

Swan Creek Water District

Record of Proceedings January 13, 2017 – Special

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call attendance showed the following Board members present: Walter Lange, Randy Walker, Dale Brunner and Mark Fowler. Also present from the District was Tina Whalen.

Attendees Included: Scott Lumbrezer from Arcadis, Ziad Musallam, FC Sanitary Engineer, Dennis Miller and Ellen Smith from Maumee Valley Planning Organization, Swan Creek Township Trustees; Ron Holdeman, Phil Wiland, and Rick Kazmierczak, James McConkey, from the Township Zoning Board, Patricia Wiemken from Fulton County Health Department, and Matt Gilroy from Fulton County Economic Development.

The Board held this special round table meeting to discuss any potential infrastructure grants that may be available at the Federal or State level and discussed the following areas:

Economic Development – Water & Fire

1. *Study the potential Water needs in Swan Creek Township*
 - a. Other than Road 3, Road EF, & Peaceful Valley – no discussion!
 - b. Airport Highway corridor – Road 3 east to Swanton is zoned
 - c. Airport Highway corridor – Road 3 west to Delta [Road 5-2] – zoning ends at the ½ mile between Road 3 & 4.

A discussion was had regarding updating the visitors on some of the details of the Airport Highway corridor. The areas that are currently zoned and un-zoned. As well as if the area has ever had a study done with regards to future planning or development. It was discussed that in 2000 a study was done that involved the County, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) as well as Regional Planning. An overview of some of the studies details involved zoning, widening and straightening sections of Airport Highway. ODOT is of the opinion that due to the scale of the plans to update Airport Highway, including sewer along with water, making it highly unlikely that the project would be executed in the near future.

- d. The Economic Development folks can shed light on “b” & “c” above. Water & Zoning are a part of economic development.

The topic of Economic Development was discussed with attention to current and future water needs for the residents. There were some areas that would need further discussion regarding: Annexation, Water Capacities of surrounding towns, Ground Water Studies, Fire Accessibility, and Dairy Farms in the area. Zoning, Sewer and Advertisement were other topics that were brought into the Economic Development discussion.

- e. Are there water needs in other parts of the township?
 - f. Petroleum Pipeline Construction – It remains to be seen what will happen.

A consideration for residents with wells is to have them tested prior to any pipelines being introduced into the area. This could help them in the future if there would be any negative developments regarding the pipelines as well as let them know of any chemicals present in their drinking water. The residents would have to pay for any testing at their own expense.

2. *Study the Fire Service needs for the township*
 - a. The “Joint Fire District study for Swanton, Delta, & York Township” is at the document signing phase.

b. There is a possibility the study may shed some light on the need for an adequate water supply for firefighting needs.

Adequate water supply, capacities for fighting fires (truck, storage ponds), as well as existing hydrants and water lines were discussed. Business needs and future growth of the area hopefully will be included in the Joint Fire District study.

3. Study on Water Quality/Quantity

To help track the quality vs. quantity, well logs could be helpful. This information could identify potential problem areas. It was shared that the Health Department tracks new wells that get permits and The Department of Agriculture regulates residential wells and wells on dairy farms. Drain off and Ditch water testing were other topics added into the conversation. The Rotary Club is looking for volunteers to test local ditches after rain to get water samples. They will be sent to The University of Toledo for testing. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) monitors water levels. It was discussed that some data be assembled and projections need be considered for any projects or funding to benefit the area. Ex. Projected growth of homes in the next 10 years, how many more wells and septic systems would that equate to. Is there any more dairy farms or mega dairy farms being planned, what would their water need/usage be and where would they get their water from?

Engineering for projects

1. Business Needs
2. Residential Needs

Gathering of information for either business or residential purposes would be necessary. Studies, evaluations, and anything that could show the projected needs of the area to support a project.

Health needs

1. EPA Funding

The group agreed that finding a direction you want to go would help in who would need to be spoken with regarding funding a study, approaching commissioners or different funding avenues being considered. Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) could be brought in on what details wanted in a study, they could help bridge any gaps. Having Board members present would show commitment to commissioners. Identifying project phases would also help when applying for grants.

Adjournment – At p.m. Trustee moved to adjourn seconded by Trustee. Motion Carried.

SWANCREEK WATER DISTRICT BOARD

Dale Brunner

Shawn Albert

Mark Fowler

Randy Walker

Walter Lange - Secretary, District Board