor Swanson read a reminder that there will be a Business After Hours at Lindy's Landing August 18, 2005 for Chamber Members.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

A. UPDATE ON WILLIAMS PARK LOT ACQUISITION:

Supervisor Swanson and Highway Commissioner, Joe Munson meet with Lake County Storm Water Management who currently owns the lots. What the Township has been involved with currently is 1) how we would take the lots as a Township and 2) how we would turn the lots over to Williams Park Homeowners Association.

Supervisor Swanson re-iterated this would be a Board decision on what will be done with the lots. Right now we are in the middle of finishing up the work on the lots so when they are turned over to the Township they will be in good condition. Lake County has hired the Township Highway Department to mow the lots and fill tanks with sand on the lots that needs to be filled which the Township will also do at Lake County's expense. Supervisor Swanson said that Williams Park Homeowners Association would like the lots turned over to them. The Township is in the process of putting all the lots under one PIN Number because every lot that has a PIN Number has a charge of \$14.00. Trustee Amrich asked if we take over the lots would we loose the tax dollars of those lots? Supervisor Swanson replied they are tax exempt already and would stay tax-exempt whether the Township or Williams Park owned the lots. Trustee Ryan asked if the lots could be sold to the neighbors next to them? Supervisor Swanson replied no. There were 43 homes demolished. Trustee Bilisko asked if we accept these lots would there be any other expenses to the Township before we turn them over? Supervisor Swanson replied no. All costs incurred would be paid for. Trustee Ryan asked if there was a fee for combining PIN Numbers? Supervisor Swanson replied no.

B. UPDATE ORDINANCE TO KEEP RIGHT OF WAY CLEARED:

The Township is still working on a letter to send to all residents to remove any items in the right of ways. A letter was sent to one individual.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE: No Report

B. APPROVAL AND VOTE TO APPOINT TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

Supervisor Swanson would like to appoint John Ridgway as the Township Attorney. The Township has a budget of \$6,000.00 per year. Our current attorneys charge \$250.00 per hour. John Ridgway charges \$150.00 per hour. Supervisor Swanson asked the Board if they had any questions for Mr. Ridgway? Trustee Ryan asked what is his legal specialty? Mr. Ridgway replied he has a general practice and has been practicing for 23 years. He has not been a municipal attorney but feels the issues are statutory and feels confident he could handle Township issues. Trustee Ryan asked if he would be separate from the Environmental Attorney? Supervisor Swanson replied yes. Trustee Ryan asked how many hours were billed last year? Supervisor Swanson replied he did not have an exact number but saw a bill for \$1,800.00 to the Tax Assessor division.

Trustee Amrich made a motion to hire John Ridgway as the Wauconda Township's Attorney. Trustee Bilisko seconded. Voice roll call vote was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

C. BOARD DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON GRANT REQUESTS ACCEPTED:

After discussion from the Board the following organizations were approved for Grant Requests totaling \$18,750.00. Last year Grant Requests totaled \$17,750.00. This year there were many more requests.

NISRA Foundation	\$ 1,500.00
Family Service of South Lake County	\$ 500.00
University of Illinois (Lake County Extension)	\$ 1,000.00
Countryside Association	\$ 1,000.00
Extra Care-Families with Alzheimers	\$ 500.00
NICASA	\$ 1,000.00
St. Vincent De Paul	\$ 5,000.00
Community Youth Network	\$ 750.00
Jobs for Progress, Inc. of Lake County	\$ 500.00
LYAA	\$ 1,250.00
Village of Wauconda	\$ 5,000.00
Wauconda Historical Society	\$ <u>750.00</u>
Total:	\$18,750.00

A motion was made by Trustee Amrich to accept the 2005-2006 Grant Requests as read in the amount of \$18,750.00. Supervisor Swanson seconded. Voice roll call vote was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

11. ORDINANCE: None

12. RESOLUTION: None

13. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Everything was covered under correspondence and under the Update of Williams Park Lot Acquisition. Supervisor Swanson commented on how pleased he was on the speed and tenacity of our residents regarding the water issue. The Federal Government appropriated a \$750,000.00 federal grant. Supervisor Swanson believes we are on a definite road to solving one of the biggest problems the Township has faced.

ASSESSOR: No Report

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER:

A lot of hours were put into Mylith Park paving which is now 90 percent complete. Now that the roads are straightened out they are straightening out the mailboxes. The Township has put down shoulder material, maintained grass cutting up north, and taken down several trees. Supervisor Swanson commented on how the Highway Department is still down one employee and still completed all this work.

CLERK:

Clerk Maioriello reported that she went to an educational seminar and it was very informative.

TRUSTEES: No Report

14. **OTHER BUSINESS:** None

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Trustee Bilisko and seconded by Trustee Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. All in favor 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

SUPERVISOR

TRUSTEES

CLERK
