

Wauconda Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 18, 2009

1. Supervisor Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Clerk Rowe took roll call. Answering present were Trustees Bilisko, Hansen, Ryan, Supervisor Swanson, Assessor Oaks and Administrator Marioreillo. Trustee Amrich and Highway Commissioner Munson were absent.
3. Trustee Ryan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Approve the Agenda:** A motion was made by Trustee Bilisko and seconded by Trustee Hansen to approve the agenda as presented. A voice roll call was taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays. This motion carried.
5. **Approve the Minutes:** Trustee Hansen motioned and Trustee Bilisko seconded to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting. Having no discussion, a voice roll call was taken. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Supervisor Swanson abstained. This motion carried.
6. **Payment of Bills:** Trustee Hansen motioned and Trustee Ryan seconded to approve the bills from January 22, 2009 to February 18, 2009. Trustee Ryan stated that the electric bills were real high. She asked if there was anything that could be done. Supervisor Swanson stated that the bill includes bulb replacement for lighting on the roads. Trustee Ryan suggested that the Township check into a grant possibility for bulb conversion. Trustee Hansen asked about LD lights and replacing the old bulbs with this type of bulb as they burn out. Trustee Hansen asked Jerry from the Highway department to check into that.  
Trustee Ryan asked about the salt bill and if the follow up with Senator Durbin's office. Jerry from the Highway Department said that he and Highway Commissioner Munson stopped by the office on Monday but their office was closed. Supervisor Swanson stated that the Costco bill needs to be included in the approval. Trustee Hansen amended her motion to include the Costco bill.  
Having no more discussion a voice roll call was taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
7. **Treasurers Report:**      Expenditures from 1/22/09 to 2/18/09

General Town Fund:	\$ 104,554.88
General Assistance:	5,013.54
Social Security/IMRF:	7,746.26
Senior Services:	10,503.31
Road & Bridge Fund:	7,894.37
<u>Permanent Road Fund:</u>	<u>67,465.93</u>
	\$200,078.29
8. **Public Participation:** Julia Tudor, 136 W. Hubbard, asked if the Township has started the bidding process on the garage. Supervisor replied no. Ms. Tudor asked where could she find the minutes for the budget approval. She could not find them on the website. Clerk Rowe stated she would check into it.

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Julia Tudor asked what portion of insurance coverage is paid for by the employees and elected officials. Supervisor Swanson stated that the Township pays 100% for the insurance coverage.

Julia Tudor asked what committees were formed by the current Board, such as Senior Services, youth, and food pantry. Supervisor Swanson stated that the Township has different individuals attending the various meetings. The Supervisors office oversees the different groups.

Julia Tudor then asked what allotment of money the Township is setting aside for the 2010 IMRF fund. She stated that other Townships are setting money aside due to an expected large increase in this fund. Supervisor Swanson said that the new budget doesn't get approved until May.

Julia Tudor asked that since the Township is the largest landowner in Williams Park why the Township does not pay association fees. Supervisor Swanson stated that the Williams Park board waived those fees. Julia asked if it was the Supervisors intention to put soccer fields on the empty lots in Williams Park. She stated that he, with Highway Commissioner Munson present, had told her that it was his intention to put soccer fields in Williams Park and she wanted it on the record. Supervisor Swanson stated that he had no comment. Supervisor Swanson also stated that he has not had an engineer to see if soccer fields are even feasible.

Lexi and Erin from Girl Scout Troop 824 asked for the Township to inform residents in need that they had coats they were giving away at the expo.

Gary Thompson, 520 Brown Street, wanted an update on the garbage referendum. Supervisor stated that there would be a public meeting held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. with a representative from SWALCO to answer questions. If the referendum passes, the Township would put the contract out for bid.

Dania Wazczak, 1118 Madison, asked if there was a book on ordinances or laws for unincorporated Wauconda. Supervisor Swanson stated that building and zoning is through Lake County. The TOI (Township of Illinois) has the township code on their website.

Trustee Ryan suggested that Supervisor Swanson let Melissa from General Assistance know about the coat drive from the Girl Scout troop. Supervisor Swanson stated that there were some coats left over from the Township drive that he would give to the Girl Scout troop to distribute.

Mike Hennessy, Wellsmere Heights, asked for an update on the Elmcrest sewer project. Supervisor Swanson stated that the involvement of the Township is just the roadways. The Township was contacted to put two entrances into Wellsmere Heights. Supervisor stated that because it involved the right of way, the Township got involved. The roads will be put back to the original condition when the project is done.

Michael Hennessy asked about a flyer put on his door that was a political flyer in a bag from the Supervisors party that was identical to a flyer from the Township. He wanted to know if the Township purchased the bags. Supervisor Swanson said that the Township purchased the bags with the flyer in it regarding the sewer project and the political team purchased the other flyers and bags.

Michael Hennessy asked if the sign and building will exceed the \$100,000 grant. Supervisor Swanson said yes.

Dave Guzzardo, Winding Lane, asked if the Highway Commissioner is on disability leave. Supervisor Swanson stated that he will not discuss any personal matters of an employee or elected official.

Dave Guzzardo asked how much money is going to be spent on Fiddle Creek. Supervisor Swanson said none.

Dave asked how much of the Township money will be spent on the Tarkowski's property? Supervisor Swanson stated that there has been no money spent on this property.

- 9. New Business: Building and Sign Update:** The Supervisor showed the Board some new plans of the new building. Three skylights are being added along with another doorway into the generator room. Supervisor Swanson explained some other items on the plans. Trustee Bilisko asked about gas generators and garage doors. Supervisor Swanson said if there were any questions, Mr. Rooney will be glad to answer them.

Trustee Hansen asked about the sign. Supervisor Swanson said there was no sign update. Trustee Hansen wanted to remind the Supervisor that the original grant paperwork did not include the sign. The grant was only for the building. Supervisor Swanson responded by saying that the sign was part of the original grant and for some unknown reason it was omitted. Supervisor Swanson stated that is on the grant now.

**B) Bike Path Update:** The I.G.A. has been put on hold waiting for a phase 1 study. There is a letter of intent put together to share phase 1 planning costs between the Village and the Township. There have been some changes made. A big change to the bike path is that the Village is looking at going for a bigger grant that would do a total overlay of Garland Road, from Gossel to the Park District, with a 5 foot wide path on both sides of the road, which would have a less impact on the residents. This would be easier to maintain for plowing. One of the biggest costs is the engineering and the retaining walls. Since receiving the letter of intent, Supervisor Swanson feels comfortable with releasing the budgeted money. Trustee Bilisko asked about the 9' divider on the original grant. Supervisor Swanson said that the old grant would be moved into the new grant from IDOT. Trustee Ryan asked how much more money would the new grant be for. Supervisor Swanson had no idea. Trustee Bilisko motioned to open the meeting to the public. Trustee Ryan seconded. Gary Thompson asked who is responsible for cleaning the rocks and stones off the bike paths. Supervisor Swanson stated that it is a shared cost between the Village and Township. The bike path on Bonner Road is Lake County responsibility. Julia Tudor asked about an update on securing the easements from homeowners on Garland Road. Supervisor Swanson stated that meetings are being planned with the homeowners. Trustee Ryan stated that one option is making Garland Road a one way road. Danae Wazcak stated that at her previous residence, there was a bike path right in front of her house and there was never a problem. She would be willing to be an advocate for the bike path.

Bob Cook asked how long has the bike path project been started. Supervisor Swanson stated about 2 years ago. Mr. Cook asked how much is the grant. Supervisor Swanson stated \$245,000 and with matching funds from the Village and Township, the grant is at \$300,000.00.

- 10. Correspondence:** None

- 11. Elected Official Report:** Trustee Ryan attended a United Partnership Meeting representing the youth committee. Opening a youth center is a project that is being checked into. There is currently a youth center in Grayslake called the Oasis. This was one center that was going to be used into researching youth centers. Trustee Ryan would like to get a feel from

the residents and the Board in regards to a youth center. Funding the center is being discussed. The website for the Oasis is [www.theislandteencenter.org](http://www.theislandteencenter.org). This is being funded by a 501c group.

Supervisor Swanson stated that the Township will be offering rides for the seniors to attend the Wauconda Expo through scheduled appointments.

Supervisor Swanson attended a food pantry meeting. 143 families were served last month.

Supervisor Swanson reminded everyone about the March 11<sup>th</sup> Refuse Collection Meeting.

- 12. Adjournment:** Trustee Bilisko motioned and Trustee Ryan seconded to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

**Date: March 18, 2009**

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**Supervisor**

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