

**SWANCREEK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING**

**Monday, July 20, 2020**

Chairman Kazmierczak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call - Board of Trustees present: Rick Kazmierczak-Chairman, Travis Weigel- Vice

Chairman, Gene Wilson-Trustee

Fiscal Officer: Jo Stultz

Administrator: Suzanna Chandler

**GUESTS:** See Sign In Sheet

**126-20** Trustee Weigel motioned to accept the Regular Board of Trustee meeting minutes from 7-6-20, Special Board of Trustee Meetings from 7-9-20 and 7-14-20, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Wilson.

**Roll Call: Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea, Trustee Weigel-Yea, Trustee Wilson-Yea**

**127-20** Trustee Weigel motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$46,583.82, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Wilson.

**Roll Call: Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea, Trustee Weigel-Yea, Trustee Wilson-Yea**

**Administrator/ Maintenance Updates:**

Recycle Center Discussion- Administrator Chandler reports that Triangular Processing is taking cardboard only.

MR20-08 Cr. Rd. 2- Trustee Kazmierczak walked this and doesn't think that it needs a new tile. There is a sink hole right at the catch basin. The Board agreed to fixing the sink hole now, but wait on the tile that runs along the road. The Board asked Administrator Chandler to re-evaluate this in 90 days.

Road Damage 6635 Co Rd. C- Administrator Chandler reports that Jon Ehrsam of Ehrsam Excavating wants to wait until all of the work is done before he goes back a repairs the damage. Administrator Chandler assured the Board that she has had good communication and contact with him.

Administrator Chandler had pictures of Neil Wielinski's drive. Mr. Wielinski had filed a complaint about the repair work that the Township had done on his driveway after a drainage project. Trustee Kazmierczak states there are 3 different sizes of stone that Mr. Wielinski has on his drive, it would be difficult to "match" this. The Board thinks that the Township restored it better than the shape it was in. The Board asked Administrator Chandler to create a letter to send to Mr. Wielinski stating that the Township was finished with the restorative work on his drive that the Trustee could sign.

**Zoning:**

Written vs Anonymous complaints. Trustee Weigel would like complaints signed by the residents. The Board decided to continue this policy through 12/31/20 and also ask Zoning Inspector Pallitta her opinion. The Board would also like to hear what Jacob Barnes who is re-writing the Zoning Manual for his opinion. Renee Walker from the audience brought up the issue of vindictive neighbors and how this could become a problem. Administrator Chandler informed the Board that Swancreek's previous Zoning Inspector had trouble with cases in court if they were anonymous.

**128-20** Trustee Weigel motioned to continue Swancreek Township's written complaints until December 31, 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Wilson.

**Roll Call: Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea, Trustee Weigel-Yea, Trustee Wilson-Yea**

**Public Forum:**

Rosella Bezie from the audience as well as her son, Glen Pepper came to the Board with complaints against each other. Ms. Bezie owns the property at 3163 Co. Rd. D and Mr. Pepper lives on it. Their complaints are that she wants to sell the property and feels threatened by her son, and he states he has worked to clean up the condemned property and she hasn't done anything to comply with the Township's Zoning Inspector or Fulton County Health Department. R. Pepper told the Board that he was living in a camper trailer on the property. Chairman Kazmierczak and the rest of the Board informed both parties that this was a Civil matter and that the Board could not give legal advice. Chairman Kazmierczak did tell Mr. Pepper that living in a camper in a zoned area of the Township was against zoning regulations and that he would have to stop that. Mr. Pepper asked for Zoning Inspector Pallitta to contact him and he would like the E.P.A. contacted about the property.

Renee Walker for the audience had questions about Jacob Barnes and the rewriting of Swancreek Township's Zoning book. She is questioning Mr. Barnes recommendations of mandating 3 acre parcels must be sold instead of the existing 1 acre requirement. She pointed out that Mr. Barnes was not hired to make policy and that she hoped the Board would take into consideration her concern, stating that she is trying to preserve farm land.

**Fiscal Officer:**

Gas Tax decrease- Fiscal Officer Stultz states that the township has not received the Gas Tax distribution for this month yet.

O.D.N.R.- Mining Permit- Administrator Chandler informed the Board that the O.D.N.R. representative would like to meet July 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the mining permit. Trustee Kazmierczak and Wilson can make this meeting, Trustee Weigel cannot. Trustee Weigel told the other Trustees to have the meeting without him.

**129-20** Trustee Weigel motioned to approve voided warrant # 35309 in the amount of \$5271.00 to Parker Tire, wrong amount, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kazmierczak.

**Roll Call: Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea, Trustee Weigel-Yea, Trustee Wilson-Yea**

Fiscal Officer Stultz informed the Board that OPWC Round #34 has been approved by the State so the Township's County Road C project is back on.

**New Business:**

Township Public Meetings- No Update

Annual County Auction- Administrator Chandler will handle this.

590 SN Backhoe- Emailed claim to insurance- The Board asked Administrator Chandler what the Township's deductible was- \$500.00. They are concerned that the claim will inflate the Township's premium. Trustee Wilson states that in his business that an inquiry alone will raise the premiums. Trustee Kazmierczak would have liked to have known about the inquiry in advance. Administrator Chandler will contact insurance agent Conrad Beck to see if this will affect the Township's rates.

FC Minor Subdivision Approval- split of parcel 24-046876-00.000- the Board has no objections to the lot split.

**Unfinished Business:**

Drainage Projects Co. Rd. 6-3 and Co. Rd. 2- Waiting on Fulton County Engineer Rod Creager.

6767 Co. Rd. 2- The project is complete but the grass is not growing. The Board will talk to Dave's Service but they all agree now is not the time to reseed it.

Unfinished Business (continued)

Road Agreements- Administrator Chandler created the document for the Board and Providence Township to sign.

**130-20** Trustee Wilson motioned to approve the Maintenance Road Agreements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Weigel.

**Roll Call: Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea, Trustee Weigel-Yea, Trustee Wilson-Yea**

6936 The Township has the signed agreement for topsoil from the landowners on file.

Facebook Update- Administrator Chandler states the Board has to adopt the Social Media Policy. This will be kept on the agenda for the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Fire/Rescue:**

Levy Discussion- The Board discussed the pros and cons of placing a .4 mil levy on the ballot vs. a 2.4 mil on the ballot and vacating the 2.0 mil levy. Trustee Wilson proposes the Township absorbing the additional monies the Village of Swanton is proposing for 1 year since there is a surplus in the Fire Fund that can only be spent on Fire. Fiscal Officer Stultz will contact the Auditor's office and ask for a breakdown on how much would an additional .4 mil would generate and if the Township vacated the current 1.5 and .5 mil levies and had just a 2.4 mil levy how much would it generate.

**Cemetery:**

Columbarium- Maintenance Supervisor Stout will spray paint where the proposed vacated road area would be and how many more burial plots would become available.

Swanton Cemetery Fence- Trustee Kazmierczak would like for the Columbarium to be completed before any new projects are started.

Cemetery Policy- Trustee Weigel would like the 72 hour advance notice to the Township be changed to 48 hours due to families liking to have the burials completed soon after the passing of the family member. The policy will be further discussed at the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Trustee Meeting.

**Trustee Reports:**

**Trustee Kazmierczak:**

None

**Trustee Weigel:**

None



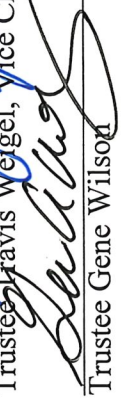
**Trustee Wilson:**

None

Trustee Weigel motioned to adjourn at 8:17 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Wilson



**Affest: Jo Stultz, Fiscal Officer**  
Swancreek Township  
August 3, 2020

**Swancreek Township Board of Trustees**  
  
Trustee Rick Kazmierczak, Chairman  
  
Trustee Travis Weigel, Vice Chairman  
  
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