

**Wauconda Township
Regular Board Meeting
May 16, 2007**

1. Supervisor Swanson called this meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Wauconda Township Hall, County of Lake, State of Illinois.
2. Clerk Rowe took roll call. Answering present: Trustees Amrich, Bilisko, Hansen, and Ryan, Supervisor Swanson, Assessor Oaks, Highway Commissioner Munson, and Administrator Assistant Maioreillo.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Supervisor Swanson.
4. Trustee Bilisko motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Amrich seconded. Having no discussion, a voice roll call was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
5. Trustee Amrich motioned to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2007 regular board meeting. Supervisor Swanson seconded. Having no discussion from the board, a voice roll call was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
6. Supervisor Swanson motioned to approve the bills and balances from April 18, 2007 thru May 16, 2007. Trustee Amrich seconded. It was noted that a bill to Bonnell Industries, from the Road District Fund, was being deleted and re-issued next month after evaluation. Voice roll was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried with the correction.
7. **Public Participation:**

Mr. Guzzardo, 28053 Winding Lane, asked what the relationship between the Village of Wauconda and the Township was, and if there was any written agreement between the two in regards to the bike path. Supervisor Swanson answered that part of the path is in the Village and part is in unincorporated Lake County. The construction of the path is being done in a joint effort, with each splitting the cost 50/50. At this time, there is only a verbal agreement with the Village regarding the bike path. To date the only monies spent has been done on engineering, which is being performed by the Village engineer. Originally there was going to be a bike path with grant money from Main to Gossell. Since the grant was turned down, Supervisor Swanson purposed to do a path on the most dangerous part of Garland Road.

Mr. Guzzardo asked if the engineering was put out to competitive bidding and if there would be any competitive bidding in this project.

Supervisor Swanson said that bidding would go out for the road work, pavement, and path itself. He also stated that bidding only goes out when costs exceeds \$20,000 per contractor. The Township has only spent \$8,000.00 on engineering costs.

Mr. Guzzardo asked who set the \$20,000.00 limit. The Township sets the limits.

Mr. Hennessey asked who turned down the grant request. Supervisor Swanson said it was turned down by the IE&R. It was a \$300,000 grant request from the Village, which would cover the Townships portion. They are reapplying for the grant.

Mr. Hennessey referred to a section in last month's minutes in regards to a letter mailed to the Township but addressed to David Geary. He wanted to know if Supervisor Swanson had opened the letter. Supervisor Swanson said no. E-mailed copies were distributed to the Trustees.
8. **Correspondence:**

Trustee Amrich is still corresponding with Waste Management and Bob Staub on the garbage issue. Waste Management has come up with \$54.88 per quarter, which includes recycling and offering a 10% discount to seniors. The bid includes 552 homes and 9 subdivisions in unincorporated Township. Supervisor

Swanson reiterated the fact that this was only an exploratory step to evaluate the savings of using one waste hauler. There are basically only two companies that have the capabilities to handle a contract of this size. An article in a newspaper was misleading and incorrect because nothing has been finalized. The Township is just in the researching phase. This is a referendum issue. Supervisor Swanson commended Trustee Amrich for all of his time and research into this project. Trustee Ryan asked if any on other bids have gone out. Trustee Amrich said that the first step is to get one bid in order to do costs comparisons. Mike McKay, 28729 N. Harrison, said that after reading the article he had some questions. His wanted to know if costs could be increased after a contract was signed, how would the garbage bill get paid, and if he finds the service lacking, would the Township be able to get out of the contract. Supervisor Swanson said these would be addressed in the final stages of a contract. Trustee Amrich stated that all the subdivisions would have to want this contract in order to get this price. It would have to go to a referendum vote. Trustee Amrich will contact all waste haulers in the area and get some more prices. Supervisor Swanson stated that saving money and safety were the key factors in prompting this research. Trustee Ryan motioned to let Dolores Jarchow speak. Supervisor Swanson seconded. Dolores commented that her subdivision is using Waste Management and they are very satisfied with their service & pricing.

9. **Old Business:** None

10A. **New Business: Environmental Committee Report:**

Claus Dunkelberg stated that there would be a consent decree meeting on June 19th at 7:00 P.M. This is a citizen's advisory group. The consent decree is in Washington D.C. Supervisor Swanson reminded everyone that a consent decree is an agreement between responsible parties in the water situation and the government. The Citizen's advisory group has been given grant money to spend on that. They have hired environmentalists and attorneys to look at it, representing a third opinion. The PRP's and EPA have signed off on it and now the Department of Justice has it. Once the Department of Justice agrees with what is in there, it gets posted on the federal registry. This begins the 30 days for citizen's comments. The 30 days give the committee an opportunity to review and get an executive summary to view in terms they could understand.

Trustee Ryan asked if the Trustees could have the summary e-mailed to them.

Claus will drop off copies to be made and distributed. Supervisor Swanson said he would contact Al Weaver to have the date of the meeting posted on the Townships website.

Claus met with the Village of Wauconda in regards to restoration. If anyone has any issues with property damage from the water main, now would be the time to call the Director of Public Works. They are closing out the contracts.

10B. **Senior Bus Agreement:**

Trustees were furnished with copies of the bus agreement for review. Supervisor Swanson will meet with the two mayors to review and get their continued support.

11. **Ordinance 05-16-07-01 Budget and Appropriation:**

Trustee Amrich motioned and Trustee Hansen seconded to approve the Township budget from 2007 to 2008. Having no discussion, a voice roll call was taken. 5 ayes 0 nays. This motion carried.

Ordinance 05-16-07-02 Road District Budget Ordinance:

Trustee Amrich motioned and Supervisor Swanson seconded to approve the Road District Budget. He opened the floor for discussion. Trustee Ryan asked how much money was spent on traffic control. Supervisor Swanson said that \$15,000 is being budgeted. Trustee Hansen asked what was covered under traffic control.

Highway Commissioner Munson said the monies will be used for highway signs and striping. Supervisor

Swanson stated that some of that money was being allocated to put extra police patrols in areas that are troubled spots. Trustee Hansen asked what cap was being put on for patrolling. She feels uncomfortable to allot money for police protection when residents are already paying for it through their taxes. She stated it is not the responsibility of the Township to supply police service. Trustee Bilisko stated that by doing so would set a precedent. Supervisor Swanson said that the situation on Lamphere Road was unique. Due to the limit of County police patrol in that area, he feels it necessary to help out residents with their problem. Trustee Hansen would like to see a limit set for policing. Supervisor Swanson said it would be up to the discretion of the Highway Department to determine the allotment. Trustee Hansen asked how the Township would determine who gets police protection and who doesn't. Supervisor Swanson said it would be a case by case situation.

Mike McKay asked if the police issued a DUI, would the monies from the ticket go to the Township to help defray the costs. Supervisor Swanson said the County would receive the funds.

Trustee Ryan inquired about repairs to Callahan and Garland Roads. Highway Commissioner Munson said that the Village & Township is going to be doing Garland Road next year. Callahan is Township property.

Trustee Bilisko wanted to know that with traffic being diverted from the construction project, would the Township receive help with our roads. Highway Commissioner said no. Trustee Bilisko asked if we could put up signs. Supervisor Swanson attended a meeting with the department of transportation. They informed him that there would be a two week trial period before they would determine any road closures.

Trustee Bilisko asked about patching Callahan. Commissioner said they will hot patch it this summer.

Trustee Ryan asked if there was any recapture agreement with Liberty Lakes for Callahan, Garland, and Gossell Roads and if they had to put up a bond. Commissioner said that the Village opted to go for a new lift station. Nothing had been set up for the roads.

Roll call was taken. Trustee Amrich, Trustee Ryan, and Supervisor Swanson voted aye. Trustee Bilisko and Trustee Hansen voted nay. This motion carried.

12. Freedom of Information Resolution 05-16-07-01

Trustee Amrich motioned and Trustee Hansen seconded to accept the resolution. No discussion. Roll call was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion carried.

13. Elected Officials Report:

Assessor Oaks said that tax bills went out. The office has received numerous calls. She mentioned that people should make sure they are getting all the exemptions they are entitled to.

Commissioner Munson state that the department has been busy putting in pipe, catch basins, fences, and mowing right of ways.

Trustee Bilisko attended a historical meeting. More information next month.

Supervisor Swanson reminded everyone about the Memorial Day Parade. There is a meeting on May 21, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. regarding mass medication dispersement in the event of an emergency. Supervisor handed out maps on Mathews Middle school boundaries. He thanked everyone in their involvement in the electronic recycling program kick off. 131 residents dropped off items. Township had a meeting about pre-paid legal services and theft identity. He also announced that the fuel depot is progressing as planned.

Adjournment: 8:20 P.M. Trustee Bilisko motioned to adjourn. Trustee Amrich seconded.

Supervisor

Clerk

Trustees:

