

# Swan Creek Water District

Record of Proceedings  
December 3, 2008

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call attendance showed the following Board members present: Bob Westmark, Mark Fowler, Dave Schultz, Walt Lange, and Rick Kazmierczak. Also present were Tina Whalen, Manager. Visitors included: The Fulton County Commissioners; Dean Genter, Joe Short, and Paul Barnaby. Other visitors included, Alan Raven, Mr. Jewell, and Township Trustee, Jim Leu.

Minutes Approval – **Motion** was made by Trustee Lange, seconded by Trustee Westmark, to approve the minutes from November 19, 2008. Roll Call Vote: Schultz, yes; Fowler, yes; Kazmierczak, yes; Westmark, yes; and Lange, yes. Motion Carried

**Fulton County Commissioners** – Trustee Kazmierczak asked that we wait till Joe Short arrived. We can discuss under NE Fulton County Water Project.

## Manager's Report

**Cash Summary by Fund Report** was given to the Board for review.

**Purchase Orders** were reviewed and signed by the Board.

**November's Fund Ledger** was given to the Board's Treasurer, Trustee Westmark for review.

**Resolutions** 2008-48 thru 2008-50 were reviewed and signed by the Board. Details of these resolutions can be found in the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

**Chris Lauch's Contract** was given to Trustee Kazmierczak to review and sign. Renewal was approved at the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Steve Young's Promissory Note** for payments on the Road 2 Equalization fees was reviewed and signed by Trustee Westmark. Approval for this was granted at the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Appropriation and Revenue Status Reports** were available for review.

## Treasurer's Report

**Bill Payments** – After review of the bills,

**Resolution 2008-51** was motioned by Trustee Westmark, seconded by Trustee Lange to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$4,459.31. Roll Call Vote: Schultz, yes; Kazmierczak, yes; Fowler, yes; Westmark, yes; and Lange, yes. Motion Carried

**Inspector's Report/Concerns** – None

## New Business

**2009 Meeting Schedule** – After review of a preliminary meeting schedule:

**Resolution 2008-52** was motioned by Trustee Lange, seconded by Trustee Kazmierczak to hold their 2009 meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Schultz, yes; Fowler, yes; Westmark, yes; Lange, yes; and Kazmierczak yes. Motion Carried

Trustee Lange reported that he would be out of town on December 17<sup>th</sup> and may not make it back in time for the meeting.

Trustee Kazmierczak reported that he too may not make it to the December 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

Tina said that she would need to know if anyone else would not make to that meeting.

### **Old Business**

**Equalization Payments for Residents in the Township** – Tina stated that she left this topic on the agenda in case the Board wanted to discuss this after reviewing Bobbie O’Keefe’s e-mail. It was agreed that this will be discussed at the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Water Request in Peaceful Valley** – No update other than Trustee Kazmierczak spoke to Kim Cupp about the color in the water and they too thought it was from pond chemicals.

### **NE Fulton County Water Project/Fulton County Commissioners**

Trustee Kazmierczak welcomed the commissioners to our meeting and introduced everyone. Commissioner Short thanked the Board for inviting them to the meeting.

Commissioner Genter asked some questions about the district. Mrs. Whalen mentioned that some of these items are in our news letters. Trustee Kazmierczak stated that we would put the commissioners on the mailing list for the news letter. In the meantime copies of the current newsletters were given to all three commissioners.

The Board asked if there was any update on the NE Fulton County Water Project. Mr. Short said that with the bailout and the elections things were moving slowly. The project is pending on grant money. In order to make this project feasible, they need to get 50% grant money. The commissioners will be visiting Columbus and Washington again soon. Nothing will probably happen before now and the end of the year.

Trustee Westmark asked the commissioners what cost sharing meant for the SCWD’s 2 miles of the project and how the SCWD would be expected to pay for their portion of the project. Would we be expected to pay upfront or would we be making payments? Mr. Short said he did not have the answers for these questions, but would certainly find out.

Trustee Kazmierczak mentioned that the District has a remote meter reading system and billing software and we would be willing to offer assistance in this area instead of the county investing in these items. The commissioners said they did not plan on hiring any additional employees for these areas and would keep the offer in mind.

Trustee Kazmierczak expressed the Board’s concern about the planning commission’s regulations that address city water and septic tanks. SCWD sent out an e-mail to the Coalition of Ohio Regional Districts asking if anyone has heard of problems with septic tanks caused by city water and all the responses were similar in the fact that the chemicals in city water do not affect septic systems and if the chemicals were that bad for the septic systems then people should not be drinking the water. Trustee Kazmierczak said he would like to see the Swancreek Township have separate regulations.

Commissioner Genter said that Swancreek Township could be an urban growth area and treated under those regulations. The request needs to go the Regional Planning Commission and the Health Department needs to also be involved.

Commissioner Short mentioned the unzoned areas and that you are going to have things you don’t want when you have unzoned areas.

The commissioners wanted everyone to know that they are working hard to keep Fulton County in the loop with upper powers. They had Lt. Governor Lee Fisher in the County addressing issues that are affecting Ohio. They thanked the Board again for having them and said they were impressed with the Board and appreciated the service the District provides to the community.

**Public Forum** – None

**Executive Session for Tina Whalen’s Annual Review**

At 7:44 Trustee Kazmierczak **motioned** to go into executive session to discuss Tina Whalen’s annual review, seconded by Trustee Fowler. Roll Call Vote: Lange, yes; Schultz, yes; Westmark, yes; Kazmierczak, yes; and Fowler, yes. Motion Carried

At 7:50 Trustee Fowler **motioned** to return to regular session, seconded by Trustee Lange. Roll Call Vote: Schultz, yes; Kazmierczak, yes; Westmark, yes; Fowler, yes; and Lange, yet. Motion Carried.

**Resolution 2008-53** was motioned by Trustee Westmark, seconded by Trustee Kazmierczak to increase Tina Whalen’s hourly rate by \$1.00. Roll Call Vote: Lange, yes; Fowler, yes; Schultz, yes; Westmark, yes; and Kazmierczak, yes. Motioned Carried.

**Adjournment** – At 7:53 p.m. Trustee Lange moved to adjourn seconded by Trustee Kazmierczak. Motion Carried.

**Meetings**

- Next two regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17, and January 7, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

SWANCREEK WATER DISTRICT BOARD

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Bob Westmark

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Mark Fowler

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Rick Kazmierczak

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David Schultz

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Walter Lange  
Secretary, District Board