

**SWANTON TOWNSHIP**

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**MINUTES OF: REGULAR MEETING**

**HELD: APRIL 11, 2017**

Chairman Jeff Michael called the April 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Swanton Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call:

Trustee Jeff Michael	- Present
Trustee Cindy Burkey	- Present
Trustee Gary Schroeder	- Absent
Fiscal Officer Peggy Michael	- Present

Visitors Present: 6

**Business of the Fiscal Officer (0:50)**

**Motion** by Cindy Burkey to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2017 Swanton Township Trustee Regular Meeting. Seconded by Jeff Michael. Roll Call: Cindy Burkey, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 28-2017.**

**Motion** by Jeff Michael to pay Warrant Numbers 4267 through 4281 and sign the payment report. Seconded by Cindy Burkey. Roll Call: Jeff Michael, yes; Cindy Burkey, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 29-2017.**

Fiscal Officer Peggy Michael reported that the March 2017 bank statement has been reconciled and signed by the Trustees.

Fiscal Officer Peggy Michael entered the correspondence into the Record.

**Zoning Report – No Report**

**Cemetery Report (2:16)**

1. One burial reported.
2. No grave purchases reported.

**Roads Report (2:17)**

1. Trustee Jeff Michael gave report of work accomplished and work planned from Maintenance Supervisor Tony Boellner.
2. Trustee Jeff Michael gave an update on the remode of the women's restroom and Devault Dr. vacation and dedication.

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**Old Business (3:19)**

1. Toledo Express Airport JEDD – Trustee Jeff Michael announced another company is interested in joining the JEDD. With the activity in the JEDD picking up, there have been some questions regarding what is a JEDD. Trustee Michael stated the Toledo Express Airport Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) is a legal contract entered into by Swanton Township, Monclova Township the City of Toledo. It is a 30 year contract. The purpose of the creation and operation of the JEDD is to facilitate economic development within the area established, to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities, to provide necessary services to the land and businesses located within the JEDD, and to improve the economic welfare of the people in the Townships and the City.

The Property Owners voluntarily submits a petition that supports the creation of the JEDD and voluntarily submits a request to have their properties be included in the proposed JEDD. Also, the Business Owners voluntarily submit a petition in support the formation of the JEDD and voluntarily submits a request to have their business included in the proposed JEDD. This is all voluntary.

An income tax within the JEDD is phased in at ½ of a percent to a maximum rate of 1.50%, on the income earned by people working within the JEDD and the net profits of businesses located within the JEDD.

A special fund was setup with 55% of what is collected for the expenses and capital improvement expenses of the JEDD, 3.5% for tax collection costs, and 41.5% split between Swanton Township, Monclova Township, and Toledo for zoning, road maintenance, and other administrative costs.

A huge win for us was that Trustee Michael required a section on annexation that states that Toledo will not annex or support any petitions for annexation of land in the townships. All Contracting Parties pledge and agree to use best efforts and exercise all reasonable means available, including litigation, to prevent annexation of any such land by any municipality. The cost of such efforts shall be shared equally by the Contracting Parties.

**New Business - None**

**Executive Session - None**

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The Elected Officials discussed the recent article in the Swanton Enterprise. Swanton Township was not asked to comment although Swanton Township was specifically mentioned by the Village of Swanton and Swancreek Township Trustee Rick Kazmierczak. The Elected Officials also discussed the recent postings by the Swanton Chamber of Commerce from the latest Census. The Chamber states the graphs reflect growth in Swanton however the Chamber does not define that the 43558 zip code is much larger than the Village and it is not explained that a large part of any growth in the Village is due to annexing the Townships.

**Motion** by Cindy Burkey to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Seconded by Jeff Michael. Roll Call: Cindy Burkey, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 30-2017.**

The meeting can be heard in its entirety on the Swanton Township website at [www.swantontwp.org](http://www.swantontwp.org)

Signed:   
Peggy Michael, Fiscal Officer

Signed:   
Trustee