

SWANCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees  
Regular meeting  
Monday October 22, 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, Trustee Randal R. Ruge  
Employee Tim Lambert

Guests: Bob Westmark, Jim Leu, and Phillip VanSkyock

**144-07** Trustee Wiland Motioned to approve the October 8<sup>th</sup> minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Holdeman  
Roll call: Ruge - Abstain, Holdeman - Yea, Wiland - Yea

**145-07** Trustee Wiland motions to pay bills in the amount of \$159,147.30 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ruge.  
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman - Yea

**Public Forum**

**Employee Report**

**Road:**

- The maintenance department has been finding the gas caps off of the tractors. There doesn't seem to be any harm but wanted to make everyone aware. Trustee Ruge asked if locking caps were available. Maintenance Supervisor Tim Lambert said he checked before and they do not sell one for that tractor.
- The totes in the recycle building have been getting mixed up. The county will not take them if they are mixed together. When it happens the maintenance dept. then has to dump the tote out and sort it.
- The Mntn. Dept. propane tank needs sandblasted in able to clean it and paint it. Tim feels it will have to be emptied and then moved to a site where this is done. He is to check on vendors that do that for safeties sake.

**Cemetery:**

- There have been many comments on how nice the cemeteries are looking. Tex has told Tim that he is in the process of purchasing a new mower and that he will not have any trouble keeping up next year.
- The doors for Swanton Cemetery storage shed are finished and ready to be hung.

**Administrative/ Financial**

- Financial Reports were received and reviewed by all Trustees.
- Public Records Policy:  
**146-07** Trustee Wiland motioned to accept the new Public Records Policy leaving the copy price at \$.10 a copy after the first 5 but striking copy and replacing it with page to state \$.10 a page after the first 5 pages in section 3.1 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ruge.  
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman – Yea
- The Trustees signed the signed Job Change Orders we received from Gerken and Zimmerman we are just waiting on Ward.
- Gerken will be out to finish the sealing their machine broke down and now they are trying to catch up. When they come to seal they will also so the drive at 5900 Co. RD. D.
- Trustees signed Purchase Orders and Blanket Certificates
- Signed Employee Time Off sheets
- Mr. Bob Lovejoy passed away. Tim asked about sending a card. He will pick one up and have it in the office for everyone to sign.

**Zoning**

- Inspector report reviewed
- Wylie Co. Rd. B clean up was reviewed
- Trustee Ruge would like Walt's opinion in writing on if he feels the clean up is adequate or if they should pursue having more cleaned.

**Fire & Rescue**

- **York contract:** Trustee Ruge will draft a proposal to go to York for the next meeting. Will see if they would like to meet with the Trustees.
- **Swanton contract:** Swanton would like to set a meeting with the Trustees to discuss the contract.

**Cemetery**

- After further research Trustee Holdeman found no other way to help the McDaniels so we will need to abandon the well at Shiloh Cemetery and allow them to come closer to the property line than what the Health Dept. regulates. We will need the prosecutor to draft a letter stating that we will allow encroachment of the property line and will allow the well to be closed at the cost of the McDaniels.  
**147-07** Trustee Wiland moved to abandon the well at Shiloh Cemetery at the cost of the McDaniels and allow them to encroach on the property line for a leach field to be placed 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ruge.  
Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Wiland - Yea, Holdeman – Yea  
Send a letter to the prosecutor to have him draw up a document to make it legal.
- Signed Deed for Ms. Wilson

**Old Business**

- The Attorney General has sent back an opinion on the HRA insurance it looks like it can be done. There is a question if the current Trustees can be included in the middle of there term. Rd. 2 project: Mr. Strayer has asked for an additional \$2,500.00 for his easement. His reasoning is that he will be losing area that he now farms which in turn means losing profit from what will no longer be farmed. He will be losing approximately an acre of land. Trustee Ruge is in favor of paying the \$2,500.00 and getting the

project moving. He feels that it is acceptable since he is the only resident losing property in this project. Trustee Wiland opposes this he feels that the Township should use eminent domain to acquire the property we need. Trustee Ruge brought up the fact that even if we go eminent domain through the court system we may still end up paying the amount or more depending on what the judge decides as well as that the Prosecutor suggested that we only do that as last resort if we can not come to an agreement with Mr. Strayer.

**148-07** Trustee Ruge motioned contingent on the approval of the prosecutor and County Engineer we increase the amount of the proposed easement by \$2,500 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Holdeman.

Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Holdeman – Yea, Wiland – No.

Cracks in Hunters Ridge: Jim Leu said he thought they were shrinkage cracks. Maintenance Supervisor Tim Lambert spoke to Jim Bernath when he came out to show the maintenance dept. how he fills those types of cracks. He doesn't do anything different than what they usually do. Rick from National Highway said the stuff they have is \$.91/lb and that includes use of the machine to apply the product. The fall or spring would be a good time to fill the cracks because they are easier to fill than in the summer when the cracks close partly.

### **New Business**

### **Meetings attended**

Trustee Wiland motioned to adjourn the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Holdeman.

All agree

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46pm.

Swan creek 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: Nov. 05, 2007