

SWANCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees
Regular meeting
Monday, January 29, 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, Angie Borck, Elaine Bierie, Marilyn

- 23-07** Trustee Wiland motions to approve the January 29th minutes 2nd by Trustee Ruge.
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea.
- 24-07** Trustee Ruge motions to recind payment of bills in the amount of \$12,595.76 approved at 1-15-17 meeting 2nd by Trustee Wiland.
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea.
- 25-07** Trustee Ruge motions to pay bills in the amount of \$10686.40 2nd by trustee Wiland.
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea.
- 26-07** Trustee Ruge moves to recind his motion to pay bills in amount of 10,686.40 2nd by Trustee Wiland
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea.
- 27-07** Trustee Ruge motions to pay bills in the amount of 184,185.36 2nd by Trustee Wiland.
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea.

Public Forum

Elaine Bierie of 2650 co. Rd. F addressed the Trustees regarding the amount of water that is in her yard. She feels that the water is coming from road run off and that our tile is not taking it away from her yard. She feels the problem gets worse with each new house built in the neighborhood. She was told years ago that she would be put on a list to fix the problem. She said it was never fixed. Ron informed her that the tile has been cleaned out a couple times. Ron checked the tile outlet, water is running out. Mrs. Bierie said that the water comes about 40ft. in her yard. She would like to know why the water in her yard is not going to the ditch? She said the ditch is not full so she shouldn't have water. Her neighbors yard seems to be draining into her yard so she is having a ditch dug in her yard between her and her neighbor to direct the water toward the road where she feels she should be able to tie into the township road tile. Or we need to put a ditch along the road. Trustee Holdeman informed her that a ditch along the road would be a hazard. Other ditches are being filled in for that reason. He also said we couldn't let her tie into the road tile. He told her when we are able the tile will be cleaned out again. She would like to be notified when this is done and would also like the size of tile we have and how deep it is buried in the ground. Ron assured her that him or Tim Lambert the maintenance supervisor would notify her.

Jim Leu commented that the color of the background on the Township Home page made it hard to read. He also was having problems opening some of the pages they were garbled.

Marilyn Yoder came to speak to the Trustees regarding the merge that Swanton would like to do. She informed the Trustees that there was a meeting on Tues. Jan 30th. at 7:30pm at Fulton Township. She encouraged them as residents of the township to come be informed. She presented the Trustees with literature from when Holland tried to annex Springfield Township and some OTA information regarding to the merge. She was looking for volunteers to pass out literature at the Feb. 7th meeting. She feels there is a need to educate and inform the residents on the merge so they can make an educated decision on the matter when it comes up. Randal replied that the Township Association needs to do something that will empower the townships so they don't have to depend on others for water, sewer, etc...

Angie Borck approached the trustees to see how the drainage project at Swanton Cemetery was going. She and her husband Sam would like to continue on the development they want to build but this issue has to be resolved first. They need to be able to have drainage and the only available route is through the cemetery. The Trustees told her we were waiting to hear back from her developer R.J. Lumbrezer. He was to come up with some plans for them to go over. She feels that allowing them to install drainage through the cemetery it will help improve what we have.

Employee Report

Training: Maintenance Dept. Requests for Tim to attend some trainings. The Trustees looked over the information and also asked about pesticide training. Matt is looking into that.

- 28-07** Trustee Ruge moves to approve attendance to the Supervisory training and Road assesment training. 2nd by Trustee Wiland.

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

Yellow Int'l Truck: It stalled on Matt eleven times. They do not know what the problem is. They are working on it There are some things they can try, but nothing solid. The Trustees feel it should just be taken to the repair shop and diagnosed.

Mowing Bids: The Trustees feel we should get a quote from Tex then go from there.

Administrative/ Financial

Feb. 22 Meeting: Trustee Wiland feels that we should have a Stenographer at the meeting. All agreed.

As Needed Employee: Interviews were done and a decision was made.

Trustee Ruge moved to hire Leo Lisk with a starting pay rate of \$14.25 then withdrew the motion

29-07 Trustee Ruge motions to hire Leo Lisk with a starting pay of \$12.00 an hour rnd by Trustee Holdeman.

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

Community Service Workers: Tim has done some contacts there just isn't anything they can do as of right now with the weather, it wick be helpful in the spring. We will need to contact the Eastern District Court to set something up with them.

Sign POs and BCs:

30-07 Trustee Wiland motions to sign the purchase orders and blanket certificates 2nd by Trustee Ruge.

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

Zoning

Zoning inspector report reviewed

Zoning inspector Walt hallett gave the Trustees some information regarding Mr. Gilders machine shop. Zoning not a problem because it is within its requirementsbut there may be some problems with noise since what he wants to do is bring in a bigger stamping machine that will cause more noise. The Trustees would like to have Steve and Walt in to discuss it further. Then it should be brought up at the next zoning board meeting.

Fire & Rescue

Jim Guy went over the run report for Swanton Fire Dept. calls to our township. He compared responc time against the response time of Providence Fire and Rescue. He spoke to Foltun County EMS, they would like to see Swanton take over all EMS runs instead of Providence in that area of the township because of how the calls are dispatched. He would also like to present that we have Swanton also do all fire in that area instead of Providence. He thinks that for any ALS runs that the county would pay and we would not have any additional charges. Mr. Guy is concerned that the area is not getting the service they deserve. He feels that Fulton County would rather pay a Dept. That is in the county than one that is not. Trustee Ruge asked if he had a proposal to show. Jim said he could get one together for the Trustees. He first wanted to know if there was an interest. For the year of 2007 the runs would be charged on a per run basis then next year it would be worked into our regular contract.

Old Business

New Business

Meetings attended by Trustees

Trustee Holdeman attended the Planning Comission meeting. He had some paperwork that we showed to the other Trustees from that meeting.

Fiscal Officer Dawn Wheatley asked the Trustees if they would mind switching offices with her and Chris the administrative assistant? The Trustees feel that there office should stay at the front of the building so the public can be serviced better. Trustee Ruge suggested that we have Tim check into what it would cost to taking out a wall between two offices to make one big one.

31-07 Trustee Ruge motions to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Trustee Wiland.

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

Meeting Adjourned 9:38pm

Swancreek Township Board of Trustees

Randal R. Ruge

Ronald Holdeman

Phil Wiland

Attest: Dawn Wheatley, Fiscal Officer

Entered: January 29, 2007