

**VILLAGE OF WAUCONDA**  
**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011**  
**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knigge called the Board of Trustees to order on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 7:02 p.m. in the Village Hall.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troops 90 and 290.

After the Scout Troop completed the Color Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Knigge announce that Scout Matt Nelson was awarded Eagle Scout last Thursday. This is a tremendous achievement.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call by the Village Clerk, the following Trustees were:

Present: Trustees Knight, Barbini, Buster, Starkey, Arnswald, Black

Absent: None

QUORUM PRESENT

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT / CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Knigge informed everyone that there was recording equipment present this evening. He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bonk for giving us the opportunity to have this session recorded. The Village has been considering video streaming to our residents. It is mentioned in the Strategic Plan. At some point when we have the Village funds, we hope to get to that. This is an opportunity for us to have a session in front of a recording camera and a good experience for the Board.

After Mayor Knigge asked if there was anyone who had a comment on tonight's Consent Agenda, Mr. Richard Bonk came forward and spoke. He began by thanking the Board for listening to his concerns over the last several years on the property adjacent to his place. He also thanked the staff for hearing his complaints, specifically Joe Schwarz, who was very helpful and understanding all the time. Also Chief Larsson who visited his shop, spoke to him, and settled him down on occasion. It was comforting that he would come to his shop to talk with him. With this matter, he still has a few concerns but he thinks the Board has addressed that the considerations be put into place, making both sides happy. Two of his concerns still remain: the entranceway to the ramp. They are not in compliance. He has checked with the State and feels this should have been put into the annexation agreement. He is also still concerned that there is no berm between his and their property. He is concerned that the large equipment and/or logs may roll. But with this said, he wanted to thank the Board for hearing them out all these years and doing their best to settle things. He also thanked Trustee Buster for meeting with him and his wife to listen to their concerns. As Chairman of the Building & Zoning Committee, Mr. Bonk thinks his ideas for that intersection are great.

Mayor Knigge thanked Mr. Bonk for his comments and thanked the staff for getting together all of the information, allowing the Board to be very well prepared and informed on the issues. Mr. Bonk's historical report was also beneficial. It was an excellent meeting last week.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Trustee Knight, seconded by Trustee Barbini, to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 6      Nays: 0      Absent/Abstain: 0

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Trustee Barbini asked that Item I be removed from the Consent Agenda and put into New Business. As a member of the American Legion Post 911, he needs to abstain on their request.

**6. MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA BY OMNIBUS VOTE**

A motion was made by Trustee Arnswald, seconded by Trustee Starkey, to approve the consent agenda by omnibus vote as amended with the changes duly noted by Trustee Barbini.

Ayes: 6      Nays: 0      Absent/Abstain: 0

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2011
- B. Approve Board Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2011
- C. Approve Bills for Payment from 10/14/11 through 10/27/11 Totaling \$277,629.81
- D. Pass Ordinance Approving an Annexation Agreement on the Petition of Combined Asset Development, LLC, for Property Located at 26980 N. Highway 12 and 26950 N. Highway 12 in Wauconda, Lake County, Illinois (Ordinance No. 2011-O-59)
- E. Pass Ordinance Annexing Property on the Petition of Combined Asset Development, LLC, for Approximately 1.5 Acres of Land Located at 26980 N. Highway 12 and 26950 N. Highway 12 in Wauconda, Lake County, Illinois (Ordinance No. 2011-O-60)
- F. Pass Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at 26980 N. Highway 12 and 26950 N. Highway 12 in Wauconda, Lake County, Illinois, from the Residential 1 (R-1) District to the General Business (GB) District on the Application of Combined Asset Development, LLC (Ordinance No. 2011-ZO-61)
- G. Pass Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Allow a Contractor's Equipment Storage Yard for Property Located at 26980 N. Highway 12 and 26950 N. Highway 12 in Wauconda, Lake County, Illinois, on the Petition on the Application of Combined Asset Development, LLC, Pursuant to 155.095 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Wauconda (Ordinance-ZO-62)
- H. Pass Resolution Authorizing Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Program Year 2012 (Resolution No. 2011-R-13)

- I. (Moved to New Business.)
- J. Motion to Approve Agreement with Wauconda Community Bank for the Purpose of Securing a Three-Year Loan in an Amount not-to-exceed \$47,008.00 for the Purchase of Two (2) 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cars

7. **MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS A THROUGH H AND ITEM J ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Trustee Barbini, seconded by Trustee Arnswald, to approve the Consent Agenda by Omnibus vote.

Ayes: Trustees Knight, Barbini, Buster, Starkey, Arnswald, Black

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: None

**MOTION DECLARED CARRIED**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Trustee Starkey, seconded by Trustee Knight, to approve request from American Legion Post 911 to hold their annual Memorial Day “Poppy Days” on May 25, 26, and 27, 2012, at the intersection of Route 176 and Main Street in the Village of Wauconda (Item I from Consent Agenda).

Ayes: Trustees Buster, Starkey, Arnswald, Black, Knight

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: Trustee Barbini

(As a member of American Legion Post 911, Trustee Barbini needed to abstain.)

**MOTION DECLARED CARRIED**

9. **STAFF & OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**Director of Finance, IMRF Authorized Agent, Director of Human Resources/Risk Management, and Director of I.T. Zaida Torres** started by saying that we should be receiving the final financial statement at the end of this week. This will come with a letter from the Auditors.

Earlier today, Ms. Torres gave a presentation to the staff at Public Works, explaining the fiscal year’s budget versus the actual numbers. One staff member told her that now he has respect for what the Finance Department does and what the Village is trying to do. Ms. Torres says it is important to do these meetings with the departments so they understand where we are going and what we are up against, along with how we manage the operations of the Village.

She reminded the Board they could bring anything they may have that they want to be destroyed. They will be putting together a list to send to the State for approval.

Finally, she informed the Board that she and Administrator Geary will be meeting with the Department Heads next Tuesday and Wednesday to review the second quarterly budget review. She intends on coming to the Board on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with a report.

Mayor Knigge asked if Ms. Torres needs a list of things they might bring in to be destroyed. She said they will take care of making the list. He then commented that he attended the meeting with the Public Works Department today and it had been a very

good discussion and presentation to them. He believes they now have a good idea what is going on with the Finance Department.

**Village Administrator, Director of Public Works, and Director of Building & Zoning Dave Geary** reminded the Board they have received a written copy of the Administrative Report and it is also posted on-line. He commented on a couple of highlights. Approximately 20 trees were purchased in the Parkway Tree Program. This was 100% paid for by the residents.

About 300 residential homes participated in the brush pick-up program. The next one will be in the spring.

He commented on the permits which have been issued, reminding the Board that we often see a spike in the number of permits requested during the warmer weather. The numbers should be retreating with winter coming.

There was a recent meeting with the Synergy Flavors Company. Their CEO and President, Rod Sowders, was in to see us. They went over the progress being made allowing them to expand their business here in Wauconda. They have recently purchased two more businesses globally. The operational business will be relocated to here in Wauconda.

Mr. Geary met earlier tonight with the Bike Criterium group. We have been looking into hosting this professional race. We had been focusing on the Village of Wauconda being the sponsoring agency for a long time. The consensus with the group tonight was that they don't want to come to the Board with a request for \$40,000.00 in revenue without any guarantee that there would be any pay-back to sponsoring that race. While there has been a lot of talk about the value of bringing people to our town which would be a benefit to our local businesses, they are going to search for another group, or create a group of bike enthusiasts to take this on for 2013.

The Mayor said that the Criterium is an example of the new enthusiasm in town. That the Village would even look at this is an example of people from the community coming together for an idea, seeing where we could go with it. It has some really good potential for the future to bring a lot of people into our town and help our businesses. This was also a great way to bring different people to the table to work for the benefit of the Village.

Mayor Knigge then commented on the amount of work that Administrator Geary, Chris Miller, and the staff have done to bring the Synergy Project forward. Six months ago, we were not in a position to take on this project. As the new Administrator, Mr. Geary organized the whole project and got staff behind it. This is a big project which has come to our town. And thank you to the Board for considering the vacation of the land. We are looking forward to working with the Synergy Group.

Trustee Buster asked if they were also taking over the yard on Henri Drive. Mr. Geary said there are two big buildings on Henri Drive. Trustee Buster also commented that the new Garland Road looks great and asked if the new bike lane would be continued up to

Bonner Road. Mr. Geary said that it would not. The idea is that people would be able to go into North Shore Drive rather than people being dumped out onto Bonner where the traffic is greater. He then asked if there was a schedule of the demolition that is being done at Liberty Plaza. Mr. Geary said they are currently demolishing it. They started last Thursday or Friday, starting behind the facade so that one day it will all be gone without much of a mess. Mayor Knigge has asked that a notice be put out on E-News to explain to the residents what is going to there. Trustee Starkey asked if the demolition of that building includes the sign as well. She was informed it does.

**Police Commander Ted Hennessey** provided the Board with a copy of the written Police Department report for this evening. He told the Board that last Friday they did a Canine Narcotics Search at the High School. They used six other dogs along with Maxx. Tracy Fessler accompanied them. He said it was a successful day and was happy to report that nothing was found at the High School.

The furniture for the 911 Center is in and being assembled. There is one guy doing this work. Things are on time and on target.

At noon today, we started dispatching for Lakemoor.

**Superintendent of Public Works – Administration and Director of Environmental Quality Jacqueline Soccorso** told the Board that she and Trustee Black attended the SWALCO Board of Directors meeting last week. The Village's third quarter recycling rebate payment will be about \$6300.00 for the curbside recycling efforts. There is going to be a ban on certain electronics in landfills. After January 1<sup>st</sup> electronics cannot be put out on the curb for waste haulers to take. She will prepare an E-News article that will remind and inform residents that this is coming. They will be able to bring their electronics to the Public Works or they will be able to find other places to take them.

SWALCO is holding their last Chemical Household Waste Collection Event. This will be Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at the Mundelein Metra Station. They will continue to hold their monthly collection at the Gurnee facility by appointment only. This will be the last mobile event for the season with no appointment needed.

SWALCO is working with a carpet recycling outfit in Milwaukee on carpet recycling opportunities. They are looking at how to get carpet recycling into Lake County so it doesn't go into the landfill.

Trustee Black and Ms. Soccorso met with Lake County Lake Management and a representative from Clark last week to discuss the options for controlling lake weeds. One thing that was quickly brought to their attention was that not all weeds are bad. She was reminded that our Bangs Lake is in the top 10% for water quality. There are certain ecosystems in Bangs Lake and it is a very highly valued lake. The County would like to see that preserved.

Mayor Knigge asked if it would be worthwhile to put out on E-News the amount of money generated from recycling. He thinks it could be a real nice incentive to our residents. It is considerable money now. Jackie will put something together. He also mentioned that the Recycling Task Force that was put together to work on increasing

County recycling to 60% has finished up their work. She said that SWALCO will be asking its members to pass a Resolution adopting certain actions and initiatives to increase the amount of recycled materials that are collected and diverted from the landfills. Mayor Knigge added that the company located west of the landfill takes the generated gas from the landfill and converts it into electricity. They are going to be putting in new turbines so they can accept more of the methane gas from the landfill. This facility generated for a large number of homes.

**Director of Economic Development Linda Krajniak** said the Economic Development Administrative Report is in the mailboxes. The next newsletter will be coming out in December with input from the Mayor.

She reviewed statistics on the numbers related to the Village's Facebook page, E-News, and the website.

**Wauconda Fire District Deputy Chief Jon Fessler** had nothing to report this evening. Everything is good. Mayor Knigge asked him about the antenna from Island Lake which was lost during the last big wind event. Deputy Chief Fessler said that all of it was finally gone, and they are waiting on the insurance company.

#### **10. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor was reminded by Mr. Magna, the attorney, that this is Synergy's International Headquarters which has moved to Wauconda. This is a big deal for the Village of Wauconda. Trustee Buster added that the CEO of the Year is from Wauconda, Mr. Tom Crowley from MBX.

The Mayor gave a mention about Garland Road. He thanked Wauconda Township for spearheading the project. It was a five-year effort, also working with the Park District. It looks great. He will be attending one of their Board meetings to tell them.

The Lake County Municipal League had a meeting at the Transportation Center. This is an interesting facility to see. There is a whole wall of monitors which allows them to monitor and control traffic throughout Lake County. We will be putting a link on our website so residents can access traffic information in multiple ways, including off your mobile phone. There are also two new roundabouts. One is on Hunt Club Road, north of Gurnee. A final count is needed for the LCML Annual Banquet. Please notify Tracy Fessler by tomorrow.

Thursday is the Northwest Lake Michigan Water Technical Meeting that Bob Devery will be attending. Next Tuesday, at the COW, he will be presenting an overview of Lake Michigan water to the Board, including all the options and work that is being done to this point.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. is the Holiday Walk Meeting.

## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

### **Trustee Knight**

The Police Committee had a meeting at Fire Station 1. Mike Wahl led them through the Emergency Operations Plan. A copy of the power point presentation given has been put in the Board members' mailboxes by Tracy Fessler. It was very informative. He reminded us that the Board needs to be NIM Compliant. We all need to finish the classes.

Last week, on the 26<sup>th</sup>, they met again in the Board room to discuss fishing shanties. Last year, two shanties actually went down because they were not removed from the ice in time. It is quite a bit of work and expensive to recover them. It took two men from Wauconda Boat 3 hours at \$90.00 an hour per man and Mike's Towing to come over. Some recommendations have been made and the Board will see them in a future COW meeting. They are looking at tightening up the registration processes, requiring I.D.'s and their licenses. They will be recommending a small fee of \$25.00. Also the temporary shanties which are left will be removed. The discussion also went to recommending a \$2.00 addition to the registration fees for tournaments to go directly to the restocking program.

### **Trustee Barbini**

The Joint Economic Development and Building & Zoning Committee met tonight. Chris Miller and his group have worked very hard on the progress of the revision of our Comprehensive Plan. Tonight they talked about the retail business zoning ordinances. He and Trustee Buster will also begin working on the architectural guidelines. The next meeting will be December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Building & Zoning Office. The goal with the Comprehensive Plan is to look at a long term view of what we want the Village to look like and to build more consistency in terms of architectural guidelines and the general look of the Village.

At last week's meeting, a resident made a comment about a piece of property which is located along Anderson Road. A lot of people think this is part of the Village but it is not. This is the former Intervention Residential School. Because it is not in the Village, we cannot control what goes on there. He suggests that we do some investigation with the parent company to find out what their plans are for this property. We need to keep tabs on their plans.

### **Trustee Buster**

He said that Chris Miller has been doing a great job. They will be jumping heavily into design guidelines.

Mayor Knigge added that what has been coming out of those Committee meetings is very instrumental in the future development of the Village of Wauconda.

### **Trustee Starkey**

The Communication Committee, the Economic Development Committee, and Economic Advisory Group had a combined meeting. They are going to develop more structure within their group and they have agreed to adopt reporting guidelines to Linda Krajniak.

Their next meeting will be November 22th at 5:30 p.m. She then thanked Linda Krajniak for all her hard work in monitoring and working on our communications.

**Trustee Arnswald**

Trustee Arnswald had nothing to report tonight.

**Trustee Black**

Trustee Black started by saying that Garland Road is a nice change. How nice to be able to ride a bike or walk along the Road and feel comfortable and not have to keep looking over your shoulder to see who's coming around the corner.

He learned a lot at his first SWALCO meeting. He likes the direction they are going and the paths they are taking. Most of the goals they are setting for themselves are attainable. At the meeting with Kelly and Clark on the Bangs Lake options for weed control, he learned so much about Bangs Lake. Kelly knows so much about our lake. We need to decide where we want this to end up. He will be meeting with Ed Lochmayer and the Bangs Lake Group to get their take on it.

**12. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

A motion was made by Trustee Starkey, seconded by Trustee Barbini, to open the meeting to the public.

Ayes: 6      Nays: 0      Absent/Abstain: 0

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

No comments from the residents.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Trustee Barbini, seconded by Trustee Knight, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Ayes: 6      Nays: 0      Absent/Abstain: 0

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

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Ginger Irwin, Village Clerk