

MINUTES
WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2003

1. CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. Supervisor Keagle
2. ROLL CALL:
The roll call was taken by Clerk Smith. Answering “present” were Trustees Mers and Swanson and Supervisor Keagle. Absent were Trustees Hill and Schafer.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Smith.
4. APPROVE AGENDA:
The agenda was approved on a motion by Trustee Swanson seconded by Trustee Mers. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.
5. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2002 MEETING
A motion to approve the December 17, 2002 minutes was made by Trustee Swanson, seconded by Trustee Mers and carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.
6. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM DECEMBER 17, 2002 THRU JANUARY 8, 2003.
A motion was made by Trustee Swanson, seconded by Trustee Mers to approve payment of all bills and all balances. from December 17, 2002 thru January 7, 2003. The motion was carried by roll call vote: Mers aye, Swanson aye, Keagle aye, Schafer and Hill absent.
7. CORRESPONDENCE:
Supervisor Keagle referred to correspondence from Zion Township concerning a 911 Cell phone program for seniors. Supervisor Keagle explained that he had already completed a similar program for Wauconda Township seniors.
11. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:
 - A. Supervisor Keagle read portions of a letter from Township Attorney Semmelman concerning powers of electors at the Annual Town Meeting, quoting from Section 30 of the Code, and stating that “actions of the town electors at the Annual Town meeting were without legal authority and of no legal effect.”

Supervisor Keagle discussed the recent grant awarded to the Neighborhood Enhancement Network of Island Lake and stated that the playground involved would be accessible to all Wauconda Township residents.

E. Trustee Swanson requested that the presentation of the grant be publicized with a photograph and news item.
 - B. Assessor Weidner expressed concern about payment of bills involving the new schedule of township meetings which is causing a hardship on department heads, and asked that the board look into possible ways to improve the procedure. Supervisor Keagle commented that he would look into correcting the problem.

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Supervisor Keagle made a motion to open the meeting to the floor for comments. The motion was seconded by Trustee Swanson and carried 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Administrative Assistant Lettie McKay was recognized and offered comments. She suggested the possibility of online banking. She stated she was currently working with the auditors and banks to streamline the procedure and suggested any decision be delayed until after the close of the fiscal year, (February 28, 2003.)

E. Trustee Mers stated that she had met with Bonnie Thompson Carter, County Board Rep. regarding the availability and acquisition of lands for athletic fields. Trustee Mers expressed a desire for the Township to work with the Villages and Park District to further this effort. Supervisor Keagle stated that meetings were currently being held and the Village of Wauconda was involved.

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Loretta Adams was recognized and spoke about the increase of the assessment of her property in Williams Park. Assessor Weidner stated that this was not the concern of the Town Board and the Assessor's office would work with her to answer her questions.

Ken Percox of the Williams Park Improvement Association presented an update on progress in Williams Park regarding work being done on the lakefront berm which has eroded. He stated that a permit had been approved by the county for the work. Mr. Percox stated that several roads have been improved at the expense of the Association and requested help from the Township Hwy Dept with snow plowing. Commissioner Gossell promised to meet with the Association to discuss the problem.

13. ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 by Supervisor Keagle.

APPROVED:

FEBRUARY 12, 2003

SUPERVISOR

CLERK

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

