

SWANCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees
Regular meeting
Monday December 17, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Guests: Jim Leu, Phillip VanSkyock

Employees: Tim Lambert

Fiscal Officer: Dawn Wheatley

180-07 Trustee Ruge motions to approve the December 3rd minutes regular and special 2nd by Trustee Wiland.

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

181-07 Trustee Wiland motions to pay bills in the amount of \$16,049.92 2nd by Trustee Ruge.

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

Public Forum

Mrs. Sally Wylie addressed the board regarding Mr. Bill Joy. She feels that he should not be conducting the type of business that he is. She is not happy with how the zoning inspector is handling it. She feels he is procrastinating and she would like to know what the load limit on road 2 she thinks the trucks Mr. Joy is bringing down the road are too heavy. She wants the Trustees to push Walt into making a decision. She is also disappointed in how the roads were plowed today. Trustee Wiland also wanted to go on record as not being happy with how the roads were plowed.

Mrs. Wylie wanted to make the trustees aware that she is not happy that the township paid Mr. Strayer the amount for the easement to move the ditch back. Trustee Ruge replied by saying we paid fair market value. The only other options were to not do anything and not move the ditch and not fix the road or eminent domain for which we would forcibly take his land and still may have to pay him the fair market value depending what the judge decided. He felt that in the best interest of all parties to pay the fair market value so we could move on with the project. Mrs. Wylie feels that things would not have been this bad if the trustees would have acted sooner instead of letting things go until someone asks about it. Her suggestion to the trustees was for them to make a list of their projects so they can follow up. She also wanted to let the trustees know of her disappointment in the letters to the editor and other articles that have been circulating.

Employee Report

Road:

- Maintenance Supervisor Tim Lambert asked the Trustees about replacing the maintenance cell phones. The phones are at least 6 years old and are not working properly. Administrative Assistant Chris Lauch is to check on prices and types for them.
- Road Mileage for the Township to be sent to the Ohio Dept. of Transportation of 46.47 miles was signed.

Cemetery:

Administrative/ Financial

- Financial Reports were received and reviewed by all Trustees
 - The Trustees would like to make sure we set up separate accounts to hold money back for future projects.
 - Signed Employee Time Off sheets
 - Signed Purchase order for road salt
 - Trustee Wiland disagrees with time off request for Tim because the roads are not plowed to his satisfaction and feels that they need tended to in the morning. Tim informed Trustee Wiland that Matt was out plowing now but he would not take tomorrow off. He was just trying to use the vacation time he can't carry over. Trustee Ruge motioned to allow the extra time to be carried over; then rescinded the motion. Trustee Wiland suggested the guys keep an eye on there vacation time a little closer and use it before this time of year due to the chance of needing them out in the plows.
- 182-07** Trustees Ruge motioned to run an ad for a part time as needed person 2nd by Trustee Wiland
- Roll call: Ruge - Yea, Holdeman – Yea, Wiland – Yea
- Trustee Ruge suggested next year we check into having some kind of on call system.
 - The employee hand book does not state if carried over vacation should be in writing. Is that something we should have? The Trustees agree that it would be a good idea. Trustee Wiland asked if the vacation section 7.3 of the handbook was meant the way it was written. Trustee Ruge replied yes it is the way it was intended.

Zoning

- Inspector report:
- Trustee Ruge asked if it would be helpful to have a second inspector. Trustee Wiland replied that he suggested that to Walt and Walt was not very receptive to the idea. Trustees Ruge thinks that it might be a good idea to set up a meeting with Walt to discuss his position and what they can do to help him.

Fire & Rescue

- **Swanton contract:** Trustee Wiland does not like the way that Swanton has came up with their numbers none of them coincide with each other each report has something different. He suggests a shorter contract until they can solidify how they came up with the amounts. Trustee Ruge is looking at it that we can not provide services for that amount so he feels it is a fair contract. Trustee Holdeman to talk to someone at Swanton tomorrow to see what can be done to meet in the middle.

Cemetery

- Mr. Gordon Gilders would like to sell his graves in Swanton Cemetery back to the Township is there anything we need to do in order to do this? No the Fiscal Officer just cuts a check in the amount that the individual paid for them not the present rate.
- The Weigel invoice has not been paid. We are to send one last letter stating that we are sending him to the prosecutor for legal action.

Old Business

- Ron to check on the Road E ditch
- Tim stated that the extra furnace in the maintenance building is ready just waiting on inspection from Knapp plumbing and heating.
- Generator: Tim to check on small portable one for maintenance and cemetery jobs and Trustee Holdeman to check on larger propane ran one for the township buildings that way in a catastrophic disaster we would be able to help out.

New Business

Dawn informed the Trustees of a free OUPS training that can be done at our office for the maintenance dept. They feel it is a good idea.

Trustee Wiland motioned to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Trustee Holdeman.
All agree
Meeting Adjourned at 8:31pm.

Swan creek Township Board of Trustees

James Leu

Ronald Holdeman

Phil Wiland

Attest: Dawn Wheatley, Fiscal Officer
Entered: January 7, 2007