

**Wauconda Township
Regular Board Meeting
December 16, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Answering present were Trustees Amrich, Ringel, Schorr, Thompson, Supervisor Swanson, and Assessor Oaks. Highway Commissioner Munson was absent.

Also answering present were Attorney Ridgway and Administrator Maioriello.

Attorney Ridgway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Amrich motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Supervisor Swanson seconded. Trustee Ringel asked that new business and the executive session discussion be moved up as she had to leave early. Supervisor Swanson asked that the proposed bike lane discussion be first under old business. Trustee Thompson asked to have the executive session regarding the personnel issue be deleted from the agenda. Trustee Amrich amended his motion to include the changes, Supervisor Swanson seconded the motion. Having no objections or further discussion, a voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Trustee Thompson motioned to approve the minutes of the November 18th meeting. Trustee Amrich seconded the motion. Supervisor Swanson would like Clerk Rowe to add who read the Treasurer's Report to future minutes. Having no more discussion, a voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Trustee Amrich motioned to approve the payment of bills from November.19, 2009 to December 16, 2009. Trustee Ringel seconded the motion. Trustee Schorr mentioned that the change order of the new building was not in their folder for inspection. Supervisor Swanson stated that he will give the Trustees a copy. Trustee Thompson stated that the bid started out at \$158,100 and was currently at \$165,800. Trustee Schorr would like to see better detail on the bills. Supervisor Swanson stated that there will be more expenses due to the contractor finding foundation in the ground while digging. Having no more discussion, a voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Supervisor Swanson read the following Treasurer's Report.

General Town Fund	\$77,546.76
General Assistance	4,845.33
Social Security/IMRF	7,792.98
Senior Services	1,654.49
Road & Bridge	1,439.08
<u>Permanent Road</u>	<u>55,307.26</u>
	\$148,585.90

Public Participation: Don Verciglio, 4113 Beech Street, Island Lake, asked how long the board expected to be in executive session as he would like to stay for the entire meeting. Supervisor Swanson stated that the time varied.

Dolores Jarchow, 26781 N. Kane, Wauconda, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Right Of Way Proposal: Tabled

Volo Intergovernmental Agreement: Tabled

Proposed Bike Lane Discussion: Supervisor Swanson stated that the Village of Wauconda would like a consensus of the board's feelings on the bike lane extension. To date, \$245,000 has been secured in a grant for the bike lane. The plan is for 2 five foot lanes on either side of the roadway. A big concern is the easement issue into the center of the road. The issue now is whether the two government boards want to pursue the costs in securing the easement rights. The Township currently has \$10,000 invested in this project. Supervisor Swanson stated that he feels Garland Road is one of the most dangerous roads in the Township and that connecting the Village to the Millennium Trail is a worthwhile project. Trustee Ringel stated she would like to hear from people who are pro the bike lane. At the meeting, only people who were against the lanes spoke up. Trustee Thompson stated some concerns with safety issues in the curve on Garland Road if the lanes were approved. Trustee Thompson asked Mr. Devry, the engineer, who would be liable if there were an accident on the bike lanes. Mr. Devry stated that it would be considered a legal highway, therefore, making the driver responsible. Attorney Ridgway stated that if the bike lanes are installed properly, the township will not have any liability. Mr. Devry stated that with the money being allocated through IDOT, everything has to be approved by them.

Trustee Thompson asked what is the cost to maintain a bike lane and where do the funds come from. Mr. Devry stated that the motor fuel tax is the source for the money and that there is a 7 year average on maintenance for the lanes. Striping is done every other year and the cost obligation is being discussed with the Village.

Trustee Schorr feels that if there are enough homeowners against the lanes, the project should not move forward. Trustee Ringel would not like to see the easement letters go out until she hears more input from other people. Trustee Thompson would like to know what the total cost of the bike path would be and the impact it would have on the Township. Trustee Schorr asked if the legal fees for the easement letters are included in the \$600,000. Supervisor Swanson said the engineering and legal fees, which would include the easement letters, are not included. Mr. Devry said that the easement letters would include a legal description of the property and a request to grant the easement. Mr. Devry does not know what it would cost to send out the letters. Trustee Thompson stated that since taxpayers money is being spent to do this project, he would like to know if this is what they want it spent on given the current economic situation. Supervisor Swanson stated the he will set up another meeting before moving forward.

Swearing In of Assessor Oaks: Clerk Rowe gave the Oath of the Assessors Office to Pat Oaks. Pat Oaks was officially sworn in as Assessor.

Levy Vote: Township Levy: Trustee Thompson motioned and Supervisor Swanson seconded to approve the Township Levy Ordinance 12-16-09-01. This year 1.60% was levied compared to last years 9.80%. Trustee Thompson would like a preliminary budget from the departments done first next year. He feels it would reflect a more accurate accounting of the monies levied. Supervisor Swanson stated that they have tried to capture new growth and work with what they have. Trustee Schorr state that she agrees with doing a preliminary budget next year. Having no more discussion, a voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Levy Vote: Road District Levy: Trustee Amrich motioned and Trustee Thompson seconded to approve the Road District Levy 12-18-09-02. Last year, 9.80% was requested, this year 2.30% is being requested. Having no discussion, a voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes Release: Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Amrich seconded not to release the executive session minutes for 9-21-05, 11-16-05, 10-18-06, 1-16-08, and 10-21-09. Having no discussion, a voice roll call was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Employee Manual Changes Vote: Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Thompson seconded to approve the changes in the manual as presented regarding regular pay and time and a half pay for holiday pay, which are Policy numbers 2.2 and 3.1 A voice roll was taken. All were in favor. This motion passed. Trustee Thompson motioned to make the changes in the policy retroactive to 11-18-09. Trustee Ringel seconded the motion. Having no more discussion, all were in favor of the Ordinance#12-18-09-03 with the retroactive date change. This motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. for executive session: Trustee Ringel motioned and Trustee Thompson seconded to adjourn into executive session for discussion of executive session minutes 6-17-09 and 7-15-09. All were in favor. This motion passed.

Meeting was re-opened at 9:00 p.m.

Elected Official Report: Supervisor Swanson reported that 230 coats were received for the coat drive. 70 holiday food baskets were donated. Each family will also receive a gift for each child. The Supervisor thanked the Village of Wauconda for the \$1,000 donation. The Supervisor reported that the building is moving along very smoothly. There will be a holiday party for the employees at Wauconda Bowl with food and 2 hours of open bowling. This year the employees will get a \$20.00 gift certificate from the Township to use at a car wash.

Assessor Oaks reported that there have been 516 appeals heard in 39 days. There is one more hearing date, and then 2009 will be closed.

Trustee Thompson thanked the Township for the flowers for the passing of his mother in law.

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

Respectfully submitted:

January 20, 2010

Supervisor

Clerk

Trustee:

