

**SWANCREEK TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL AND
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
Monday Jan 22, 2024**

Chairman Meyer called the Special to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees present: - Brian Meyer-Chairman, Rick Kazmierczak-Vice Chairman, Marvin Green-Trustee

Fiscal Officer: Jo Stultz

021-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to go into Executive Session at to consider appointment per O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (1) at 8:07 p.m., 2nd by Trustee Green.

Roll Call: Trustee Meyer-Yea, Trustee Green-Yea, Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea

Meeting adjourned

022-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to call the meeting back into order at 7:01 p.m., 2nd by Trustee Green.

Roll Call: Trustee Meyer-Yea, Trustee Green-Yea, Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea

Chairman Meyer recessed the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Chairman Meyer called the meeting back into order at 7:07 p.m.

Guests: See sign in sheet

Office Manager- Dawn Wheatley

Maintenance Crew Chief- James Ehram

Zoning Inspector: Lisa Wylie

023-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to accept the Organizational and Regular Board of Trustee meeting minutes from 1-8-24, and the Special Board of Trustee Meeting from 1-10-24 2nd by Trustee Green.

Roll Call: Trustee Meyer-Yea, Trustee Green-Yea, Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea

024-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$41,471.52, 2nd by Trustee Meyer.

Roll Call: Trustee Meyer -Yea, Trustee Green-Yea, Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea

Zoning:

Zoning Inspector Wylie reported on the two properties that she has been working with to clean up the blight. County Road D was to have an action but due to the weather, has not been able to hold it. The landowner (Ostafi) has been in contact with Zoning Inspector Wylie. Also due to the weather, Zoning Inspector Wylie has not sent out the letter to the landowner (Kobeck) on County Road 3.

Public Forum:

Resident Dan Gillen 3911 County Road D asked Zoning Inspector about an existing garage that the home owner rebuilt. Mr. Gillen is claiming that it was built on an existing leach field. Zoning Inspector Wylie will contact the Fulton County Health Department to look into this.

Liz Victor 1045 County Road B asked the Board what the Township's expense was on the Meyer case, and asked about the Vac truck that the Township sold back to the company- what was the loss and what did that mean for the Township. Trustee Kazmierczak told her he didn't have the actual dollar amount and that we had insurance that covered a portion of it. He also explained that the Township took a \$40,000.00 loss on the Vac truck and the money came from the American Relief Plan. So while it was tax payers money- it wasn't specifically from Swancreek Township, it was Federal Tax money.

Public Forum (continued)

Andrew Frost 1709 County Road EF asked if the Township would be willing to sell the parcel of Homewood Park that they own to him. It butts up to his property. The Board informed him there was a Resolution on file to not sell any of Homewood Park for a period of time. Fiscal Officer Stultz will find the Resolution and get the information back to him.

Fiscal Officer:

The Board of Elections requests the use of the Township's Administration Building for the Special Election March 19, 2024. The Trustees have no objections. Maintenance will have the building open for the poll workers.

025-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to approve voided warrant # 36863, 36865, 36866, and 36867- printer malfunction, 2nd by Trustee Meyer.

Roll Call: Trustee Meyer -Yea, Trustee Green-Yea, Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea

026-24 Trustee Green motioned to approve the provided Permanent Revenue and Appropriations for 2024, 2nd by Trustee Meyer.

Roll Call: Trustee Meyer -Yea, Trustee Green-Yea, Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea

Fiscal Officer Stultz will submit the Resolution to the Fulton County Auditor tomorrow and change in UAN Temporary to Permanent.

Fiscal Officer Stultz informed the Board that she has reached out to the Village of Swanton Fire Chief to set up a meeting with the Fire Advisory Board. She also informed the Trustees that the Fire Committee will consist of herself, residents Renee Walker, Justin, Watson, Gene Wilson, and Gregg Winseman. She will get a meeting set up. Trustee Kazmierczak will pick up millage information from the Fulton County Auditor on Thursday of this week.

Maintenance:

Crew Chief Ehram informed the Board that all the residents involved in the County Road 6-3 ditch project, except Nicole Bolin have agreed to and signed the contract for the project. He has gone to Ms. Bolin's house but hasn't been able to talk to her.

Crew Chief Ehram would like a committee to come up with a one, three, and 5 year plan for equipment and road work.

Building Update- None

New Business:

Items and/or money for the OTA basket raffle is due by this Friday.

Homewood Park Letter- No update

027-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to amend page 14 of the Employee Handbook to list full time from 36 hours per week to 32 hours per week retro active to 1-1-24, 2nd by Trustee Meyer.

Roll Call: Trustee Meyer -Yea, Trustee Green-Yea, Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea

028-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to eliminate live streaming of Swancreek Township's Board of Trustee meetings, 2nd by Trustee Green.

Roll Call: Trustee Meyer -Yea, Trustee Green-Yea, Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea

029-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to adopt the new Public Records policy, 2nd by Trustee Meyer.

Roll Call: Trustee Meyer -Yea, Trustee Green-Yea, Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea

Fire/Rescue:

Trustee Kazmierczak will pick up from Fulton County Auditor numbers for 3 mills for residents inside of Delta Community Fire district and Swanton Fire department.

Fire/Rescue continued

Fire Committee- Members of the Committee are Renee Walker, Justin Watson, Gregg Winseman, Gene Wilson, and Fiscal Officer Stultz. Fiscal Officer Stultz will set up a meeting time.

Cemetery:

No update

Unfinished Business:

Refuse Service- Fiscal Officer Stultz talked with Stevens and they have the Township account marked as "Donated Services". Trustee Kazmierczak still would like a ruling from the Ethics Commission and asked Trustee Meyer if he contacted them for a ruling. Trustee Meyer said yes but it could be a long time before they let him know.

Road 6-3 Drainage Petition- Trustee Kazmierczak will go to the Commissioners meeting Thursday and ask for a delay.

Issue 2- Trustee Green asked what the objective of banning all cannabis growing and sales in the Township. Trustee Kazmierczak explained the recommendation of Jacob Barnes to ban it until the Township had a plan on where they wanted it located and the number of facilities they wanted. The Township has Zoning Commission representatives going to OTA and they will be attending the course on Issue 2.

Cemetery Fee Discussion- It was brought to the Board's attention that Swancreek Township is charging only \$500.00 for resident graves. The cost of concrete is \$400.00. Trustee Kazmierczak asked Office Manager Wheatley to look up the last Resolution on grave prices.

Zoning Fees- Postpone discussion until June of 2024.

Scrap yard @ 5618 US 20A- Trustee Kazmierczak would like to set a hearing date in February for a March hearing.

OTA- Two Zoning Commission representatives will be at OTA this year, Renee Walker and Lenny Mitchell.

Ohio Department of Development will be issuing grants. Per Trustee Kazmierczak most of them are awarded to lower income communities and Swancreek Township doesn't normally fall in the guidelines. Trustee Kazmierczak will attend the meeting.

030-24 Trustee Green motioned to go into Executive Session at to consider compensation per O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (1) at 8:17 p.m., 2nd by Trustee Kazmierczak.

Roll Call: Trustee Meyer-Yea, Trustee Green-Yea, Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea

Meeting adjourned

031-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to call the meeting back into order at 9:24 p.m., 2nd by Trustee Meyer.

Roll Call: Trustee Meyer-Yea, Trustee Green-Yea, Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea

032-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to award raises effective the next pay period as follows:

Dawn Wheatley- \$21.00

Lisa Wylie- \$19.00

James Ehram- \$28.00

Damon Mattimore- \$26.00

Mark Cerda- \$22.88 if he elects full time (32 hours) or \$25.00 per hour if part time (under 32 Hours)

Tyler Thomas-\$16.64

Tiffany Ford- \$22.00

2nd by Trustee Green.

Roll Call: Trustee Meyer-Yea, Trustee Green-Yea, Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea

033-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to appoint Nick Wohlfarth and Scott Taylor to Swancreek Township's Board of Zoning Appeals and Scott Pawlicki to Swancreek Township's Zoning Commission, 2nd by Trustee Green.

Roll Call: Trustee Meyer-Yea, Trustee Green-Yea, Trustee Kazmierczak-Yea

Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to adjourn at 9:30 p.m., 2nd by Trustee Meyer

Swancreek Township Board of Trustees



Attest: Jo Stultz, Fiscal Officer
Swancreek Township
February 12, 2024



Trustee Brian Meyer, Chairman

Trustee- Rick Kazmierczak, Vice Chairman



Trustee Marvin Green