

**SWANTON TOWNSHIP**

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**MINUTES OF: REGULAR MEETING**

**HELD: FEBRUARY 11, 2008**

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Chairman, John Warkentin

Officials Present: Trustees: John Warkentin, Jim Irmen, Dennis Tippie  
Officials Absent: Fiscal Officer: William B. Cook

Visitors Present: Refer to list – 14 visitors

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Motion to pay bills Voucher Number 19879 through 19894 and sign the payment register report by Jim Irmen. Seconded by Dennis Tippie. Roll Call: Jim Irmen, yes; Dennis Tippie, yes; John Warkentin, yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the January 28, 2008 regular meeting minutes as amended by Dennis Tippie. Seconded by Jim Irmen. Roll Call: Dennis Tippie, yes; Jim Irmen, yes; John Warkentin, yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign the three (3) copies of the 2007 township highway system mileage certification of 20.53 miles of public roads by Jim Irmen. Seconded by Dennis Tippie. Roll Call: Jim Irmen, yes; Dennis Tippie, yes; John Warkentin, yes. Motion carried.

Enter January 2008 bank statement initialed and approved by the trustees  
Enter Correspondence

John Warkentin read into the record a letter from the Ohio Turnpike Commission referencing the current zone change request (Z33-C129) by Land-Air Group, LLC with regard to the commission's right to restrict billboards, signs, notices, posters or other advertising devices which would be visible from the travel-way of the turnpike on the residual parcels. The turnpike commission requested that no signs be approved until a plan is forwarded to its office for review when available.

**Zoning Inspector/Road Superintendent/Cemetery Sexton Report**

- Non-residents, Mrs. Pat Desko and Mrs. Amy Speelman petitioned the trustees to allow the purchase of two (2) grave lots each for themselves and their spouses due to the large amount of family buried in East Swanton Cemetery, including their parents and grandparents. John Warkentin expressed his concerns regarding this request due to the limited space remaining in the cemetery. He also cautioned the trustees that approving this request may set a precedent for future requests from non-residents. Jim Irmen asked Mrs. Desko and Mrs. Speelman if they would agree to a restriction that the sale of these four (4) graves will be the final grave lot sales to their family. There was no objection to this.

Motion by Jim Irmen to approve the sale of four grave (4) lots – two to Mrs. Desko, two to Mrs. Speelman – with the restriction that only Mrs. Desko and Mrs. Speelman and their spouses will be interred in these graves and that these graves will be the only lots sold to members of their family that live outside of Swanton Township. Family members include the families of Speelman, Desko, Luce, Sturt, Wheeler and Pagent. Seconded by Dennis Tippie. Roll Call: Jim Irmen, yes; Dennis Tippie, yes; John Warkentin, yes. Motion carried.

- Repair of berm on Whitehouse-Spencer Road was completed by Monclova Township
- Shurry Seal would match county contract price for crack sealing
- Temporary housing on the Jankowski property located on SR 64 has been removed
- Seaway Quarry is removing some of the overburden from the north and west banks to help stabilize them and reduce sliding

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- There is extensive damage of the plaster under the wallpaper at the township hall. Dennis Tippie would like to take out the drop ceiling and take it back to its original height. He also cited ORC 511.01 – Town Hall - that states that any improvements that exceeds the cost of \$10,000 would have to be put on the ballot for approval of expenditure by the electors. Dennis said he would like to make the west side of the upstairs into administrative offices which he claimed would allow the township to bypass the above mentioned requirement. There was discussion on making the hall handicapped accessible and grants that may be available to accomplish this plus also make the hall equipped for visually and hearing-impaired residents. Dennis stated he would like to get some quotes for a new roof as he felt that is the number one priority in the renovation process at this time. The township hall is not on the register of historic places at this time.

Regular meeting suspended at 8:04 p.m. by Chairman John Warkentin. Open public hearing for M-4-05 - Swanton Township Land Use Plan Update. The audience was sworn in by court reporter, Karen Green and John Warkentin read the required documentation of posted notices of the hearing into the record. He then read the staff analysis and recommendation of approval from the Lucas County Planning Commission for the record.

After discussion and public input, a motion was made by Jim Irmen to continue the public hearing for M-4-05 - Swanton Township Land Use Plan Update until March 10, 2008 at 8 p.m. and that the fiscal officer is directed to re-advertise this hearing. Seconded by Dennis Tippie. Roll Call: Jim Irmen, yes; Dennis Tippie, yes; John Warkentin, yes. Motion carried.

Close public hearing at 8:45 p.m. Regular meeting reopened at 8:46 p.m. by Chairman, John Warkentin.

There was discussion on what type of roof would be appropriate for the township hall and how to preserve the existing wainscoting on the second floor. There was also discussion on how best to utilize the floor space for offices, meetings, and to make the building ADA accessible. The trustees will get an opinion from John Borell in regard to the definition of a township hall as opposed to an administrative building. Gary will get quotes for a new roof. There will be more discussion on this topic at a later date.

**Old Business**

Mrs. Jenny Price came to discuss the maintenance problem on Shaffer Road between Scott and Wilkins Roads during inclement winter weather. She advised the trustees that she had recently attended a Harding Township Trustee meeting and presented them with a petition signed by 19 residents along this section of Shaffer Road. After discussion by the Harding Township Trustees, they stated that they would not have a problem giving up the road miles for this section of Shaffer Road. Gary Heinemann stated that Harding Township does not have a salt bin and is only responsible for six miles of road to maintain. The trustees directed Gary to continue to maintain the above mentioned section of Shaffer Road and to keep track of his salt usage.

Enter into the record petition submitted to the Swanton Township Trustees by Mrs. Jenny Price signed by 19 residents on Shaffer Road.

Jim Irmen presented a letter from ODOT in regard to the possibility of a traffic light being placed at the corner of SR 295 (Berkey Southern Road) and SR 2 (Airport Highway). The state advised that a traffic light is not warranted at this time, but there may be money available for turn lanes at this intersection. Jim advised that all roads in Ohio compete for one group of funds now and the traffic study done at this intersection did not rank high enough for state funding.

John Warkentin asked that the fiscal officer advertise for one regular position and one alternate position for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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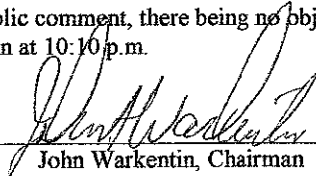
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Water testing was performed at the Seaway Quarry. A copy of the resulting report is attached to the minutes.

John Warkentin discussed the most recent meeting he attended with the City of Toledo in regard to the formation of a JEDD in Swanton Township. He said some disagreement continues over the "make-whole" provision for the JEDD. The City has waffled on the time limits from 2-5 years. John stated he would prefer that this provision not be part of the JEDD contract.

After public comment, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman, John Warkentin at 10:10 p.m.

Signed:

  
John Warkentin, Chairman

Signed:

  
William B. Cook, Fiscal Officer