

# SWANTON TOWNSHIP

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### MINUTES OF: REGULAR MEETING

**HELD: DECEMBER 10, 2024**

Chairman Jeff Michael called the December 10<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 Mike Nowicki	- Present
Trustee Kyle McPherson	- Present
Fiscal Officer Peggy Michael	- Present

Visitors Present: 2

#### **Business of the Fiscal Officer**

**Motion** by Mike Nowicki to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2024 Swanton Township Trustee Regular Meeting. Seconded by Kyle McPherson. Roll Call: Mike Nowicki, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 142-2024.**

**Motion** by Mike Nowicki to approve Blanket Certificate 33-2024 in the amount of \$2,000.00 for maintenance on the F550 and Trailer. Seconded by Kyle McPherson. Roll Call: Mike Nowicki, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 143-2024.**

**Motion** by Mike Nowicki to approve Purchase Order 25-2024 to Tin Man in the amount of \$25,508.00 to replace the heating and cooling system in the Township Hall. Tin Man can be out to do the replacement before Christmas. Seconded by Kyle McPherson. Roll Call: Mike Nowicki, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 144-2024.**

**Motion** by Mike Nowicki to pay the bills and sign the payment report. Seconded by Kyle McPherson. Roll Call: Roll Call: Mike Nowicki, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 145-2024.**

Fiscal Officer Peggy Michael reported that she spoke to the Fire Chief and he will be writing a letter saying the Township had a plan for the Fire and Rescue Levy. In addition, a group of people posted misinformation and untruths about the levy before even having any facts.

Trustee Jeff Michael and Fiscal Officer Peggy Michael spoke to the Village of Whitehouse and they said we always do what is best for the residents of Swanton Township.

The Fiscal Officer reported that she received a disturbing phone call from Stevens Disposal, the garbage hauler for the Township. They said an angry resident called them demanding to see the contract they have with the Township. They said they have no intension of giving it to him and they do not have to. The Fiscal Officer apologized to Stevens. She told them she was sorry that the resident did that and that it was political because the Township had a Fire Levy on the ballot. It makes no sense because the Levy has nothing to do with Stevens.

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The Fiscal Officer informed the Trustees how Select Sanitation sold out to Stevens and Stevens immediately wanted to raise the rates significantly including the off weeks. It was negotiated to keep the rates affordable. However, this resident calling Stevens may hurt the Township rates and future negotiations. The Fiscal Officer reported all other townships, villages, and cities either do not offer garbage services or have a levy to pay for it. The garbage service is not paid for through property taxes but through other revenue sources, therefore the garbage service is not paid for by the residents.

The Fiscal Officer reminded everyone Swanton Township used to have pickup only one time per month, if they were lucky enough to have it picked up. The off weeks were the responsibility of the residents. We now have pickup every other week (26 pickups) and the off weeks were negotiated to be affordable for the residents.

**Zoning Report**

1. Trustee Mike Nowicki gave the Zoning Report.

**Roads Report**

1. Trustee Jeff Michael gave the Roads report.

**Cemetery Report**

1. Trustee Kyle McPherson gave the Cemetery report.

**Old Business - None**

**New Business**

1. Schedule Special Meeting due to 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday falls on Christmas Eve

**Motion** by Mike Nowicki to schedule a Special Meeting on December 20, 2024 at 5:00 PM to finish any 2024 business as the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday falls of Christmas Eve. Seconded by Kyle McPherson. Roll Call: Mike Nowicki, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 146-2024.**

2. Schedule the 2025 Organizational Meeting

**Motion** by Kyle McPherson to schedule the 2025 Organizational Meeting for January 14, 2025 at 7:30, with the Regular Meeting immediately after. Seconded by Mike Nowicki. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; Mike Nowicki, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 147-2024.**

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3. Proclamation for Christmas display at 4920 Waterville Swanton Road, Swanton Township

Trustee Jeff Michael suggested that Swanton Township issue a Proclamation to Recognize and Honor the Christmas display at 4920 Waterville Swanton Road in Swanton Township put up by Troy and Cassandra Braun. For many years Troy and Cassandra Braun have displayed one of the best Christmas displays in the area, many people have enjoyed viewing the display, Swanton Township recognizes the hard work and effort put into the display each year, and Swanton Township recognizes the joy and happiness the Christmas display brings to the residents of Swanton Township.

**Motion** by Jeff Michael to Proclaim a Resolution to Recognize and Honor Troy and Cassandra Braun for their Christmas Display at 4920 Waterville Swanton Road in Swanton Township. Seconded by Mike Nowicki. Roll Call: Jeff Michael, yes; Mike Nowicki, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 148-2024.**

**Executive Session**

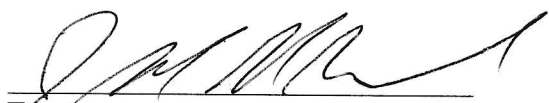
**Motion** by Mike Nowicki to go into executive session at 7:55 PM to consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee pursuant to ORC § 121.22(G)(1). Roll Call: Mike Nowicki, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 149-2024.**

We have returned from Executive Session at 8:14 PM. No action or voting took place while in Executive Session.

**Motion** by Mike Nowicki to name Anthony Peet to the position of Maintenance Supervisor and increase Mike Stinson's hourly rate as discussed after obtaining his CDL. Seconded by Kyle McPherson. Roll Call: Mike Nowicki, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 150-2024.**

**Motion** by Mike Nowicki to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Seconded by Kyle McPherson. Roll Call: Mike Nowicki, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 151-2024.**

Signed:   
Peggy Michael, Fiscal Officer

Signed:   
Trustee