

WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 21, 2005

1. Supervisor Swanson called this meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. at Wauconda Township Hall, County of Lake, State of Illinois.
2. Clerk Maioriello took roll call. Answering present, Trustees Bilisko, Amrich, and Hansen & Ryan. Also present Supervisor Swanson, Highway Commissioner Munson and Assessor Doris Weidner.
3. Supervisor Swanson led the Pledge of Allegiance
4. A motion was made by Trustee Ryan, seconded by Trustee Hansen to approve the Agenda as presented. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion. No discussion. Voice roll call vote was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
5. A. A motion was made by Trustee Amrich, seconded by Supervisor Swanson to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2005 Regular Board Meeting. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion from the Board. No discussion. Voice roll call vote was taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays, Trustee Ryan abstained. This motion was carried.

B. A motion was made by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Amrich to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2005 Executive Session Meeting. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion from the Board. No discussion. Voice roll call vote was taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays, Trustee Ryan abstained. This motion was carried.
6. A motion was made by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Bilisko to approve the bills and balances from November 17, 2005 thru December 21, 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:
Dolores Jarchow, resident 26781 N. Kane Dr. requested that we open up discussion to the public later in the meeting. Joseph Bogacz, resident 30432 N. Highway 12 Round Lake sent Supervisor Swanson an e-mail and wondered why he did not get a response. Supervisor Swanson replied he did respond to his e-mail the same day and in the e-mail said the information he requested was at our front desk waiting for him to pick up. The only item he will not supply Mr. Bogacz with was the names of recipients of our holiday basket program, which is done with private donations. The emergency assistance applications were copied and put into the packet. Mr. Bogacz asked about a letter from the attorney? Supervisor Swanson replied our Township Attorney would respond back to him. Ken Percox, resident 26832 N. Genesee asked Highway Commissioner Munson if they are on his schedule for salting in Williams Park? Highway Commissioner Munson replied we salt your Main Street. The other roads are private. We did salt a few weeks ago because some residents could not get up the hill. Supervisor Swanson asked if there were any other public comments? There was none.
8. CORRESPONDENCE: None

9. OLD BUSINESS:

A. UPDATE ON WILLIAMS PARK LOT ACQUISITION:

Supervisor Swanson feels this is an exciting situation for our Township and this Board and that a Township Park is long overdue if that is a possibility. A motion was made by Supervisor Swanson to accept ownership of 98 lots within Williams Park given to Wauconda Township from Storm Water Management, seconded by Trustee Ryan. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion from the Board? Trustee Bilisko asked for a copy of the usage and a map? Supervisor Swanson gave her a copy. Ward Miller from Storm Water Management introduced staff so if the Township had any questions in the future we would know whom to call. Steve Mountsier, Chairman of Storm Water Management Commission, also a County Board Member. Mike Warner, Chief Engineer, can answer field questions. Sara Agahi, Water Shed Planner. She can answer paperwork, usage and PIN questions. Mr. Miller also appreciated working with the Township on this partnership and they will continue to help anyway they can. Mr. Miller also thanked Dolores Jarchow, and neighborhood residents in helping with the clean up. Dolores Jarchow, resident 26781 N. Kane Dr. asked if they would have first option to adopt a lot? She also stated they would have a great deal of difficulty of a park in the middle of their neighborhood. There are only 2 squad cars since they are unincorporated for police protection, they do not have proper roads and what happened to the Adopt A Lot Program and Williams Park options? Supervisor Swanson replied the Township would have to take possession of the lots even before we discuss any options with Williams Park and the Board has to agree to take possession of these lots. It would be up to this Board to decide what to do with the lots but of course they would work in co-operation with Williams Park. Your request was done with the previous administration. The Township Board will discuss options with Williams Park Board for the best use of this property. Supervisor Swanson asked the Board if there were any further questions on this motion? There was none. Voice roll call vote was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

B. VOTE TO ACCEPT CLARKE MOSQUITO'S 2006 PROPOSAL

A motion was made to accept the Clarke Mosquito proposal for 2006 by Trustee Amrich, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Supervisor Swanson asked if there were any comments from the Board? Trustee Ryan commented that the variables go up and down. There is not a lot of consistency. Possibly next year put out for bid. Trustee Ryan asked Mayor Tom Hyde who was in the audience if Island Lake does mosquito control? Mayor Hyde replied they use Clarke Mosquito for spraying weeds and a few other circumstances but not for annual service due to the buffering of land around Island Lake. Supervisor Swanson asked if there were any further comments? There was none. A voice roll call vote was taken. 4 ayes, 1 nay by Trustee Ryan. This motion was carried.

C. DISCUSSION OF KATRINA FUNDS

Trustee Hansen discussed that no families came through to move into the Township. Supervisor Swanson would like to keep the money in General Assistance and use as needed. Supervisor Swanson asked if we could table until next month when Yolanda Segovia, General Assistance Case Worker could attend our meeting?

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE: None

11. ORDINANCE:

A. ADOPTION OF TOWNSHIP LEVY 12-21-05-01

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 12-21-05-01 by Supervisor Swanson, seconded by Trustee Amrich. Supervisor Swanson asked if there were any discussion. There was none. A voice roll call vote was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

B. ADOPTION OF ROAD DISTRICT LEVY 12-21-05-02

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 12-21-05-02 by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Amrich. Supervisor Swanson asked if there were any discussion. There was none. A voice roll call vote was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

12. RESOLUTION: None

13. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

There were 37 Thanksgiving baskets handed out. Thirty seven (37) holiday baskets were handed out this past Monday. On December 6, 2005 Supervisor Swanson & Yolanda Segovia, on behalf of the Township accepted a check from the Village for \$1,000.00 to purchase toys for needy kids in the Township. Yolanda Segovia bought and wrapped all these toys, which were handed out last Monday. Thanked all the employees, elected officials and residents for a great year. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ASSESSOR:

This year she has gone through all her complaints and hearings. Thought that the new Assessor Pat Oaks will try to get her books done earlier.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER:

Busy month with snow removal and salting. Still working in Hillcrest and Spenser Highlands. Attorney Ridgeway, Supervisor Swanson and Highway Commissioner Munson had a meeting with Lake County to discuss mail boxes and obstructions in the township road right of ways. Munson's concerns are if someone hits these mailboxes the Township could be liable for damages. Mailboxes need to be constructed on 4" x 4" posts. Island Lake Mayor Tom Hyde commented on boxes and does lend support on what the Highway Commissioner would like to do. Island Lake Public Works Director, William Kootstra said their roads are 20 mph but these stelffy built mailboxes are a difficulty but as long as they are behind the curb they have not done much about it. If they damage a mailbox snow plowing they will replace with 4" x 4" posts. Supervisor Swanson asked Wauconda Postmaster Pete Caracci who was in the audience if he would not deliver mail to boxes that were not in compliance? Postmaster Caracci said he could not hold delivery unless it was a safety issue to the carrier. Trustee Ryan asked what action would the postmaster take? Postmaster Caracci replied, it is in their manual to construct a mailbox that is on a 4" x 4" post but is not regulated by the Postmaster. Has to be regulated by a governing body. Lake County suggested having a conversation with residents who have unsafe mailboxes and see if they can resolve this and if they can't a letter could be sent from Attorney Ridgeway. Possibility of ending up in court. Trustee Hansen asked if we could have Attorney Ridgeway draw up a form if a resident does not want to move one of these obstructions to eliminate liability from the Township? Munson said yes there was discussion on this. Assessor Weidner asked if the Township could pass an ordinance in regards to mailboxes? Supervisor Swanson said we could but we also have to have policing of this ordinance and said Attorney Ridgeway is looking into case law.

CLERK: No Report

TRUSTEES: No Report

14. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. RECOGNITION OF DORIS WEIDNER'S RETIREMENT

Supervisor Swanson said Doris has done a spectacular job here. It is not easy being the Assessor, access properties and collects taxes for the County. She has been an assessor for 17 years. Not only has she been an Assessor but has been in Township Government a long time and her comments have always been welcome, accepted and valuable. A Resolution from Volo by Mayor Burnell Russell signed by all the Trustees thanking her for all she has done was read by Supervisor Swanson and given to Doris. Supervisor Swanson also read and presented to Doris a plaque from the Wauconda Township Board and the Citizens of Wauconda Township. Supervisor Swanson asked if anyone would like to stay and have cake and asked Doris if she would like to say anything? She said it was great being an Assessor and she could not of done what she did without her good staff and thanked everyone for their support. She was assessor through 4 supervisors and really loved being assessor.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Trustee Bilisko and seconded by Trustee Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM. A voice roll call vote was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

SUPERVISOR

TRUSTEES

CLERK

