

SWANCREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 2, 2017

Chairman Holdeman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call - Board of Trustees present: Ron Holdeman-Chairman, Phil Wiland - Vice Chairman, and Rick Kazmierczak- Trustee

Fiscal Officer: Jo Stultz

GUESTS: See Sign In Sheet

170-17 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to approve the minutes from the 9-18-17 Regular Board of Trustee Meeting, 2nd by Trustee Wiland.

Roll Call: Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea, Trustee Holdeman-Yea, Trustee Wiland-Yea

171-17 Trustee Wiland motioned to approve the minutes from the 9-27-17 Special Board of Trustee Meeting with the correction of his Nay vote on Resolution # 169-17 to pull a building permit for the proposed Salt Building.

Roll Call: Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea, Trustee Holdeman-Yea, Trustee Wiland-Yea

172-17 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to approval of expenditures in the amount of \$82,410.65, with an explanation to the audience of the Fire Contract expenses and Ward Construction. Trustee Wiland also explained that Quillen Brothers had assessed that Township sales tax which they will remove. Trustee Wiland 2nd the motion.

Roll Call: Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea, Trustee Holdeman-Yea, Trustee Wiland-Yea

Public Forum other than pipeline or waterline project:

Walt Lange asked the Board why he was charged for a Public Records Request when the Board was talking about Mr. Lange at the meeting and the legal advice we had received. We choose to hand Mr. Lange the paperwork at the meeting and we invoiced him for \$.30. Trustee Wiland told Mr. Lange that he would pay the bill and Mr. Lange thanked him. Trustee Kazmierczak asked Fiscal Officer Stultz to ask Auditor Bob Thomas if there is a way to handle Public Records Request for less than \$1.00.

Rebecca Clark asked when the Township was going to pour footers in Swanton Cemetery. She has a monument that is ready to be set. The Board advised her to contact Maintenance Supervisor Stout to see when he is planning on doing that.

Renee Walker wanted the Board to know that whoever in our Maintenance Department is doing roadside mowing, on County Road C they took out a couple of rows of corn and knocked one of their fences down. Mr. Walker fixed the fence, but they have horses that could have gotten out if it hadn't been repaired. Trustee Wiland also commented that a resident on the corner of County Road 3 and County Road E complained that the Maintenance Department also mowed down his cactus.

Fiscal Officer:

Fiscal Officer Stultz asked about the Resolution and letter about placement of Candidate's election signs being in the Right of Way. Trustee Holdeman feels that sending the letter out now would not be wise. Discussion was had about rescinding the Resolution. Mr. Lange from the audience states that it's a Zoning Violation. The Board decided to not rescind the Resolution.

New Business:

ORC 505.86- Resolution to Abate 6421 US 20A, Delta- Fiscal Officer Stultz asked the Board if a Resolution needed to be made for this and Trustee Wiland informed her no, the paperwork had already been sent out

Old Business

Fuel- The Board still wants the Fuel tanks tested, Trustee Wiland wonders if it's the injectors on the trucks that could be the problem.

OPWC (Future Projects) Trustee Wiland and Maintenance Supervisor Stout got together to work on the specs for County Road C- there are 9 crossovers and 18 catch basins. Trustee Wiland will have a report for the next meeting.

Swanton Cemetery Title (Update) – Court date is October 4th at 9:00 a.m. at Wauseon Court House- all Trustees must be in attendance.

Annexed Roads- Trustee Wiland has some figures and he feels the Township plows more than Fulton County- he would like the County to plow Glenmar.

RUMA- The Fulton County Engineer's Office has emailed the Township about Nexus construction schedule with time line. The Township will be notified of the pre-construction meeting after the first of the year.

Economic Development- Trustee Kazmierczak informed the Board there will be a meeting October 11 and Trustee Wiland states his will be October 10th.

County Road 2 Ditch- Trustee Kazmierczak gave Mr. Wheeler a copy of the permit to fill out. The Engineer's Office will shoot grades if the Mr. Wheeler wants to do the ditch enclosure himself. Maintenance Supervisor Stout went and looked at our catch basin and it looks good. Trustee Wiland states per Fulton County Prosecutor Haselman legal opinion the Township cannot clean ditches and assess the residences a fee.

Zoning

Trustee Holdeman called Steve Brown in reference to being the Township's alternate Zoning Inspector last week and Mr. Brown never answered his phone.

The seat on the Zoning Commission is still open. Trustee Kazmierczak has posted a sign outside the Township building stating that the Township was looking for a resident to fill the seat. Trustee Kazmierczak also mention about the Township setting up a Facebook page to post Township information but not allow people to post in it. Trustee Wiland questioned how many people even know that the Township has a webpage.

Fire/Rescue

The Village of Swanton Administrator contacted Fiscal Officer Stultz stating she will be following up with the Auditor's Office to send her figures to use for 2018 Fire Contract.

Discussion was had about Delta Community Fire Departments 2018 Budget Analysis. Trustee Wiland does not like the Mutual Aid charge they are imposing, Trustee Holdeman doesn't either. Trustee Kazmierczak talked with Delta's Fire Chief stating that they already have a line item in their budget for salaries, if they are going to charge us for Mutual Aid then Trustee Kazmierczak would like to see a line item for Mutual Aid Equipment Charge and that if Swancreek Township agrees to the Mutual Aid charge the monies go to equipment (for full discussion please listen to the Audio Recording on our website). Renee Walker from the audience asked how much equipment do we donate each year. Trustee Kazmierczak told her we donated equipment to Swanton Fire Department and Delta Fire Department two years ago but that the Township does not have a set amount for this. Trustee Kazmierczak informed the Board that he asked Delta's Fire Chief to come to a Board Meeting once a year and explain the previous year's budget to the Board. Trustee Kazmierczak talked to the Fire Chief about not letting the Township know about the grant the Delta Community Fire Department received. Trustee Kazmierczak states the grant is not large enough to cover the entire cost of the piece of equipment they are going to buy. Discussion was had about how the Fire Department covered the difference.

The Fulton County Commissioners received the run data from Providence Township. Trustee Kazmierczak states the Commissioners might involve and Executive Board on making decisions about assuming Providence's non-transport billing to Swancreek Township. Trustee Wiland informed the Board that it was suggested years ago that the County reimbursing us back for non-transport fees, but they never did. Trustee Kazmierczak states Chesterfield Township has the same situation as Swancreek Township and they pay nothing for non-transport. Trustee Wiland thinks maybe the Township should get a copy of Chesterfield's contract to review it. Trustee Kazmierczak told the Board that after the Commissioners get all of the run reports they would have a working meeting about this. Trustee Wiland asked if Mutual Aid was just for Fire Runs.

Cemetery

No deeds to sign

Maintenance Supervisor Stout is still calling and following up on non-payment from Harding burial. The Board discussed turning this matter over to the County Prosecutor.

Maintenance:

Ditch Crossing 2-2- Trustee Kazmierczak will give a copy of the legal opinion to Jerry Meller. Trustee Kazmierczak wants a working meeting with the Engineer’s Office, County Commissioners, and the Board about our ditches. Trustee Kazmierczak feels the petition process is broken if ditches cannot be cleaned in 5 years. Trustee Wiland thinks there might not be that many contractors that do this kind of work.

Employee Reports:

None

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Kazmierczak:

Trustee Kazmierczak would like to have a face to face meeting with the Fulton County Commissioners after the first of the year. He also brought the Board up to date on the County Prosecutor sending a letter to the owners of Paigelynn and that they did not respond. The Prosecutor’s Office is in the process of sending a second letter. Trustee Kazmierczak states he left several voicemails last year to the Supervisor in Chicago last year and they never got back with him.

Trustee Holdeman:

None

Trustee Wiland:

Trustee Wiland asked the Board where we were at with the employee’s physicals. Fiscal Officer Stultz told the Board that Beck Insurance who has all of the Township’s insurance informed her they would not pay for a physical. Trustee Wiland then asked what was happening with John Slee’s request for help with tile work. Trustee Wiland would like to contact the Engineer’s Office to see what percentage of the water flow is actually Townships. Trustee Kazmierczak thinks we should have a working meeting with Mr. Slee.

Trustee Wiland motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Trustee Kazmierczak: 8:04 p.m.

Swanecreek Township Board of Trustees

Attest:Jo Stultz, Fiscal Officer
Swanecreek Township
October 16, 2017

Trustee Ron Holdeman, Chairman

Trustee Phil Wiland, Vice Chairman

Trustee Rick Kazmierczak