

# Swan creek Water District

Record of Proceedings  
Wednesday, January 19, 2011

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

Roll call attendance showed the following Board members present: Bob Westmark, Dave Schultz, Walt Lange, Mark Fowler and Rick Kazmierczak. Also present was Tina Whalen, Manager, Tom Shelley, Inspector, and Chris Lauch, Assistant. Visitors included: Mr. Jewell, Alan Raven, Township Trustee, Jim Leu, Township Trustee Phil Wiland, Mike Files, Forrest Mobile Home Park Owner, Bill Sullivan, Ralph Smith of Peaceful Valley, and Mike VanWagner. Visitor List Attached

Minutes Approval – **Motion** was made by Trustee Walt Lange, seconded by Trustee Fowler, to approve the minutes from January 5, 2011. Roll Call Vote: Schultz, yes; Kazmierczak, yes; Westmark, yes; Lange, yes; and Fowler, yes. Motion Carried.

## Manager's Report

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

**Resolutions 2011-01 thru 2011-04** were signed by the Board. Details of these resolutions can be found in the January 5th minutes.

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

**December's Investment Statement** was reviewed and initialed by the Board.

**December's Bank Statements** were reviewed and initialed by the Board.

**Copier Quotes** After review the cost comparisons,

**Resolution 2011-05** was motioned by Trustee Fowler, seconded by Trustee Westmark to purchase Ricoh Model MP 171SPF in the amount of \$2,781.00, as well as the equipment maintenance & supply contract for \$8.50 per month. Roll Call Vote: Schultz, yes; Kazmierczak, yes; Westmark, yes; Lange, yes; and Fowler, yes. Motion Carried.

## Treasurer's Report

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

**Resolution 2011-06** was motioned by Trustee Westmark, seconded by Trustee Lange to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$7,837.27. Roll Call Vote: Schultz, yes; Kazmierczak, yes; Fowler, yes; Lange, yes; and Westmark, yes. Motion Carried.

**Inspector's Report** – Tom Shelley reported that Ferguson Supply went out of business so we will have to get our regulators from another supplier. Tom will look into Perrysburg Pipe or Maumee Plumbing Supply.

**Old Business** - The Lee High Drive/County Road 1-1 petition was received. Trustee Kazmierczak will check with the Village regarding two residents listed already being in the Village limits and call Scott Lumbrezer to see if he can give us an approximate cost to run the water line. He stated he would then like to meet with the residents to ensure they have clarity of the details and costs.

## Sandland Farms

**01/12 Meeting & Rate Proposal from Sandland Farms** - Trustee Kazmierczak and Trustee Lange reviewed items that were discussed at the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with Sandland Farms. The rate of \$5.11 that was agreed upon by the Board at the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was proposed to Sandland Farms and they asked if the District could take another \$0.50 off to make it \$4.61. The Board did not accept this. Details of this 01/12 meeting will be in separate notes. The next meeting with Sandland Farms is scheduled for 01/26/11 @ 10:30 a.m.

**Article in Swanton Enterprise** – Tina reported that there was an article in the Swanton Enterprise covering a lot of the details from the 01/12 meeting.

**Water Rates** - Trustee Westmark submitted a chart with water usage rates per 1000 gallon, which showed how much revenue the Water District would lose based on a discounted water rate structure.

Trustee Westmark made a motion to just have one water rate for everyone and charge a straight \$8.90 per thousand gallons period, a second was heard from Trustee Schultz.

The Board talked about the \$5.00 cost for hydrant use. Trustee Kazmierczak stated the Board decides which hydrants can be used. When they are used it saves the District from having to flush the lines.

Trustee Schultz asked how much the County is charging the N.E.W.S. Trustee Kazmierczak said they are being charged \$6.95 per thousand gallons of water; this fee includes assessments and operating costs, as well.

After further discussion, Trustee Lange made a **Motion** to table Trustee Westmark's motion; a second was heard from Trustee Westmark. Roll Call Vote: Schultz, yes; Fowler, yes; Westmark, yes; Lange, yes; and Kazmierczak, yes. Motion Carried.

Trustee Schultz said that since Sandland Farms is willing to assume the cost of extending the water main to get water to their farm, he is not opposed to giving the \$5.11 discount to them.

Trustees Kazmierczak, Lange, and Trustee Westmark will work on running some more numbers and discuss it at the next meeting.

**Road 3-NEFC** – Trustee Kazmierczak stated everything should be up and running. Tina Whalen said she is waiting for numbers from the County so the District can work on the final assessments.

**Public Forum/Other** - Mr. Files, of Forrest Mobile Home Park stated his issues with Sandland Farms getting a discount on their water and not his trailer park. He asked the Board if the Brehm's will be paying for the assessment he is paying currently for the installation of the existing line that the Brehm's would be tapping into.

It was explained to Mr. Files that the Sandland Farms will be absorbing all the costs to run the new line and that this is a new project. Sandland Farms will be paying a fee to tap into the line; however, it is a new construction project. Mr. Files stated that if Sandland Farms will be receiving a discount he would like the same for his trailer park as well.

Mike VanWagner inquired about the contract with the County and if allowing the Brehm's to tap in to the water, will it affect other customers in the future, not having the ability to get water. Trustee Kazmierczak informed Mr. VanWagner that the District has a contract that entitles them to 200,000 gallons per day.

Mike VanWagner had questions about County Commissioner, Dean Genter and his relationship with the Brehms. Mr. VanWagner was informed that these questions should be taken to a Commissioners meeting.

Bill Sullivan stated he felt the County Commissioners didn't give the tornado victims as much attention as they are to Sandland Farms. Trustee Kazmierczak reiterated that this is a working meeting for the Water District. Mr. Sullivan said he would like to see discounts go to people who are out of work or senior citizens. Tina Whalen stated there was a House Bill that would allow water districts to offer discounts to senior citizens but she did not think it had passed yet.

Ralph Smith of Peaceful Valley Association said that eventually, they will need water. Tina Whalen said questioners were sent out and there were not enough people interested. Mr. Smith said that has changed in the last couple years. Mr. Smith asked what the steps were to get a water line ran. Trustee Kazmierczak told him there would need to be a petition with more than 50% interested, then the District would get information for the engineering of the project and the residents would be informed of the costs. If there were possible EPA issues with the ground then a grant would be a possibility.

**Adjournment** – At 7:45 p.m. Trustee Westmark moved to adjourn seconded by Trustee Lange. Motion Carried

**Meetings** - Next two meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2011 and February 16, 2011 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