

WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
November 21, 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 were Trustees Amrich, Bilisko, Hansen, and Ryan, Supervisor Swanson, Assessor Oaks, Highway Commissioner Munson, & Administrator Maioriello.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Trustee Ryan.
4. A motion was made by Trustee Amrich and seconded by Trustee Bilisko to approve the Agenda as presented. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion from the Board. No discussion. Voice roll call vote was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
5. A motion was made by Trustee Hansen to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2007 Regular Board Meeting. Supervisor Swanson seconded the motion. Having no discussion from the Board, a voice roll call vote was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.
6. A motion was made by Trustee Amrich and seconded by Trustee Hansen to approve the bills and balances from October 18, 2007 thru November 21, 2007. Supervisor Swanson asked if there was any discussion from the Board. Trustee Bilisko requested to see the dental insurance bill that was submitted for payment. Supervisor Swanson asked Administrator Maioriello to get a copy of the bill. Having no further discussion, a voice roll call was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion carried.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Dolores Jarchos, W.P.I.A., thanked the Township for the Community Development Block Grant. She reported that the grant project is almost complete.

Virginia Reardon, resident, Garland Road, addressed board regarding the bike path issue on Garland Road. After expressing her thoughts on the growth of the area over the years, the amount of walkers and bike riders she sees using Garland Road and the issues with the trees on the properties, she feels that a bike path on Garland Road is not needed and that a cement sidewalk would be more beneficial.

Mr. Bob Reardon, resident, Garland Road, addressed the Board by first stating that he wanted to remind everyone that their area was a Township ward, not a Village. He feels that as a Township resident. we are not obligated to furnish a bike path for the Village. His suggestion is to add a sidewalk or widening the road on the northwest side by Nordmeyer's. It would eliminate crossing Garland Road twice and save several trees. Supervisor Swanson responded by saying that people who live in the Village are also Township residents. Residents who live in unincorporated areas and in the village pay the same Township taxes. Garland Road is not an easy road to do anything with. Due to the dangerous pedestrian conditions, the goal on Garland Road is to make it safer for residents to travel on. Residents have been complaining about walking or bike riding on Garland Road for over 20 years. This past summer, a bicyclist was hit on Garland Road. Supervisor Swanson reiterated that this is not only a Township project, but also a Village project, with each sharing the costs. Supervisor Swanson stated that the residents have been the biggest problem in getting this situation corrected. His goal would be a 5' extension added on Garland. Originally, a 9' path was presented, but reduced to a 5' path to appease the residents. On one side of the road you have to cross 27 driveways and roads, it seems more logical to construct the path on the other side of Garland road.

Mr. Reardon stated that he feels that if you have to cross Garland Road twice, it would be more dangerous than crossing driveways.

Supervisor Swanson reported that he is bringing in an expert to evaluate the road and get an opinion on the best way to alleviate the dangerous situation on Garland Road. He really hopes that the people will work with the Township in solving this issue.

Trustee Ryan asked if the grant money path was originally going to go to Gossell Road and connect to Millennium Trail. Supervisor Swanson said yes.

Michael Hennessey, Wellsmere Heights, wanted to know about IGA (Inter-government agreement) and the bike path. Supervisor Swanson said that there is not an agreement. He said that it was not drawn up because the Township is not going to get the grant. There is a verbal agreement with the Village and the Township that they would equally share the expense for the money it would take to secure the grant for the bike path. Because the November deadline for having the easements signed on Garland Road was not met, the \$245,000 grant money will be forfeited. Supervisor Swanson expressed his disappointment in losing the money to build the path. To date, the Township has spent approximately \$6,000 in engineering studies.

Mr. Hennessey mentioned the tire tracks between Wellsmere and Hillcrest. He wanted to know if any of the fence work will be replaced. Highway Commissioner Munson said that more fence will be added next year. Split rail fence will be installed to replace the rusty barb wire fence. Mr. Hennessey asked for a copy of the SSA. Supervisor Swanson said the SSA was just approved this past Tuesday, November 20th. Mr. Hennessey was directed to contact Lake County to obtain a copy of it.

Sandy Oehlsen, Lakeview Woodlands, reported that the residents of the Woodlands have not seen any traffic impact from Matthews School opening. Supervisor Swanson asked if he could share her comments with Dr. Cole. She said yes. Trustee Ryan requested that Supervisor Swanson ask Dr. Cole about installing flashing light signs to alert drivers of the school speed zone. Supervisor Swanson said he has had several complaints regarding the speed zone. He has spoken to Lake County about this issue as well. Highway Commissioner Munson said that Lake County said that the school district requested the speed limit, and the school district said it was Lake County. Sandy Oehlsen also would like to see a street light at the entrance. Supervisor Swanson said that was an Island Lake Village issue, a Lake County issue, or District 118 issue.

Dolores Jarchow, resident, Williams Park, presented Supervisor Swanson with a copy of the Williams Park Association By-laws and their constitution. Trustee Ryan requested a copy of the By-laws.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Swanson received a thank you letter from Lyle Matthews family .
9. OLD BUSINESS: NONE
10. A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT: No report.

B. APPROVAL OF 2008 BOARD MEETINGS: Trustee Ryan motioned to accept the Board Meeting dates for 2008. Trustee Hansen seconded the motion. Having no discussion from the board, a voice roll call was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

C. APPROVAL OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Supervisor Swanson motioned to approve the holiday schedule of 2008. Trustee Amrich seconded the motion. Supervisor Swanson stated that the only thing different this year was that Christmas Eve falls on a Wednesday next year. So, it was suggested to give Thursday and Friday off instead of Wednesday and Thursday. Having no more discussion, a voice roll was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

D. LEVY DRAFT REVIEW: Supervisor Swanson stated that copies of the levy draft have been furnished to the Board for their review. If they have any questions, contact him or Highway Commissioner

Munson. The levy will be discussed at the December Board meeting.

11. RESOLUTION: Community Development Block Grant for Williams Park Home Owners Association 11-21-07-01. Supervisor Swanson explained that Williams Park just finished their roads Nov.19th & they are going for another Community Development Grant to continue their road project. This resolution will be forwarded on to Lake County. They hope to receive another \$100,000. Trustee Ryan motioned to pass the resolution, Trustee Hansen seconded. Trustee Ryan thanked Dolores Jarchow for all her hard work. Having no more discussion, a voice roll call was taken. 5 ayes, 0 nays. This motion was carried.

12. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

Highway Commissioner Munson said that all the plow trucks were ready for winter and snow plowing.

Assessor Oaks reported that the assessors office has been working on appeals. They have 244 appeals out of 12,000 parcels. Hopefully they will be completed by the second week of December.

Supervisor Swanson stated that 22 Thanksgiving baskets were given out from private donations. Supervisor Swanson announced that he plans on budgeting the Senior Advocate Position to become a full time position in January. He sees the need for the assistance she provides to the seniors of the Township. He listed all the services she oversees.

Trustee Ryan wanted to know if there was a way to know how many seniors there are in Wauconda Township compared to 5 years ago. It was suggested that Trustee Ryan could get that information from the census bureau.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Amrich motioned to adjourn at 8:05. Trustee Bilisko seconded. All in were in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

SUPERVISOR

CLERK

TRUSTEES

