

WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2007

1. Supervisor Swanson called this meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. at Wauconda Township Hall, County of Lake, State of Illinois.
2. Clerk Rowe took roll call. Answering present, Trustees Amrich, Hansen and Ryan, Supervisor Swanson, Assessor Oaks, Highway Commissioner Munson, and Administrator Maioriello. Mr. John Ridgeway, the Township Attorney, was also present. Trustee Bilisko was absent.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Trustee Amrich.
4. A motion was made by Trustee Amrich and seconded by Trustee Hansen to approve the agenda as presented. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion from the Board. There was no discussion. Voice roll call vote was taken. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion was carried.
5. A. A motion was made by Trustee Hansen and seconded by Trustee Amrich to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2006 Regular Board Meeting. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion from the Board. There was no discussion. Voice roll call vote was taken. 4 ayes; Motion was carried.

B. A motion was made by Trustee Hansen and seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the minutes of the Levy Township Hearing Meeting. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion from the Board. There was no discussion. Voice roll call was taken. 4 ayes. Motion was carried.

C. A motion was made by Trustee Amrich and seconded by Trustee Hansen to approve the minutes of the Levy Road District Public Hearing Meeting. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. Voice roll call was taken. 4 ayes. Motion was carried.
6. A motion was made by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Amrich to approve the bills and balances from December 21, 2006 thru January 17, 2007. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion from the Board. There was no discussion. Voice roll call vote was taken. 4 ayes. This motion was carried.
7. Public Participation: None
8. Correspondence:
 - Supervisor Swanson received a thank you letter from U of I. Extension for the grant money donated by the township. This organization helped over 53,000 youths in 2006.
 - Advocate has announced plans to build a 144-bed facility in the Round Lake area. The letter was looking for input and support.
 - Pace sent a letter confirming the service to the handicap residents.
 - Wauconda Park District and Wauconda Township held a New Years Eve Party for 80 seniors. They sent a thank you letter.

- Family services sent a thank you letter acknowledging the donation the township gave. This organization serves over 3,000 families in Lake County.

9.Old Business: Garbage Collection Issue

Supervisor Swanson turned the floor over to Trustee Amrich. Trustee Amrich has met several times with Andy Quigley to investigate the benefit of using one company for waste collection. He introduced Andy Quigley, Executive Director of Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) to explain and answer questions.

Mr. Hennessey asked if there were any trucks presently operating over the weight limit and if so, why didn't the township report it to the police.

Hwy. Commissioner Munson stated that it is hard to say if the trucks were overweight. The police would not be able to get out in time to check the trucks out. The county only has two cars in the area, and it would not be possible for them to arrive before the trucks were gone. Supervisor Swanson stated that he would check with Officer Haras for help with this matter.

Trustee Amrich stated that he checked pricing within 9 communities for garbage collection. Some residents are paying up to \$100 per quarter. The village of Wauconda, which uses one vendor for collection, only pays \$53 per quarter for the same service.

Mr. Quigley passed handouts showing the area municipalities it represents.

The township would be required to do one of two things to move forward with this.

- a. Township would need a referendum
- b. Township would have to hold a special town meeting.

Villages of Island Lake, Wauconda, and Tower Lakes are a couple examples that voted to use one hauler.

The benefits to one hauler are: a) one hauler reduces truck traffic

b) neighborhoods only have garbage out one day per week.

c) pricing is more economical due to volume

Some of the cons to one hauler are the elimination of choice on the resident's behalf; also some residents might be paying for some of the service they may not fully use. Mr. Quigley asked how many homes the township has in unincorporated areas.

Township Assessor Oaks will supply how that number.

Road Commissioner Munson wanted to know how much extra garbage would be picked up that is not place inside containers.

Mr. Quigley stated that the township would design the program regarding size of containers, extra items allowable for free pick-up, and extra refuse pick up such as lawn trimmings.

Mr. Hennessey inquired about associations voting if this went to a referendum. Attorney Ridgeway stated that only individuals could vote. Associations cannot vote for a whole subdivision.

Joe Anderson, Washington Street, wanted to know if residents could decide on their own level of service.

Mr. Quigley stated that only the township would be able to determine the contract provisions.

Mr. Guzzarado, Winding Lane, asked who administers the program.

Mr. Quigley replied that the service provider would do the billing; the township would supply the addresses.

Linda Walllis, Ash St., stated that she hopes the board is diligent in their research and realizes that people would like options with their garbage service.

Supervisor Swanson reiterated that this was just an exploratory meeting to gather information.

Mr. Tortorice, Garland Road, asked about recycling charges. Mr. Quigley said that there would be one price.

Claus Dunkelberg, Robin Ct., asked if it was possible to split the contract between two vendors. Mr. Quigley said it would be possible, but the rate would be different when you are negotiating price because of fewer pick-ups per vendor.

Mark Zeffery, Williams Park Rd. stated that the contracts should be taken seriously and the township should be concerned with the front-end loader trucks on streets. Being in this industry for a long time, he would like to offer his services for advice and input when making the decisions.

Trustee Ryan asked how many households one truck can pick up and what happens if the vendor is doing a terrible job.

Mr. Quigley stated that depending on the time of year, and the size of the households, an average truck could pick up 400 households. If a vendor is not fulfilling his contract, there are ways to cancel the contract.

Supervisor Swanson thanked Mr. Quigley for attending and answering all the questions.

10. New Business:

- A. Environmental Committee Report: Claus Dunkelberg said the committee is trying to get started again. He is working on re-establishing the web site for CAG. (Citizens Advisory Group) He will talk to Al Weaver about putting a link on the townships web site.
- B. The CAG is trying to get some information out about the things it is involved in.

11. ORDINANCE: None

12. RESOLUTION: None

13. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

- Assessor Oaks announced that there is a Senior Citizens Tax deferral act for those over 65 years old. There is also a Senior Homestead exemption. Seniors are urged to come in and sign up for these programs.
- Trustee Hansen requested that a report be filed with the townships insurance carrier in regards to an injury of a highway department employee.
- Road Commissioner Munson reported that the ditch lines on Anderson Road, Pheasant Trails and Lakeview Woodlands are being worked on.
Commissioner. Munson is still working on the recycling program for electronics to be available in May.

Trustee Ryan asked Road Commissioner Munson if Garland Road was scheduled to get paved.

Commissioner Munson said no, due to the fact that the road is split between the village and the township.

- Supervisor Swanson announced that Leslie Rohrer has filled the senior Advocate position. The position will be split between the assessor's office and the township office. The bike path engineers will have the impact study completed in February. The townships south corner garbage dump is being cleaned up. All the liquids have been removed.
Lake County Forest Preserve purchased 4 Winds Golf Course for \$14 million. They plan on using it for walking paths.
If Chicago is awarded the contract for the 2016 Olympics, Lake County Forest Preserve is also being considered for the Equestrian event site.
- A. Clerk Rowe announced that there is a snowbird voters program for those who leave the area during the winter months. There is also a student voters program for those who move out of the area for school purposes.

14. OTHER BUSINESS: None

15. ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:23 P.M., a motion was made by Trustee Ryan to adjourn. Trustee Amrich seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

SUPERVISOR

TRUSTEES

CLERK

