

**SWANCREEK TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL AND REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
Monday, August 17, 2020**

Chairman Kazmierczak called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

All Trustees were in attendance as well as Zoning Commission Chairman Joe Kahl and Zoning Commission candidate April Welch. The Board and Mr. Kahl interviewed Ms. Welch for the vacant position on Swancreek Township's Zoning Commission. At the conclusion Trustee Kazmierczak thanked and informed Ms. Welch the Board would make a decision on her appointment at the Regular Board of Trustee meeting tonight.

Trustee Kazmierczak recessed the meeting.

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

Zoning Inspector: Natalie Pallitta

GUESTS: See Sign In Sheet

140-20 Trustee Weigel motioned to adopt the CARES Act Resolution, 2nd by Trustee Wilson.

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

Resolution is included with these minutes.

Special Guests:

Deputy Sheriff Noah Eisel gave the Board a report on calls from July 1 to August 17- 277 calls

Fulton County Commissioner candidate Joe Short introduced himself, gave a short bio on his accomplishments, and asked the audience for their vote in the November election.

141-20 Trustee Weigel motioned to accept the Regular Board of Trustee meeting minutes from 8-3-20 and 8-12-20 Special Board of Trustee meeting, 2nd by Trustee Wilson.

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

142-20 Trustee Weigel motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$ \$96,973.53, 2nd by Trustee Wilson.

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

Maintenance Supervisor Updates:

MR20-08 CO RD 2, B/T E & EF – 4’ piece of tile installed

Road damaged 6635 Co Rd C – Is taken care of

Tree Safety trimming locations –No updates

590 SN Backhoe – Claim check has been mailed but the Township doesn't have it yet. Conrad Beck is advising the Township to file a claim on anything larger than the Township's deductible.

MIR20-28 – Letter mailed out and closed

Cares Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Assistance Program – Resolution made at the beginning of the meeting.

Zoning:

Zoning Inspector Pallitta reported on all of her progress since the last Board of Trustee meeting. She updated the Board on the property on County Road D that burned. She informed the Board that the house will become a blight issue. Trustee Kazmierczak will be seeing Swanton’s Fire Chief Wednesday and he will ask who will be taking the house down.

Public Forum:

Neil Wielinski from 6691 Co. Rd. C states that he put \$3,000.00 of #11 stone down on his driveway and the Township used #6 down where we repaired his drive. Trustee Kazmierczak will pull the Maintenance work order to see what had been done and he will update Mr. Wielinski.

Scott Thompson came before the Board to register a complaint about his neighbor playing his bass too loud. Zoning Inspector Pallitta informed the Board that when she has gone out to the property it has not registered above Swancreek Township’s acceptable decibel reading. She has informed the residents that have filed complaints that this is not a nuisance but a civil matter. Trustee Weigel suggested that the Board send a letter to the offending property owner. Trustee Kazmierczak asked Zoning Inspector Pallitta to work with the Board to create this letter.

A resident on County Road 5-1 asked if all the tree removal was done to which the Board responded yes. Another resident asked why the Township paid to have trees removed. Trustee Kazmierczak explained how the agreement came about with the landowner years prior.

Resident from 3681 Co. Rd. 2 asked if there was an update on the drainage issue. Trustee Kazmierczak states he has emailed Fulton County Engineer Rod Creager and hasn’t heard back. Trustee Kazmierczak also reminded the resident he could file a petition with the Fulton County Commissioners on this.

Renee Walker from the audience asked if the Township had an Administrator any more to which Trustee Kazmierczak informed her no. A lengthy questioning followed from Ms. Walker.

Fiscal Officer:

Fiscal Officer Stultz gave a report on the 2nd half distribution of 2010 Real Estate taxes received. Nexus monies were in with this distribution.

New Business:

Lot split 3646 Co Rd E- The Board has no objections

Lot Split Zoned 5284 Co Rd 6- The Board has no objections

Township clean-up day- Discussion was had on whether or not to have it due to COVID19. The Board decided to keep it.

Unfinished Business:

Drainage Projects: tile on 6-3 and Co Rd 2 & F Drainage Project Progress – No update

6767 County Road 2- Drainage Project Complete, discussion grass growing- Trustee Kazmierczak had Administrative Assistant Ford pull the specs from the project. Watering the grass seed was not discussed, so it’s not the contractor’s fault. The Board agrees that the Township needs to make it right to the landowners.

6936 Co Rd 2 (Walborn)/ Landscaping Progress update – The Township hasn’t heard back from the residents

Facebook /Social Media policy – Updates made and the policy was signed by the Board

Radios Update – pending Cares Act Grant

Unfinished Business (continued)

OPWC update Road C- Discussion was had about ditch set back vs partial ditch enclosure vs full ditch enclosure. Partial ditch enclosure is approximately \$60,000.00 more out of pocket for Swancreek Township and doesn't pass the 100 year flood criteria. Full ditch enclosure is \$172,000.00 more out of pocket for Swancreek Township. Fiscal Officer Stultz informed the Board the Township does not have \$172,000.00 excess money to spend on this project.

Recycling center Discussion – public hearing scheduled for 10/5/20 at 6 p.m.

Fire/Rescue:

Fire Study Public Concerns – Updates on County Wide System – Trustee Weigel gave synopsis of the August 5th meeting.

Levy Discussion with Village of Swanton/Fulton twp – Trustee Kazmierczak has an Advisory council meeting 8/19/2020

Cemetery:

Deed 13-043 Swanton cemetery- Signed by the Board

Chamberlin Attorney Response – Email from Prosecuting attorney 7/30/20- No updates

Cemetery Regulations- The Board voted and approved them. Trustee Kazmierczak will have Administrative Assistant Ford notate a Friday notice will not be able to result in a Monday burial.

Columbarium – New quotes, scope of work/permit- Mark Householder presented the Board with a not to exceed quote.

143-20 Trustee Weigel motioned to accept Mark Householder's not to exceed bid of \$10,072.00 and Tri County Block and Brick of \$7,006.00 for inside decorative stone, 2nd by Trustee Wilson.

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

Start date to be October 1st and completed within 7 to 14 days depending on weather. Trustee Kazmierczak will let Mark Householder know. The Board will discuss temporary angular parking at the next Board of Trustee meeting.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Kazmierczak:

Trustee Kazmierczak gave an update on the work being done along the Administrative building. He also would like to take down a Chinese Maple on the adjoining property. He is asking the Board to draft a letter to sign to the property owner proposing this.

Administrator Ford has updated the Township's burial form to have two people sign off on and attach a picture.

Trustee Kazmierczak sent the Fulton County Engineers office a letter stating that they will need to figure out a new haul route once OPWC Round #34 is started.

Trustee Weigel:

None

Trustee Wilson:

None

144-20 Trustee Weigel motioned to go into Executive Session at to discuss Performance Evaluations per O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (1) at 9:01 p.m., 2nd by Trustee Wilson.

Roll Call: Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea, Trustee Weigel-Yea, Trustee Wilson-Yea
Meeting adjourned

145-20 Trustee Weigel motioned the meeting back into order at 9:31 p.m., 2nd by Trustee Wilson.

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

146-20 Trustee Weigel motioned to appoint April Welch to Swancreek Township's Zoning Commission, 2nd by Trustee Wilson.

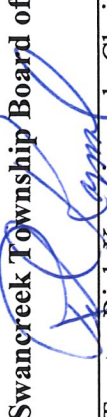
Roll Call: Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea, Trustee Weigel-Yea, Trustee Wilson-Yea

Trustee Wilson motioned to adjourn at 9:32 p.m., 2nd by Trustee Kazmierczak

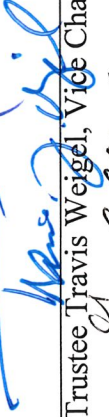


Attest: Jo Stultz, Fiscal Officer
Swancreek Township
September 14, 2020


Swancreek Township Board of Trustees



Trustee Rick Kazmierczak, Chairman



Trustee Travis Weigel, Vice Chairman



Trustee Gene Wilson