

## SWANCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular meeting  
Monday, March 26, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance

Board members present were Chairman Ron Holdeman, Vice chairman Phil Wiland, and Trustee Randal R. Ruge.

Fiscal Officer Dawn Wheatley, Employees present Tim Lambert

Guests: Bob Westmark, Jim Leu, Jim Coe, Tammy Meyer, Todd Anderson, Bill Suhloff, Bob Hurlburt, Moya Warrick and Amy Grohowski.

**51-07** Trustee Ruge motions to approve the March 12<sup>th</sup> minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Wiland.

Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea.

**52-07** Trustee Ruge motions to pay bills in the amount of \$11,353.15 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Wiland.

Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea.

### Public Forum

**Tammy Meyer** asked if the Trustees were going to go over the lawn mowing quotes. Trustee Holdeman told her we would be addressing that later in the meeting.

**Moya Warrick** and **Amy Grohowski** from AFLAC came to present the benefits they carry to the Trustees. Trustee Wiland let her know that the Township can not pay for such benefits and that if the employees are interested in something they carry, we would set up a meeting between her and the employees.

**Jim Coe, Todd Anderson** and **Bill Suhloff** have concerns with standing water in their yard as well as the Township right of way. The water does not recede until July and it becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Trustee Ruge moved that they ask Maintenance Supervisor Tim Lambert to pump the area then assess what can be done to rectify the problem. Tim will bring to the next meeting some proposals on how we can fix the problem then the Trustees will decide what is to be done.

### Employee Report

#### Road:

- **Driveway Culverts-** Tim asked who was responsible for the cleaning of them. The homeowner or the Township. The Trustees thought it was the homeowners but to avoid damage to the Township road we should just clean them and follow up with a letter to the homeowner reminding them that they need to remember upkeep on their culverts.
- There is a ditch on Winding Way that is not draining like it should
- John Saleski is going to be here either Wednesday or Thursday to clean out some clogged drainage tiles. We need to call Mrs. Bierie to let her no we were going to do her drain soon.
- Leo Lisk is not able to work during the day now that the golf course has opened up. He works there in the spring and summer.

#### Cemetery:

- Tim suggested community service workers to help out doing clean up work in the cemeteries. Trustee Ruge asked if he had any experience working with them because his experience was not a good one. Tim said he never had any trouble with them.
- **Backpack Blower** The maintenance would like to purchase a Blower to aid in clean up of the cemeteries. Tim presented 2 that were suggested to him. The Trustees agree to table until the next meeting.
- **Swanton/Centerville drainage** Tim requested the Trustees allow him to finish the drainage project at the cemetery so they can clean it up and seed it.
- **Lawn mowing:** the Trustees have decided to run an ad in the paper to accept quotes for mowing of the cemeteries. The ad will run for 2weeks. All quotes must be turned in by April 16<sup>th</sup> and will be reviewed then a decision will be made on the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

### Administrative/ Financial

- The Board of elections has requested use of the Township building for the May 8<sup>th</sup> special election. Discussions of having the BOE pay for part of the clean up bill. The Trustees decided it wasn't much so we shouldn't bother with it. Dawn is working at the poles so she will make sure that the building is opened at 5:30 for the workers.
- **Permanent Appropriations** Dawn gave a copy of the appropriations to each Trustee for their approval to be made permanent.

**53-07** Trustee Wiland motioned to accept the appropriations to be made permanent 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ruge.

Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea.

### Cemetery

- The Trustees have decided that they will not allow a private mausoleum.

**54-07** Trustee Ruge motioned that lots in Township Cemeteries are for interment only 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Wiland.

Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea.

- **Head Stone direction** There was a question to which direction the headstones should face in the cemetery. The Trustees have always left it to the family so their loved ones stone is how they want it.

### Zoning

- Review of Employee Report
- Trustee Wiland requested that we revisit the nonconforming renewal fee. A resident that has a backhoe and a dump truck do not need a nonconforming certificate but a resident that drives a semi truck needs to have one to park his truck in his yard.
- Trustee Wiland going to talk to zoning Inspector Walter Hallett III to discuss zoning fees.
- Review of Report

**Fire & Rescue**

- Trustee Ruge to draft the contract have it Okayed by the prosecutor then send it to York Township.
- Dawn going to find out some information as to how we can reach Liberty Township and Washington Township.

**Old Business**

- Tim’s accident: Tim went to court for his traffic violation. The prosecutor through it out. There is no traffic violation on Tim’s record.

**New Business**

- David Smith from the Swanton Bus Garage has requested help from the Township to haul stone for their parking lot. The issue was sent to the prosecutor to make sure it was something we could do. The prosecutor said that we could not.
- Resident Mr. James Gilliam of Winding Way stopped in the office with some concerns. 1. There is a mosquito problem coming from the ditch there that is not draining properly. Tim is already checking on it. 2. The cable company has left piled of dirt along the road. He wanted to know if we knew if they were done and if they were going to take care of the piles. It appears that they are still working and that they won’t seed the area until the weather stays nice.
- Trustee Wiland asked the other Trustees and Tim to make a list of roads they feel need repaired and bring to next meeting so they can review and decide what roads will be repaired this year.

**Meetings Attended by Trustees**

- Trustee Wiland attended the CDBG meeting. He did not receive any new information. Sewer and water get priority so he isn’t getting his hopes up on us getting assistance from them.
- Trustee Holdeman attended the planning commission meeting and the merger meeting.
- Trustee Ruge met with Mrs. Perry and a group of residents that plant wildflowers to attract a butterfly that has left the area. They asked for areas they can plant these. The plant needs a southern exposure.

Trustee Ruge motions to adjourn the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Holdeman  
 Roll Call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea.  
 Meeting Adjourned 9:03pm

Swanecreek Township Board of Trustees

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 Randal R. Ruge

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 Ronald Holdeman

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 Phil Wiland

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 Attest: Dawn Wheatley, Fiscal Officer  
 Entered: March 26, 2007