

**Wauconda Township
Regular Board Meeting
May 21, 2008**

1. Supervisor Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Clerk Rowe took roll call. Answering present were Trustees Amrich, Bilisko, Hansen, Ryan, and Supervisor Swanson. Also present were Highway Commissioner Munson, Assessor Oaks, and Administrator Maioriello.
3. Highway Commissioner Munson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Approve the Agenda:** 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. Having none, a voice roll call was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion carried.
5. **Approve the Minutes:** A motion was made by Trustee Bilisko and seconded by Trustee Amrich to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2008 meeting. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion. Having none, a voice roll call was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion carried.
6. **Payment of Bills:** Trustee Hansen motioned and Trustee Bilisko seconded to approve the bills from April 17, 2008 to May 21, 2008. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion. Trustee Ryan questioned about the Lake County tax bills for Williams Park. Supervisor Swanson said only the taxes on the Slocum Lake drainage district were paid. The Township was told to pay the entire bill until the tax exemption goes through. The exemption has gone through and the Township will receive a refund. Administrator Maioriello stated that the check for \$401.89 needs to be voided and a new check for \$611.07 should be issued to take care of the tax issue. Trustee Ryan asked for a copy of the grant check for Williams Park. Trustee Ryan asked about two tow bills from Mikes Towing. The Township insurance company will be reimbursing those tows. Trustee Hansen amended her motion to accept the bills with the corrections. Trustee Bilisko seconded the motion. Having no more discussion, a voice roll call was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
7. **Treasurers Report: Expenditures from 4/17/08 to 5/16/08**

General Town Fund:	\$129,867.13
General Assistance:	8,190.17
Insurance Fund:	20,081.00
Social Security/IMRF:	10,191.24
Senior Services:	16,941.01
Road & Bridge Fund:	13,160.14
<u>Permanent Road Fund:</u>	<u>38,804.81</u>
	\$237,235.50

Supervisor Swanson stated that the General Town Fund will be \$28.00 less due to the voided check.

8. **Public Participation:** Ken Percox, Williams Park resident, inquired where to send the bill for the vacant lot dues. Supervisor Swanson said to send the bill to the Township office to the Board of Trustees.

Robert Lueder, 26943 Bernice Street, passed out several pages of information he would like the Board to review in regards to Williams Park. Supervisor Swanson said he would distribute them for review.

Dave Guzzardo, 28053 Winding Road, asked if there was an intergovernmental agreement between the Township and the Village in regards to the bike path. Supervisor

Swanson stated that there was not one at this time. The Village attorney, Rudy Magna, is presently working on one. Mr. Guzzardo asked if the closing fund balances from the Supervisors report be equivalent to the opening balance on March 1st. Supervisor Swanson said no due to the fact that there is reserve money added in at the beginning of the year. Adjustments are made at the end of the year. Supervisor Swanson stated that the Townships auditor will be at the June's meeting to answer any questions.

Kelly Swortwood, Ada Street of Williams Park, asked if the Townships engineer thinks it is possible to build a park on the vacant lots in Williams Park. Supervisor Swanson replied that no decision has been discussed in regards to the best use of the property. Trustee Bilisko commented that no one has said that there was going to be a park built on the lots.

Jim Stewart, 26803 Genesis Street of Williams Park, asked why the two roads were taken out of Williams Park. Supervisor Swanson suggested that Mr. Stewart talk to Storm Water Management, Mr. Rooney, or Dolores Jarchow. It was their decision. The Township did not take the roads out. Mr. Stewart asked who dumped the dredging from the river on to the road. Highway Commissioner said that the black dirt was put there by the Highway Department to complete the grant. The EPA checked out the dirt that came from the bottom of a river.

Kelly Swortwood stated that Highway Commissioner Munson told her that a soccer field would be put in, that the removal of the roads was the first step in that plan and that she should sell her home. Highway Commissioner said that she was not advised to sell her home but that Storm Water Management was going to do a second buy out for the homes that were in the flood plain. Trustee Hansen went on record stating that Highway Commissioner Munson had no right to represent the Board in regards to this issue. Trustee Ryan asked the residents representing Williams Park what they would like to see done with the lots. Mr. Percox said that he was told it would be put back to wet lands to alleviate the flooding. Trustee Bilisko stated that this project was started before this Board took office. The only information the Township Board receives is from resident Dolores Jarchow. Trustee Hansen suggested that the Williams Park Board address these issues.

- 9. Correspondence:** Supervisor Swanson stated that he received a thank you card from the grandmothers club for the use of the hall for their rummage sale.

General Assistance Yolanda Segovia received the Bishops Award for her work with the food pantry.

- 10. Old Business:** Trustee Ryan inquired if the employee signed the agreement with the Township in regards to her salary and benefits. Supervisor Swanson said yes.

11. New Business:

a) Environmental Report: No report

b) Senior Bus Agreement: The Trustees were given the agreement of the bus agreement. The Supervisor will meet with the Mayors of Island Lake and Wauconda to go over the agreement. Trustee Amrich asked why Volo was not assisting with the bus. Supervisor Swanson stated that Volo did not have a lot of rider ship, but he expected that to change with their growth.

12. Ordinance:

- A) Adoption of Township Ordinance #5-21-08-01; Trustee Hansen motioned and Supervisor Swanson seconded to accept the Township budget. A voice roll call was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion carried.
- B) Adoption of Road District Ordinance 3 5-21-08-02: Trustee Amrich motioned and Trustee Ryan seconded to accept the Road District budget. A voice roll call was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion carried

13. Resolution: Freedom of Information: Supervisor Swanson read the resolution. Supervisor Swanson motioned and Trustee Ryan seconded to accept the resolution. A voice roll call was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

14. Elected Officials Report: Assessor Oaks reported that the tax bills went out prompting several phone calls. She urged everyone to go over their bills and make sure they are receiving the proper exemptions. Assessor Oaks also reminded everyone about the Senior Assessment Freeze. These forms must be filled out by July 1st. The freeze is an exemption that must be filed every year by seniors who have an income of \$55,000 or less. This exemption freezes their real estate tax against increases. It does not lower the tax bill, just freezes it. The Assessors office will be holding work shops on June 4th and June 11th to assist with filling out these forms. The Assessor announced that she had hired a new employee for the assessor's office. Assessor Oaks reported that she had just finished an assessment of a Township property with a value over 7 million.

Highway Commissioner Munson reported that the department is doing preventive maintenance on the roads. They are busy filling in cracks and seal coating.

Trustee Ryan answered a request from Mr. Guzzardo in regards to a resident initiating an ordinance. She reported that a resident should suggest the ordinance to the board for drafting and the Board will put it to a vote.

Clerk Rowe reported that she will be holding voter registration at different locations between now and the General Election. The purpose is to make it convenient for working residents to be able to register. The first location will be Wauconda Fest in June.

Supervisor Swanson reported that he, the Highway Commissioner, the Administrator, and Assessor have been working on the policy and procedure manual. It was determined to have the discussion of the manual at the June Board Meeting. Assessor Oaks asked that questions from the Board be directed at the meeting and not on an individual basis. Supervisor Swanson gave the Trustees a copy of a letter he drafted to Congresswoman Melissa Bean in regards to supporting a grant for Water Edge School's water hook up. Supervisor Swanson stated that the paperwork has been completed for the Townships grant money of \$100,000.

The paperwork for the second grant for Williams Park has been sent out.

The Township will be back in the Memorial Day Parade. Anyone who wants to ride in the Memorial Day parade should meet at 8:45 a.m. The American Legion is working with the food pantry by setting food collection boxes at the parade for donations.

Emergency preparedness meetings have been started at the Township. A plan is being developed and emergency kits are being purchased for use at the hall. The Fire department offered advice on putting together a written plan.

The Supervisor, Highway Commissioner, and Assessor Oaks attended Volo's village hall grand opening. Several new stores in Volo will be breaking ground in June. The Township insurance policies for the employees become due in July. The Supervisor is working with the insurance company for cost comparisons. Supervisor Swanson thanked the Highway department for installing the new sidewalk in front of the Township hall. The food pantry will be extending their hours in June or July on Tuesday and Thursdays. The food pantry will be open from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on those nights.

- 14. Adjournment:** Trustee Bilisko motioned and Trustee Amrich seconded to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

Supervisor

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