

**WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 19, 2007**

1. Supervisor Swanson called this meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at Wauconda Township Hall, County of Lake, State of Illinois.
2. Clerk Rowe took roll call. Answering present, Trustees Bilisko, Amrich, Ryan, and Supervisor Swanson. Also present were Highway Commissioner Munson, Assessor Pat Oaks and Administrator Marioriello. Trustee Hansen was absent.
3. Supervisor Swanson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. A motion was made by Trustee Bilisko, seconded by Trustee Amrich to approve the Agenda as presented. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion. No discussion. Voice roll call vote was taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
5. A. A motion was made by Supervisor Swanson and seconded by Trustee Ryan to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2007 Regular Board Meeting. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion from the Board. Trustee Bilisko noted that in section 7, Mr. Reardon meant to say the south east side of Garland road. Supervisor Swanson noted the changes. No other discussion. Voice roll call vote was taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
6. A motion was made by Trustee Amrich, seconded by Supervisor Swanson to approve the bills and balances from November 22, 2007 thru December 19, 2007. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion from the Board. No discussion. Voice roll call vote was taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:  
Dave Guzzardo, resident, Wellsmere Heights, thanked the highway department for doing such a great job during the last snow storm. He asked Highway Commissioner Munson about the e-mail he sent him in regards to information on road work that was done in Hillcrest on Wade Street. Mr. Munson replied that he did not receive the e-mail. Mr. Guzzardo asked Supervisor Swanson if the Township was still having trouble with communications. Supervisor Swanson stated that Highway Commissioner Munson does not have a secretary to go through all the e-mails and requested that Mr. Guzzardo resend the email to Mr. Munson and himself. Trustee Ryan asked that Mr. Guzzardo send the same e-mail to her address as well so she can see if her Township e-mail is working. Mr. Guzzardo said he would re-send the e-mail.

Dolores Jarchow, resident, Williams Park, reported that a woman gave a speech at the Village meeting regarding the needs of the food pantry and the hours of operation. No one knows the phone number of the food pantry. The Village is going to put the hours of operation of the food pantry on the web site. Trustee Ryan asked what the hours were. Dolores said the hours were 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 6 days a week.

The next concern she reported was the parking situation for the day care center next to the new Off Track Betting location. Several parents have received parking violations trying to pick up their children. They have had to park illegally to run in and get their children due to the lack of parking

provided for the day care center. Since a lot of these are single moms, this is a very difficult issue for them. They are concerned with having to park so far way with little children. She brought the problem up to the Village and asked if the Township had any influence in trying to resolve this problem. The Village has offered to speak to the owners about installing parking signs designating certain spaces during day care center hours.

Supervisor Swanson said that while the lot is privately owned and the Township has no jurisdiction, he would mention it to the Village officials. Trustee Amrich said that all the merchants in that area are complaining about not having any parking there due to the Off Track Betting Parlor.

Dolores said that the owners of the Off Track Betting own the whole complex, so hopefully they can come up with a solution.

Supervisor Swanson wanted to address the food pantry issue. The food pantry is privately run through private donations. It is not under the Township. The Township assists in issuing the food cards. Therefore the hours of operation and phone numbers are not under the Township control. Supervisor Swanson can get the information for her regarding her concerns.

Michael Hennessey, resident, restated that there was no intergovernmental agreement in regards to the bike path. Supervisor Swanson replied that this was cleared up at last months meeting. There is no intergovernmental agreement at this time with the bike path. An agreement will be done before there is any sharing of funds on the bike path. Mr. Hennessey reported that a newspaper had an article that the residents of Wheeling are suing some of its neighbors for \$80,000 in regards to a bike path with an agreement.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Swanson reported that the Township has received many holiday cards. He read a letter from Dolores Jarchow thanking the Township for all their help and for sponsoring the CDBG grant.

9. OLD BUSINESS: Bike Path

Trustee Ryan and Supervisor Swanson have attended some of the bike path meetings. The grant money can be in place for the path and the engineering is in place to build most of the path. The easement agreements along the road way are not in place. In order to obtain the agreements, appraisals of the property can be done to determine the possibility of purchasing the property along the roadway to build the 9' path with the grant money. The other option is to do a 5' widening of the road for a bike lane or walking lane. The Village wants to know that the Township Board will be in agreement that if this goes forward, to be aware that it could possibly cost up to \$100,000 to obtain the easements agreements from Main street to Gossell Road along Garland Road. They plan on meeting with some engineers from Lake County to get their opinions of what they feel would be best. Last year The Township budgeted \$60,000 to work on the bike path. That has not been used because we did not move forward on it. If this moves into litigation, attorney fees could be high. Supervisor Swanson reiterated how dangerous Garland Road is and how vital it is to move forward with the project.

Trustee Ryan stated that the grant does run all the way to Gossell Road and connect to Millennium Trail. Another reason to go with the grant process is it will include storm sewers, gutter, and curbs.

Trustee Bilisko stated that a lot of people would like to see it, just not in front of their property.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Dunkelberg reported that there were over 300 responses sent in regards to the consent decree. They are in the process of putting their comments together to be submitted to the judge. The CAG group requested that a copy of the response be sent to them. They have no idea how large of a document it will be. The report should be completed by mid January. Comments included issues on north Garland and Bonner Road.

The CAG group held elections in December. The Board is staying the same.

Michael Hennessey asked if there was discussion on bringing in Lake Michigan water. Supervisor Swanson asked Mr. Hennessey to attend a CAG meeting to address these specific questions.

11. ORDINANCE:

A. ADOPTION OF TOWNSHIP LEVY 12-19-07-01

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 12-19-07-01 by Trustee Amrich, seconded by Trustee Ryan. Supervisor Swanson asked if there were any discussion. There was none. A voice roll call vote was taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

B. ADOPTION OF ROAD DISTRICT LEVY 12-19-07-02

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 12-19-07-02 by Trustee Bilisko, seconded by Supervisor Swanson. Supervisor Swanson asked if there were any discussion. There was none. A voice roll call vote was taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

C. RELEASE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES 9-21-05 & 11-16-05

Supervisor Swanson motioned not to release the executive session minutes due to possible litigation. Trustee Amrich seconded the motion. 4 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

12. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

Trustee Bilisko reported that the Historical Society held it 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner. Due to the storm, there was a small turnout. The house is closed up for the winter.

Supervisor Swanson asked if the house was winterized. Trustee Bilisko said it was taken care of.

Trustee Amrich said he has all the bids in for the garbage companies. Prices range from \$55 to \$75 per quarter. He will go to the next step and continue to work on this.

ASSESSOR:

The last hearing was done on December 12<sup>th</sup>. For the property owners that did file an appeal, they should find out sometime in January.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER:

The highway department has had a busy month with snow removal and salting.

CLERK: Clerk Rowe announced that early voting will begin this year on January 14<sup>th</sup> and go through January 31<sup>st</sup>. The county has extended the hours during the week and on Saturdays.

13. OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Swanson announced he received a notice that the Township could receive a grant for \$100,000 through Mark Beaubien, our state representative. The Township had to declare what they would use the money for. The money has to be used on infrastructure projects. The Township came up plans to add on to the senior bus building to house another bus, to put a storage area on to expand

our records keeping area, and to build a generator room. The generator building would house a generator that would power all three buildings in case of an emergency. The grant is called a DECA grant from the state of Illinois. The Township had received a grant to build the highway garage where funds had to be matched. With this grant, no funds would have to be matched.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Trustee Amrich and seconded by Trustee Bilisko to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. A voice roll call vote was taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

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SUPERVISOR

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