

SWANCREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
Monday July 08, 2024

Chair Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Fiscal Officer: Jo Stultz absent

Zoning Inspector: Lisa Wylie

Maintenance Crew Chief: James Ehram

Office Manager: Dawn Wheatley

GUESTS: See Sign In Sheet

089-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to accept the Regular Board of Trustee meeting minutes from 06-10-24, 2nd by Trustee Green.

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

090-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to approve expenditures in the amount of \$153,850.60, 2nd by Trustee Green.

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

Special Guest: Jeff Crissenberry of the Fulton County Health Department.

Mr. Crissenberry gave a presentation on Mosquitos in Swancreek Township.

He gave a bit of history.

- Ohio established mosquito districts from 1946 to 1972, with three districts: Toledo, Granville, and West Salem.
- Establishing a mosquito district requires the involvement of the township and at least one other entity, making it challenging for townships to set up their own districts.

Spoke of the challenges

- The township faces challenges due to a high-water table, poorly maintained drainage ways, and the potential for mosquito breeding.
- The health department assists residents in identifying and addressing mosquito breeding areas on their properties.

Strategies for mosquito control

- The use of larvicide mosquito dunks and gambusia fish for controlling mosquito larvae was discussed.
- Residents were advised to eliminate standing water and potential breeding sites on their properties.
- The County received a grant to aid in mosquito control. They have distributed mosquito dunks and literature to hand out to property owners that have standing water.

Office Manager Wheatley will forward a copy of the minutes to Mr. Crissenberry when they are approved.

The Trustees also talked to Mr. Crissenberry about blight concerns. Office Manager Wheatley will send him a copy of the citizen concern that was sent into the Township.

Zoning:

Zoning Inspector Wylie reported on activity since the last meeting.

Trustee Kazmierczak requested from the other Trustees and Zoning Inspector Wylie for times that will work to meet with Township legal counsel to discuss blight issues in the Township and how to deal with them.

Public Forum:

Resident Christina Hammer of 1551 County Rd. E spoke of the flooding in her property. Crew Chief Ehram will check out the drainage problem. Trustee Kazmierczak explained the process and frustrations on the length of time and budget constraints, but the Township is developing a plan to deal with the Township roadside drainage.

Fiscal Officer: None

Maintenance Report:

Crew Chief Ehram reported the following,

- A mishap occurred with the bobcat window resulting in damage.
- Drainage issues on County Road one was discussed as well as how to address them.
- Maintenance tasks were discussed for various locations, including Briar Lane and Birdsong.
- Discussion about collaborating with the Water District to extend a water line for potential opportunities.
- Mention of available grant funds for cemetery maintenance and potential water infrastructure projects.
- Completed employee evaluations Pierce Riegsecker has completed his probationary period and is eligible for full-time benefits.
- Discussed budget meetings.
- Plans for preliminary budget discussions and the need for multiple meetings were discussed. Office Manager Wheatley will post the 1st budget meeting for Monday 07-15-24 at 8:00am.

091-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to rescind resolution 140-16 to match the current Employee Handbook, 2nd by Trustee Meyer.

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

092-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned for the initial Skid Steer payment to come from the drainage fund 2011-330-323-0024 and subsequent payments to come from Permissive license Tax fund 2231-820-820-0022 2nd by Trustee Green.

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

093-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to keep Tyler Thomas at full-time year-round 2nd by Trustee Green.

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

Cemetery:

Fiscal Officer Stultz is meeting with Tiffany to finish the grant paperwork and submit it.

Reviewed updates on grave sales and niche entombment.

Approval of cemetery rules and regulations was discussed.

094-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to amend the Swancreek Township Cemeteries rules and regulations per the suggestions given by office manager Wheatley including adding Juneteenth to the listed days that the Township does not perform burials 2nd by Trustee Meyer.

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

New Business:

095-24 Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to reappoint Mr. Bob Gilbert with a renewal date of June 17th, 2027, Mr. Yunker with a renewal date of June 17th, 2027, and Mr. Doughty with a renewal date of June 17th, 2028, 2nd by Trustee Meyer.

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

Office Manager Wheatley will send reappointment letters to each of them.

Discussed Citizen concern regarding 2097 road 6 will bring it up when meeting with legal counsel on the 16th.

Discussed the impact of neglected properties and the impact on neighboring properties that can lead to financial losses and disputes with property owners.

Fire/Rescue:

Trustees discussed the Delta Community Fire Dept. meeting on the 16th at 7:00pm, same date as the Fire Committee meeting with the Fire Chiefs of the departments Swancreek contracts with. Delta usually meets later in the summer to have this meeting. There are concerns regarding why they moved it up. Trustee Kazmierczak suggested having the Fire Committee members attend instead of the Trustees. Resident and Fire Committee member Renee Walker spoke about the committee meeting on the 16th at 4:00pm and that she contacted Providence fire dept., and they said someone will be there.

Unfinished Business:

- Discussed the open meetings act public records training required of all elected officials. Office Manager Wheatley will email available training out to everyone. Fraud reporting training is to be done by September so need to have that one done asap. Dawn will put that link in the email as well.
- Trustee Kazmierczak wanted to voice how pleased the Trustees are with the Maintenance Department on staying on top of all the drainage issues that have been popping up with the amount of rain we have received. The Trustees commended the maintenance department's hard work.


Trustee Items

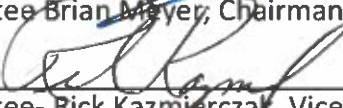
- The Trustees signed the hard copy of the skid steer contract.
- A property on road 1 between roads C & D was brought up regarding drainage issues. Crew Chief Ehram has talked with the property owner, and they are on it.


Trustee Kazmierczak motioned to adjourn at 8:12 p.m., 2nd by Trustee Green


Attest: Dawn Wheatley Office Mngr.
Swan creek Township
August 12, 2024

Swan creek Township Board of Trustees


Trustee Brian Meyer, Chairman


Trustee- Rick Kazmierczak, Vice Chairman


Trustee Marvin Green