

VILLAGE OF WAUCONDA
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Knigge called the Board of Trustees to order on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Knigge.

3. ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: None

QUORUM PRESENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent/Abstain: 0

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

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

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent/Abstain: 0

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CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from Nov. 22, 2011
- B. Approve Bills for Payment from 12/02/11 through 12/15/11 Totaling \$796,040.02
- C. Pass Ordinance Levying Taxes for All Corporate Purposes for the Village of Wauconda, Lake County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the 1st Day of May, 2012, and Ending on the 30th Day of April, 2013 (Ordinance No. 2011-O-72)
- D. Pass Ordinance Abating a Portion of the Tax Heretofore Levied for Tax Levy Year 2011 to Pay Debt Service on Special Service Area Number One Special Tax Bonds, Series 2003 and Series 2005, of the Village of Wauconda, Lake County, Illinois (Ordinance No. 2011-O-73)

- E. Pass Ordinance Abating the \$181,367.50 Tax Heretofore Levied for Tax Year 2011 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,500,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2006A, of the Village of Wauconda, Lake County, Illinois (Series 2006A) (Ordinance No. 2011-O-74)
- F. Pass Ordinance Abating the \$356,465.00 Tax Heretofore Levied for Tax Year 2011 to Pay Debt Service on \$5,000,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2006B, of the Village of Wauconda, Lake County, Illinois (Series 2006B) (Ordinance No. 2011-O-75)
- G. Pass Ordinance Abating the \$104,460.00 Tax Heretofore Levied for Tax Year 2011 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,000,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2011, of the Village of Wauconda, Lake County, Illinois (Series 2011) (Ordinance No. 2011-O-76)
- H. Pass Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA 2012 Annual Contribution Invoice/Renewal (Ordinance No. 2011-O-77)
- I. Motion to Allow the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois to Conduct its 2012 Cookie Sale in January, February, and March in the Village of Wauconda
- J. Pass Ordinance Declaring one 1997 Chevrolet Blazer as Surplus Property and Authorizing the Liquidation of Same (Ordinance No. 2011-O-78)
- K. Pass Resolution Releasing Certain Executive Session Minutes and Preserving Classified Status of Certain Meetings of the Village Board and the Committee of the Whole for the Period Ending November 8, 2011 (Resolution No. 2011-R-15)

7. MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS A THROUGH K ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: None

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8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. STAFF & OFFICERS' REPORTS

Village Administrator, Director of Public Works, and Director of Building & Zoning Dave Geary was not in attendance this evening. His written report is available on-line or at the Village Hall.

Police Chief Douglas Larsson said his written report included a mention of the automated enforcement for the year. Note that the camera at Bonner Rd. and Rt. 12 is still out of service because of construction at that intersection.

Chief Larsson said that he was pleased to report that five officers participated in the "Shop with a Cop" Program this holiday season. He hopes that next year more officers will be able to participate.

Finally he congratulated the Frasatti Academy. Recently they participated in a lock down drill and did an excellent job. Everyone performed remarkably well.

Director of Finance, IMRF Authorized Agent, Director of Human Resources/Risk Management, and Director of I.T. Zaida Torres provided the Board with her update. She told the Board that the Department Heads have a worksheet for their preset budget and will have this complete the end of January.

Director of Economic Development Linda Krajniak provided a written copy of her report. She highlighted that Michael Racana, from ReMax Commercial Realty now has the Lakeside Inn property and is making improvements to increase its potential.

Ms. Krajniak said that the Winter Newsletter went out today. The Mayor's Message on the front page is very well done. The newsletter is also available on Facebook and will go out on E-News.

Mayor Knigge asked if the Lakeside Property will be on the ReMax website and if Mr. Racana has a lot of contacts. Ms. Krajniak said that he is part of the Lake County Partners.

Superintendent of Public Works – Administration and Director of Environmental Quality Jacqueline Soccorso provided the Board with an update of the Environmental Committee Meeting from Dec. 12th. She learned more about the Pilot Program for collecting food scraps. At this time, it would be a seasonal thing and would be included in the yard waste pickup. She feels that currently it is not well organized but she will continue to follow the progress of the program's development.

Public Works employee Luke Markko has been elected to the position of Secretary of the Fox Valley Operators Association. Anna Kootstra earned her Class 2 Wastewater Treatment Works Operator certification from the IEPA.

Mayor Knigge added that these two individuals are a good example of the quality of staff we have in the Village and how they are stepping up to ensure quality service for the residents.

Wauconda Fire District Deputy Chief Fessler mentioned the recent multi-injury auto accident and fatality in the Village. Two police officers were on the scene when the ambulance arrived, and did an excellent job under the circumstances.

Mayor Knigge thanked the Fire Department for another great year. He added a thank you to the Fire Department for allowing the Village to come into the Fuel Depot group, saving the Village a significant amount of money.

Director of Planning and Zoning Chris Miller was not in attendance this evening.

10. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Mayor Knigge stated that this week's Newsletter is the best one yet! It covers a majority of the things. It communicates to the residents how involved the Trustees are. It is good to have the one -year later report on the Fire Referendum. Also, the layout was great.

B. Mayor Knigge has been fortunate to be a part of many holiday celebrations throughout the Village. The CERT Program's recognition event was this past Sunday. Members were given recognition for years of service with a letter from the U.S. President. They also were given a challenge coin in recognition of their hard work and dedication to the Village of Wauconda and its residents. He met with the MEG Unit, which is a group of the police who put their lives on the line for us every day. There was a holiday appreciation dinner for the Village staff. It is nice to know that they are a well functioning team.

C. The December 27th Committee of the Whole meeting is canceled. He took this opportunity to thank the Board of Trustees, the Village Hall staff, and the residents for working so well together. He commented on the volunteerism of the residents of the Village and how much it enhances life in Wauconda. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS**

Trustee Knight expressed his congratulations to Sgt. Combs and Maxx for winning the Canine Olympics again. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Barbini said that he echoes the Mayor's thanks to the staff and wishes for a happy holiday season. He then commented on the Economic Development Committee meeting. They will be discussing building guidelines. On January 17th they will discuss facades and January 24th is being held for a combined meeting with the Building & Zoning Committee. In February, the 14th is being held. On the 21st there will be a joint committee meeting with Building & Zoning, and the 28th is being held.

Trustee Buster said that today's meeting was to prep the guidelines for the design of any future buildings. This will make Wauconda more builder friendly. He also wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Trustee Starkey said that on Thursday they will have a Communications Committee meeting.

Trustee Arnswald met with Alex Pryde and Jackie Soccorso with the Public Works Dept. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Black went to a meeting with SWALCO last week. He then read a resolution regarding the removal of electronics from the waste dump sites. He added that he echoes all of the comments made by Trustee Knight and thanked the staff for helping him and the other new Trustees learn their job responsibilities.

12. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent/Abstain: 0

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Kathy Hadamik, 1006 Monroe; asked the Mayor and Board what other avenues can the Village take to bring in more income from businesses. Mayor Knigge informed the resident of the current things which are being done. She then asked what was going into the area where Duke's Restaurant was now that it has been demolished. She also wanted to know about the empty Dominicks store. Mayor Knigge said that the Dominicks was tied up until 2018 and that we are only getting property tax from this. No information is available about the Duke's location.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Knight, seconded by Trustee Barbini, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent/Abstain: 0

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Ginger Irwin, Village Clerk