

SWANCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 1, 2016

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

Prayer

Pledge

Board members present: Rick Kazmierczak, Chairman, Ron Holdeman, Vice Chairman-Excused, and Phil Wiland, Trustee.

Employees: Chris Lauch, Administrative Assistant

Fiscal Officer: Dawn Wheatley

The 1-25-16 Meeting Minutes will be on the next agenda for approval.

33-16 Trustee Wiland motioned to approved the expenditures in the amount of \$5326.20, 2nd by Trustee Kazmierczak.

Roll Call: Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea, Trustee Holdeman-Absent Trustee Wiland-Yea

Public Forum & Guest: Kim Cupp, Fulton County Health Department

Kim discussed the need for testing and recommendations for testing shallow wells prior to and after pipeline construction in the event that the water table was to be contaminated. The township has an informational sheet she provided on the website.

She informed the public of a list of several things that should not be in ground water. She explained testing costs, and a test timeline that should be established for the protection of the residents.

She discussed dewatering, depths of digging, areas close to construction, and hiring private labs versus government entities to do testing and the costs for each.

She answered several questions from the public regarding testing being done during dry weather versus spring time/wet seasons; the water will stay on the surface better in dry times. And explained flow rate impact at time of samples/gallons per minute. She shared the opinions and suggestions of The Department of Health and the ODNR. She spoke of different scenarios with residents and talked about shallow wells, deep wells and points. Discussed sizes of pipes, routes, maps and the effect properties may experience, and suggests putting stipulations in land lease agreements and easements.

The testing of the waterways after the dewatering process is yet to be determined.

Trustee Kazmierczak will continue to meeting with County and elected officials to set forth protective strategies and determine responsibilities for each. The township will put information on the website and send out information to the agenda distribution list.

Residents voiced their concerns of the dewatering process drying up properties and ponds, possible contamination when the pipelines are constructed, hydrant flushing, funding, Water District appointment, interview process, their desire to have Water District meeting recordings, and a current law suit.

Trustee Kazmierczak reminded residents that the law suit cannot be discussed.

Chris is to redact all social security numbers and driver license numbers. The trustees explained that copies of applications were to be given to the Water Board as a courtesy. They will set up interviews and invite the Water District President, Dale Brunner.

Discussed the maintenance building. Trustee Kazmierczak will be checking with Brad Hammond.

Concern expressed about Delta annexation proposal. Recapped the past discussion regarding the Delta annexation with Brad Peebles. There is no agreement. If they were to contact the township the Trustees would hold a public meeting.

Concern expressed about the township spending over \$70,000.00 for turn out gear for York Fire department and other entities benefit without contributing. Trustee Kazmierczak explained that the money was tax revenue that was collected and sitting in the Fire/EMS fund account. He expressed that the purpose of these funds are to provide the best possible Fire/EMS service. He feels it is his duty, as a Trustee, to provide safety equipment that is needed. Trustee Wiland opposes the decision to pay for the turn out gear. He explained that Swancreek Township's share in their budget is 25.28%. The Village of Delta, York Township, Pike Township, Fulton Township and Swancreek Township share in the fire department's budget by paying a percentage based on the number of runs incurred. He opposed the decision of paying the total cost of the turn out gear, because Swancreek Township residents are subsidizing the other entities that receive services from York Fire department.

New Business

- Maintenance Cell Phone Plan/Yearly advancement/Damon & John Allowance: Discussed the Supervisor being on call and when the Supervisor needs to contact another maintenance employee. The Township is currently paying a cell phone allowance to Matt Stout, Damon Mattimore and Walt Hallett. Further research needs to be done. Keep on agenda
- Employee Reviews: Matt Stout, Damon Mattimore & John Simon: Keep on agenda
- Fred Pryor Training - \$199 yearly membership: This is an unlimited amount of various trainings available for one year, including webinars for Chris.

34-16 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to approval the purchasing of Fred Pryor membership for one year, 2nd by Trustee Wiland.

Roll Call: Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea, Trustee Holdeman-Absent Trustee Wiland-Yea

- Board of Elections use of building on 3-15-16: Trustees signed to approve the use of the township building

Old Business

- Water District Appointment (After 2/1/16): The Trustees cut off time is 120 days to fill the open seat. Chris is to set up interview times and post the Special Meeting times.

Zoning

- 2016 Rates - Referred to ZC (Mtg. on 2/10/16) - Update After Mtg.
- Compensation for BZA/ZC (Mtg. on 2/10/16) - Update After Mtg.

Discussed a concern of Walt Hallett using his personal truck. He is using the township truck when it is available. Chris informed him of the mileage amount change.

Fire/Rescue

- Contracts: None
- Providence Fire Contract – Subdivisions: Chris is to send Chief Floyd notification of a typo, direction states E. should be W.

Cemetery

- Rates: Non-resident rate. Section H, Swanton Cemetery includes cost of footer:

35-16 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to amend the resolution to raise all non-resident grave sales to \$1000.00, changing grave sales in Swanton Cemetery, Section H, to \$1170.00 because it includes a footer, 2nd by Trustee Wiland.

Roll Call: Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea, Trustee Holdeman-Absent Trustee Wiland-Yea

Sally Wylie gave the Trustees a list of recommended price changes for their consideration.

- Fence (Update): Walt Lange gave the Trustees a list of fence companies. Discussed getting larger trees.
- Columbarium/pavers (Update): No update

Maintenance:

- None

Employee Reports:

- Chris Lauch, Administrative Assistant: Provided the Trustees a list of things she learned at OTA; new legislation and ways to generate revenue, for their review and considerations.

Trustee Meeting Reports

- **Trustee Holdeman:**
- **Trustee Kazmierczak:** Kim Bradford will be at the township on 2-9-16 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss insurance. Chris will post a Special Meeting notice.
- **Trustee Wiland:** Trustee Wiland said OTA is working on grant money for cemeteries.

Josie Stultz and Dawn Wheatley set up an appointment with the Auditor of State, Josh Mandell's office for Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. to look into the Ohio Checkbook Online program. There is no cost. Residents can see the township's financials in several formats.

Dawn will get the items she learned at OTA to the Trustees.

36-16 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to move the 2-15-16 Trustee meeting to 2-22-16 at 10:00 a.m., due to the Presidents Day holiday, 2nd by Trustee Wiland.

Roll Call: Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea, Trustee Holdeman-Absent Trustee Wiland-Yea

Adjournment:

Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to adjourn, Trustee Wiland, 2nd
Adjournment: 9:06 p.m.

Swan creek Township Board of Trustees

Attest: Dawn Wheatley, Fiscal Officer
Swan creek Township Feb. 22, 2016

Trustee Rick Kazmierczak, Chairman

Trustee Ron Holdeman, Vice Chairman

Trustee Phil Wiland