

**SWANTON TOWNSHIP**  
**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**MINUTES OF: REGULAR MEETING**  
**HELD: JANUARY 9, 2018**

Chairperson Cindy Burkey called the January 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Swanton Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call:

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

Visitors Present: 7

**Business of the Fiscal Officer (:37)**

**Motion** by Gary Schroeder to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 Swanton Township Trustee Regular Meeting and 2018 Organizational Meeting and the December 22, 2017 Special Meeting. Seconded by Jeff Michael. Roll Call: Gary Schroeder, yes; Jeff Michael, yes; Cindy Burkey, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 1-2018.**

**Motion** by Gary Schroeder to approve the 2018 Permanent Appropriations. Seconded by Jeff Michael. Roll Call: Gary Schroeder, yes; Jeff Michael, yes; Cindy Burkey, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 2-2018.**

**Motion** by Jeff Michael to approve and sign P.O.'s 1-2018 through 15-2018 and Super B.C.'s 1-2018 through 26-2018. Seconded by Gary Schroeder. Roll Call: Jeff Michael, yes; Gary Schroeder, yes; Cindy Burkey, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 3-2018.**

**Motion** by Jeff Michael to pay Warrant Numbers 4675 through 4686 and sign the payment report. Seconded by Gary Schroeder. Roll Call: Jeff Michael, yes; Gary Schroeder, yes; Cindy Burkey, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 4-2018.**

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

Fiscal Officer Peggy Michael entered the correspondence into the Record.

**Zoning Report (11:34)**

1. Trustee Gary Schroeder gave a report on zoning issues and activities.

**Cemetery Report (11:40)**

1. Trustee Jeff Michael reported no burials.
2. Trustee Cindy Burkey reported no grave purchases.

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**Roads Report (11:41)**

1. Trustee Jeff Michael gave report of work accomplished and work planned.

Trustee Michael stated that a Thank you is due to the road workers. They gave up their holidays to be in the trucks plowing and salting the roads. They were in on Christmas Eve for around 10 hours, on Christmas Day for around 6 hours, they were in the Saturday before New Year's Eve, back in on New Year's Day, and then back in yesterday morning at 3:00 AM. The road workers had just attended a snow and ice instructional meeting conducted by ODOT and are highly capable of determining the amount and use of the salt. It is also known that salt is most effective at 20° F or above, 15° to 20° F is considered the lower limit for salt to be effective, and below 10° F salt is useless. The average salt usage throughout the 1990's and into the 2000's was approximately 125 tons for the winter season. As of yesterday we have put down almost 100 tons already.

Trustee Michael reported that currently the township has storage for just under 100 tons and we have to base the amount of salt to purchase with that in mind. By contract the salt ordered in May has to be delivered between October and April. So we have to decide how much salt we will need for the winter by May. The township has run out of salt in the past with the latest being the 2007 winter and the 2008 winter when Trustees Tippie, Warkentin, and Irmen were in office. The Trustees had the Road Superintendent at the time order sand but he reported that they received the sand but it is hard as a rock and cannot be mixed with the salt. Rather than paying for sand that cannot be used and is not effective at all, we should increase our salt storage capacity.

This was discussed for a long time by Trustees Tippie, Warkentin, and Irmen. In December 2008, Trustees Tippie, Warkentin, and Irmen discussed proposals to construct a new township salt storage building on Manore Road. However, by the end of 2009 nothing was done even though their total revenue was over 26% higher back then. We are quoting out a salt storage buildings that will store an additional 225-350 tons.

**Old Business - None**

**New Business (21:10)**

1. Trustee Cindy Burkey announced the upcoming meeting dates have been sent to the Key Shoppers News. Trustee Jeff Michael announced the website is up to date.

**Upcoming Meetings - None**

**Executive Session - None**

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**Motion** by Gary Schroeder to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Seconded by Jeff Michael. Roll Call: Gary Schroeder, yes; Jeff Michael, yes; Cindy Burkey, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 5-2018.**

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*  
Peggy Michael, Fiscal Officer

Signed: *Lindy Burkey*  
Trustee *Chairman*