

**WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 8, 2004**

1. Following the public hearing on the Township tax Levy, Supervisor Keagle called to order the regular meeting of the Wauconda Township Board at 7:30 P.M.
2. Clerk Mers took the roll call. Answering present, Trustees Swanson, Stanley and Dunkelberg. Also Highway Commissioner Jim Hill and Assessor Doris Weidner. Trustee Schafer was absent.
3. Trustee Swanson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Trustee Dunkelberg and seconded by Trustee Stanley. No discussion. All in favor. This motion was carried.
5. Trustee Stanley made a motion to accept the minutes of November 10, 2004 meeting as mailed. Trustee Dunkelberg seconded this motion. Discussion.  
Trustee Swanson inquired if the Supervisor had contacted the county on the Garland Rd. walk and bike trails? Supervisor Keagle replied he is working on a letter to send the county concerning this problem as his phone calls had not been returned.  
Trustee Swanson also inquired as to the Insurance liability on the transfer of parcels in the Williams Park area? Supervisor Keagle stated this item would be taken up under New Business tonight.

Trustee Dunkelberg noted a correction is needed on page 2.of the November 10<sup>th</sup> minutes. The sentence should read right of way widths of Garland Road, not widths of roads.

Resident Dolores Jarchow noted the misspelling of Sara Agahi's name.

Previous minutes read Adaki. Clerk Mers stated she would make these changes in the minute's ledger.

Voice roll call vote was taken on corrected minutes. 3 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

6. A motion to approve the payment of bills and all balances from November 11<sup>th</sup> through December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004 was made by Trustee Dunkelberg and seconded by Trustee Stanley. No discussion . A voice roll call vote was taken. 3 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:  
Brian Rothas, a volunteer from the Northern Illinois Food Bank, passed brochures to the Board concerning information on their non profit organization. Mr. Rothas stated

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their mission was to provide food assistance to the hungry through a network of over 300 agency partners. The Food Pantry serves any Lake County Organizations that have a 501-(c.) 3 tax-exempt status. Their Food Pantry is a warehousing agency that gets donations and special prices to assist other food pantries and Churches. Supervisor Keagle thanked Mr. Rothas for his presentation and stated he would pass this information on to the Wauconda Island Lake Food Pantry.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Keagle read a letter from the Lake County Planning and Development Committee stating that on November 9, 2004, a Lake County Regional Framework Plan was adopted. Supervisor Keagle was thanked for his assistance in developing this plan. Trustee Dunkelberg and resident Jay Glenn were thanked by the Supervisor for their help in this project.

Supervisor Keagle reported that the Lake County Transportation Committee held a meeting at the Township Hall on Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> to study the congestion of roads in the area.

After discussion, Supervisor Keagle stated he felt a bus service from Island Lake and Wauconda into Mundelein and Waukegan area should be explored.

The Transportation Committee will look into this bussing possibility.

9. OLD BUSINESS: Review of 2005 Holiday Schedule

Supervisor Keagle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Swanson to open this discussion to the public. All in favor of this motion.

Assessor Weidner stated in the past eleven holidays yearly were given employees. As a Department Head, she would like to include Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 to the present holidays listed.

Trustee Dunkelberg inquired as to the basis for giving additional holidays?

Trustee Swanson stated the department heads could ask for additional holidays as long as holidays did not exceed twelve. He explained that the Township policy was based on other government agency holiday policies.

After discussion, Trustee Dunkelberg rescinded his previous motion at the November meeting which included removing the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 holiday. This motion was seconded by Trustee Stanley. A voice roll call vote was taken. 3 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

Trustee Stanley made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Keagle to add the January 3<sup>rd</sup> holiday to the schedule. A voice roll call vote was taken. 3 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

Trustee Swanson made a motion to add Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> holiday to the 2005 schedule as requested by the Assessor. This motion was seconded by Trustee Stanley.

This would make eleven holidays on the 2005 schedule. A voice roll call vote was taken. 3 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

10. ORDINANCE: Wauconda Township Levy # 12-08-04-01

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A motion was made by Trustee Dunkelberg to adopt the Township Tax Levy Ordinance #12-08-04-01. This motion was seconded by Trustee Stanley. No discussion. A voice roll call vote was taken. 3 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried. A motion was made by Trustee Stanley, seconded by Trustee Swanson to adopt the Road District Tax Levy #12-08-04-02. Discussion. Trustee Swanson inquired as to the percentage of increase in the Road District Levy? Supervisor Keagle replied it was 04.9 % increase. A voice roll call vote was taken. 3 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

12. NEW BUSINESS: SMC action request:

Sara Agahi, SMC representative and Don Krebs, Chairman of Slocum Lake Drainage District were welcomed by Supervisor Keagle.

Mrs. Agahi explained her purpose at this meeting was to request the Township to accept the Williams Park land parcels.

In response to Trustee Swanson's questions, Mrs. Agahi explained that FEMA states land parcels can only be turned over to local units of government or land conservancy groups.

Mrs. Agahi also stated that the Township should consult their attorney on liability costs of this land acquisition.

Trustee Stanley stated that in checking with other government units that have accepted land acquisitions, the costs were minimal, it also relieved them of flooding concerns and it allowed them to keep land as open space areas with little maintenance.

Mrs. Agahi added that after they demolish structures, they restore the land to a natural environment to prevent flooding.

Mr. Krebs stated he is working with a land conservancy group that maybe interested in accepting the Williams Park land. This could not be done before March of 2005.

Mrs. Agahi is concerned with the deadline as SMC would like to finalize by the first of the year.

Mr. Krebs stated the Slocum Drainage District commissioners are in the process of putting together a plan that involves working with homeowners who wished to dedicate their land, plus FEMA land, wrap them in one package and then work with a conservancy group. Mr. Krebs explained how planting native vegetation would stop silting process. Mr. Krebs stated land needs further clearing in Williams Park.

Mr. Krebs would like the Township's opinion on turning these parcels over to a land Conservancy group. He feels the Township needs a plan before these parcels are accepted and a contract with Williams Park Association needs to be established concerning a comprehensive plan for this land.

Mr. Krebs further suggested two Resolution possibilities.

1. The Township could accept the land parcels tonight with the condition that the WPIA agrees with the Slocum Lake Drainage and Conservancy group on this transfer.
2. The Township could table the Resolution to read if no Conservancy group signs up by the March 30<sup>th</sup> deadline, with the concurrence of WPIA Board, the Township would then accept the land.

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After further discussion, Trustee Stanley made a motion to draft a Resolution with the assistance of Mr. Krebs, and present this to the Board for a vote at the January meeting.

Trustee Stanley further stated this Resolution would incorporate the Township's intention to facilitate the transfer of land to an amiable conservancy group entity, facilitate foremost the needs of the Williams Park Homeowners Association as a primary part of this agreement, and agree to a March 30, 2005 deadline for this project.

This motion was seconded by Trustee Swanson. A voice roll call vote was taken. 3 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

In conclusion, it was noted that if the Conservancy group does not accept the land by March 30<sup>th</sup>, the Township would acquire the land and the Williams Park Association would go into negotiations with the Township.

**B. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Trustee Dunkelberg stated a web site has been set up and their committee is working on a E-Mail address.

He further stated that workshops for water issues will be upcoming and an IEPA map has been mounted in the Township Hall with two cross sections outlining the Sand and Gravel landfills and what is underground.

**13. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:**

A. Supervisor Keagle requested the Highway Department to mount a new map of the County brought in by the Transportation Dept.

E. Trustee Swanson stated that with the Board's approval, he would like to work on a Travel expense policy for the Township using accepted government guide lines and present these figures to the Board before the January meeting. The Board accepted this proposal.

**14. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ken Percox from the WPIA thanked the Highway Department and Commissioner Hill for the recent work completed in Williams Park.

15. Supervisor Keagle adjourned this meeting at 9:25 P.M.

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