

SWANCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees
Regular meeting
Monday, April 7th, 2008

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

Pledge of allegiance

Board members present were Chairman Phil Wiland, Vice Chairman Ron Holdeman, and Trustee James H. Leu
Fiscal Officer Dawn Wheatley

Employee Tim Lambert Maintenance Supervisor

Guests: Martin Ratasky, Jim Farnsworth, Don Brunner, Jim Cherry, John and Sheila Joseph, John C. Slee, James Robison, Luann Boyd, Dan Boyd, Mark Lain, Phillip VanSkyock, Terry and Jean Frohriep.

34-08 Trustee Leu motioned to approve the April 4th meeting minutes 2nd by Trustee Wiland
Roll call: Holdeman - Yea, Leu - Yea, Wiland - Yes

35-08 Trustee Holdeman motion to pay bills in the amount of \$26,313.59 2nd by Trustee Leu.
Roll call: Holdeman - Yea, Leu – Yea, Wiland - Yes

Public Forum

Mr. Martin Ratasky of Rd. 5-1 brought a drainage alternative to the Trustees.

Mr. Jim Farnsworth of Rd. 5-1 feels that the drain tile is not big enough for the amount of homes that are now located on the road. Road Supervisor Tim Lambert said that the tile is working but not keeping up. Trustee Leu thinks that if they put a perforated tile and connected it to the existing to drain some of the ground water that is not drained by the solid tile that is in there. Tim is waiting to hear from the tile cleaner.

Mr. Don Brunner from the Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District came to ask for an agricultural easement for farmland preservation on behalf of Mr. Sonnenberg.

36-08 Trustee Holdeman motioned to sign the easement for Mr. Sonnenberg to grant him an agricultural easement 2nd by Trustee Leu.

Roll call: Holdeman - Yea, Leu – Yea, Wiland – Yes

Send it to Kim Cupp once the resolution number is on it.

Bob Westmark requested that a clay tile by him be cleaned out

Jim Cherry of 3690 Co. Rd. A has property that is flooding because his neighbor has elevated his property and has changed the way the drainage went. Trustee Wiland said the Township only maintains the road drainage he said the that were he lives is maintained by the County and that he should call the County Engineer and the only other thing he could do is call the Health Dept. if it is causing problems with his septic system. Trustee Wiland thought more than likely it would be a civil matter.

Mr. James Robison is concerned with the road he lives on. He said it is falling apart. The Trustees told him that the County maintains his road and they would have to tell him when they are going to repair that road. Mr. Robison is also concerned with the state the Township is in. He said there is trash all over and there are a lot of property owners that need to clean up their properties. He asked what the Township could do to get rid of the junk that people are keeping in their yard. Trustee Wiland informed him that if the area is not zoned we have no jurisdiction on making them clean up their yards. Mr. Robison asked what to do to get zoning. He was told he would need to petition to put zoning on the ballot. The only thing they suggested on cleaning the roadside was the adopt a highway program through the County. Chris is to give Mr. Robison a petition to put zoning on the ballot.

Mr. Boyd inquired about the part-time maintenance position. Chris is going to set up interviews before the next meeting so a decision can be made.

John Joseph of Rd. F has a water problem. Trustee Leu spoke to Brinda at the County. Maintenance Supervisor Tim Lambert spoke to James Meyer at the County looked at it so they are aware of the problem. No one has said what will be done. Trustee Leu would like to talk to the County about their road frontage only lot building. With the lots being setup like this it create more of a drainage problem. Trustee Leu will contact Brinda Miller.

John Slee of Rd. 2 is requesting a catch basin and tile be cleaned out because it is running slow.

Mark Lain of Winding Way is concerned with the condition of the road for just being seal coated last year. Trustee Leu has spoke to the contractor that did the road and they will be redoing the road in May or June. Trustee Leu also said that the maintenance dept. would be doing the first mow along the sides of Winding Way so residents will not have the stones damaging their mowers.

Terry and Jean Frohriep of Rd. 2 came to hear Tim's findings from his assessment of the drainage problem in their area. Tim said the ditch is full but there is no way to get back there to clean it because there is no easements. Tim spoke to Brinda Miller and she said that the residents would have to petition to have the ditch put on the maintenance list in order to get it cleaned. Tim will poke around to see what else is going on once it dries out some.

Employee Report

- Tim gave the Trustees the green sheets
- The part time position will be interviewed soon the Trustees have the job list
- Lee High Dr. is draining better but not completely fixed. Once the County gets their section of ditch cleaned out then we can go in and completely clean out our section. Tile replacement is suggested at a later time. Tim did find at the end of the cul de sac there is a catch basin they didn't know they had.

Administrative/ Financial

- The bank statement and financial reports were received and reviewed by the Trustees.
- Roads to be repaired: We did receive the grant to do the Rd. 2 project, which means we have to match those funds. So we will not be doing any paving of any roads this year. We will be crack sealing and patching roads to prepare them for sealing or paving next year. Dawn will send a letter to inform the County of our decision to not have any roads bid this year.
- CDBG grant application Trustee Wiland will fill it out.

Cemetery

- Deeds Signed

Zoning

- Zoning inspector report reviewed
 - There will be a meeting on Wed. April 23rd at 6:00pm to go over suggested revisions of the zoning resolution.
- 37-08** Trustee Leu motioned to sign a letter to the EPA regarding the NPDES permit for Tom Wylie property at Rd. 5 and Rd. B 2nd by Trustee Wiland.
 Roll call: Holdeman - Yea, Leu – Yea, Wiland - Yes

Fire & Rescue

Old Business

- Newsletter- Keep it separate from the water district; bring revised edition to next meeting.
- Tim from Tri County Electric spoke to Trustee Holdeman and said that Mr. Brehm said that we don't have right of way where we are going to have the new poles placed so it is put on hold Trustee Holdeman is going to check on this.
- Fair Booth: Trustee said that we can have the maintenance do set up or take down depending what needs done.

New Business

Trustee Holdeman motions to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Trustee Leu.
 Meeting Adjourned 8:49pm

Swan creek Township Board of Trustees

 James H. Leu

 Ronald Holdeman

 Phil Wiland

 Attest: Dawn Wheatley, Fiscal Officer
 Entered: April 21st, 2008