

**Wauconda Township
Regular Board Meeting
August 19, 2009**

Supervisor Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Clerk Rowe took roll call. Answering present were Trustees Amrich, Ringel, Schorr, Thompson, and Supervisor Swanson. Also answering present were Assessor Oaks and Administrator Maioriello.

Assessor Oaks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Amrich motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Trustee Schorr seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Trustee Schorr motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Trustee Amrich seconded the motion. Having no discussion, a voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Trustee Schorr motioned to approve the bills as presented. Trustee Ringel seconded the motion. Supervisor Swanson stated two additional bills needed to be included. One bill is for Boehmer Chevrolet and the other is for a deposit on a sliding wall that is going to be installed in the Township Hall. Trustee Thompson asked the cost of the sliding wall. Supervisor Swanson stated \$16,000. Trustee Schorr amended her motion to include the two additional bills. Trustee Ringel seconded the motion. Having no more discussion, a roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Treasurers Report:	<u>Expenditures from 7/16/09 to 8/19/09</u>
	General Town Fund \$ 62,482.23
	General Assistance 6,380.54
	Social Security/IMRF 7,391.73
	Senior Services 9,885.37
	Road & Bridge 2,104.64
	<u>Permanent Road Fund 37,154.73</u>
	\$125,399.24

Public Participation: Cathy Scott, George Street, asked what percentage of Township budget was given to grants. Supervisor Swanson stated approximately \$13,000.

Julie Tudor, Hubbard Court, asked if the Township paid the Village of Wauconda for copying their employee manual and if it has been revised recently to reflect the verbiage to read Township instead of Village. Supervisor Swanson stated that a small amount was paid to the Village and the manual has been modified several times since the first draft.

Dave Guzzardo, Winding Lane, asked for the status of the bike path. Supervisor Swanson stated that the plan is to move forward with the five foot path on both sides of the road. There are still some easement issues. The grant request to redo all of Garland Road was denied. There is another grant request seeking to complete the path on both sides of the road. Mr. Guzzardo asked what the total contribution of the Township would be. Supervisor Swanson stated that would depend of the grant money received. Mr. Guzzardo asked about the total cost of the sign for the Township. Supervisor Swanson stated approximately \$28,000.

Julie Tudor requested that the Board vote for the larger building addition so it would be able to house the food pantry.

Dolores Jarchow, Kane Drive, stated that she would like the senior bus donation policy to remain the same.

Correspondence: Trustee Amrich talked to the residents of Lakeview Woodlands regarding the mosquito program. Supervisor Swanson stated that after talking to Clarke Mosquito, he found out that 4 more larva sites are being treated.

Trustee Thompson asked about an email regarding the run off where the sewers are being put in. Supervisor Swanson stated that is a Village of Wauconda project and the emails have been forwarded to their engineer and Mr. Geary.

Old Business: a) Auditor Report: Auditor gave a brief overview of the presented report. The balance sheet shows that actual cash in the General Fund is 1.8 million. The total is about 2.8 million in cash for the Township.

Grant requests: Trustee Schorr motioned and Supervisor Swanson seconded to award the following grant requests. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Lake County Extension Foundation	\$ 500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 6,000.00
A Safe Place	\$ 500.00
Countryside Association	\$ 1,000.00
NISRA	\$ 2,000.00
Family Services South Lake County	\$ 2,500.00
NICASA	\$ 1,000.00
Zacharias Sex Abuse Center	\$ 750.00
Midwest Council for Children	\$ 1,000.00

A letter will be issued to the Island Teen Center stating that once the center is up and running, a donation request will be considered.

New Building Proposal: Trustee Thompson asked about the grant money verbiage regarding the generator slab. Supervisor Swanson said he would make some phone calls to make sure it does not violate the grant requirements. Supervisor Swanson motioned to go with the bigger building plans. Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Township Attorney Appointment: For consideration of selecting a Township attorney, Trustee Ringel had researched law firms that specialized in municipal law. Trustee Ringel asked the Board for direction as to what type of information they would need to make a decision. Several law firms would like to make a presentation to the Board at an open meeting so they could answer questions from residents as well. Rates would be based on what the township would require. Trustee Schorr said she didn't want to waste time to consider any other firm. Trustee Amrich agreed. Trustee Ringel stated that she feels that it is important for the Township to have an attorney what is knowledgeable in municipal law. Trustee Ringel asked the Trustees and Supervisor Swanson if they would be open to at least interviewing other firms. Trustee Amrich, Trustee Schorr, and Supervisor Swanson said no. Trustee Thompson said he would be willing to look at other attorneys. Supervisor Swanson appointed Mr. Ridgeway as the Township attorney. Supervisor Swanson stated that if Trustee Ringel wants to revisit this in a year, it would be fine.

New Business: Rescind Senior Bus Donation Policy: Supervisor Swanson motioned to rescind the vote of the June 17, 2009 board meeting regarding the senior bus donation policy. Trustee Amrich seconded the motion. Trustee Thompson stated that the previous board voted to appoint Supervisor Swanson to represent the Township for the senior bus policy. Only the three person board, the Township Supervisor, and the two village mayors, can make policy changes. Supervisor Swanson stated that the Board should not have been allowed to

vote on this policy change. Trustee Ringel asked why Attorney Ridgeway allowed the vote as he was present at the meeting. Supervisor Swanson stated that Attorney Ridgeway wasn't asked to look at it. Trustees Amrich, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Schorr, and Supervisor Swanson voted aye. Trustee Thompson voted nay. This motion passed. Trustee Thompson stated that he would like to see the donation money collected listed monthly on the financials.

Elected Officials Report: Trustee Amrich continues to work on disposal companies for the waste referendum. He plans to put it back on the ballot in two years.

Trustee Thompson asked about the email from Cindy Bilisko regarding using the senior busses for the September 11th ceremonies. Supervisor Swanson stated that there has not been a formal request, but it should not be a problem.

Assessor Oaks stated that she will be using the Wauconda High School auditorium for a public assessment meeting on September 14th at 6:30 p.m. Marty Paulsen and Assessor Oaks will be holding the informational seminar on tax assessments and the appeal process. The assessor's office will be closing the books at the end of August.

Supervisor Swanson motioned to adjourn. Trustee Schorr seconded. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

Dated: September 16, 2009

Supervisor

Trustee

Clerk

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee