

SWANCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees
Regular meeting
Monday June 4, 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

Guests: Bob Westmark, Jim Leu

81-07 Trustee Ruge motions to approve the May 21st minutes 2nd by Trustee Wiland.

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

82-07 Trustee Wiland motion to pay bills in the amount of \$17,655.78 2nd by Trustee Ruge.

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

Trustee Wiland asked about the payment to JB Webb. It is for the web page and emails. Chris Lauch is almost done with the new web page. Trustee Ruge said he can help with the transfer when we're ready.

Public Forum

Employee Report

- Road
 - Someone has been stealing the aluminum cans from the recycle center. There has been talk of installing a camera, signs will be posted. The totes when full will be brought into the maintenance building at night.
 - Trustee Wiland attended a meeting at the Co. Engineer on 5-24-07. He told them he will not push for an estimate for the rd. 2 paving this year. Instead he would like to apply for Issue II money to aid in that project.
- 83-07** Trustee Wiland made a motion to have the Fulton County Engineer start the procedure for an estimate for the reclamation of Rd. 2 between Rd. B and Rd. C to apply for issue II money 2nd by Trustee Ruge.
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea
- 84-07** Trustee Wiland made a motion to have the Fulton County Engineer formulate an estimate for the ditch setback or enclosure on the north side of R. C between Rd. 3 and Rd 4 using the specs from the 2006 estimate to apply for Issue II money 2nd by Trustee Holdeman.
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea
 - The Easements are in to be signed. Mr. Strayer is dragging his feet; He feels his property is worth more than what the County has on the easement. If Mr. Strayer does not sign the easement the ditch project on rd. 2 will not be able to move ahead. They will only be able to clean the ditch and leave it at that.
 - There was a request for a stop sign to be put on F & 1-1 heading east and a double stop sign on rd. 3 & D. They were sent to Frank Onweller.
 - Trustee Ruge asked if the drainage problem at Mr. Coes had been taken care of. Tim replied that it had been and that they were going to be working on Todd Andersons this week.
 - The drain for Mr. Austin will be cleaned this week and then a basin will be put in. Jack Reagan is on the list to be cleaned as well. Winding Way is still on the list.
 - The catch basin by Elton's and Bixler's doesn't look like it is moving. Trustee Holdeman was told that when Al Mackey dug the pond that he cut the tile.
 - The ditch located in front of Earhardt Gunther is to be mowed on both sides by the Township for safety reasons.
- Cemetery
 - The special pour footers at Swanton Cemetery were poured.

Administrative/ Financial

- Bank Statement for May reviewed
- Employee vacation request forms were signed.
- The Co. Commissioners office called to inform us of a meeting on June 14th 2007 at 9:30 am. re: Twp. Boundaries.
- Trustee Wiland is collect information to support why we should keep that inside millage.
- Trustee Wiland is checking to see if we have to include the incorporated area when we do our next fire levy.

Zoning

- Zoning inspector report reviewed
- Dawn to look in 2004 minutes to find zoning inspectors fee schedule.

Fire & Rescue

- **York contract:** Paul Kennedy gave some proposed changes. Trustee Ruge would like to draw up a revised contract and then send it to York asking to meet with them after their review of the contract for discussion.
- Chief Bretzloff responded to a fire where a trailer was being burnt by the owner. The Chief talked to the owner and he was told that it was burnt because the owner was in violation with the zoning code and the Trustees told him he could get rid of it. No Trustee told him to burn it. Chief Bretzloff sent him a warning on the issue.

Cemetery

Old Business

Self Insurance: Attorney Generals office asked for some more information. Dawn sent it to John Whitmore to be passed on to person at the Attorney Generals office working on the question.

- Trustee Ruge asked our legal council if in lieu of health insurance we can raise the pay for the full time employees so they can get there own ins. And discontinue ins. For elected officials at the end of there terms and no longer offer it. The response was that it could be problematic. Trustee Ruge feels we need to find ways to save money
 - Trustee Ruge motions to get opinion to eliminate healthcare benefits and compensate the full time employees monetarily so they can get benefits on their own 2nd by Trustee Holdeman.
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea
 - Trustee Wiland feels we should see if there is other ways to cut back costs and that we are still waiting on the opinion for the self insured plan which will save us quite a bit.
 - We can not be a party listed on the contract to supply water, but we can be listed as a third party.
- 85-07** Trustee Ruge motioned to communicate a letter to the Water District requesting the Township be included as a third party 2nd by Trustee Holdeman.
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea

New Business

- 86-07** Trustee Holdeman motions to go into executive session to discuss water board appointments 2nd by Trustee Ruge at 8:05pm
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea
- 87-07** Trustee Wiland motioned to go back into regular session 2nd by Trustee Ruge at 8:13pm
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea
- 88-07** Trustee Ruge motions to appoint Dave Schultz to the water board for the remaining term of Kim Baker ending on 6-16-07 and to a new term ending on 6-16-2010 2nd by Trustee Holdeman.
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea
- 89-07** Trustee Wiland motions to reappoint Walt Lange to a term on the water board ending 6-16-2010 2nd by Trustee Ruge.
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea
There was a typo on the 5-21-07 attachment to the minute's resolution 79-07 line 6.
- 90-07** Trustee Wiland motions to change typo on the 5-21-07 attachment to the minute's resolution 79-07 line 6 from EF to E to from EF to F 2nd by trustee Holdeman.
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea
- **Meetings attended by Trustees**
Trustee Holdeman attended the planning commission meeting and the merger meeting.
Trustee Ruge a meeting discussing acquisition of fire apparatus and the merger meeting.
Trustee Wiland attended the fire apparatus meeting, engineers meeting and the merger meeting.
Trustee Wiland motioned to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Trustee Holdeman.
Roll Call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea.
Meeting Adjourned

Swan creek Township Board of Trustees

Randal R. Ruge

Ronald Holdeman

Phil Wiland

Attest: Dawn Wheatley, Fiscal Officer
Entered: June 4, 2007