

SWANTON TOWNSHIP
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF: REGULAR MEETING
HELD: JULY 8, 2025

Chairman Mike Nowicki called the July 8th Regular Meeting of the Swanton Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call:

Trustee Mike Nowicki	- Present
Trustee Kyle McPherson	- Present
Trustee Jeff Michael	- Present

Visitors Present: 10

Executive Session

Motion by Kyle McPherson to go into executive session at 7:32 PM to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public official pursuant to ORC § 121.22(G)(1). Seconded by Jeff Michael. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; Jeff Michael, yes; Mike Nowicki, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 51-2025.**

Returned from Executive Session at 7:48 PM. No action or voting took place while in Executive Session.

Current Fiscal Officer Peggy Michael passed away on June 24, 2025, the Trustees have 30 days to appoint a Fiscal Officer. If the Trustees do not appoint someone in that time the Committee of Five have 10 days to appoint a person having the qualifications of an elector to fill such vacancy. If no appointment is made the presiding probate judge of the county shall appoint a suitable person having the qualifications of an elector in the township to fill the vacancy.

Business of the Fiscal Officer

Motion by Jeff Michael to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 Swanton Township Trustee Regular Meeting. Seconded by Kyle McPherson. Roll Call: Jeff Michael, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes; Mike Nowicki, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 52-2025.**

Motion by Jeff Michael to pay the bills and sign the payment report. Seconded by Kyle McPherson. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; Jeff Michael, yes; Mike Nowicki, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 53-2025.**

Zoning Report – No Report given

Roads Report – No Report given

Cemetery Report- No Report given

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Trustee Jeff Michael publicly thanked all of the people in the Township and outside the Township that have called, texted, or messaged to offer to help at home, brought food, and/or money for food. Trustee Michael really appreciates all of the kindness and love from all of these people.

Resident Sean Halpin requested a moment of silence or prayer for Peggy.

Trustee Jeff Michael addressed the Facebook post about the Township flying the flag at half-staff and that it is illegal and a disgrace to Veterans. The Facebook legal scholars are absolutely incorrect.

The flag is flown at half staff for veterans, but it is also flown at half staff for: present or former officials of all Federal and State Governments (of which the Township is sub jurisdiction of the State, first responders, members of the Armed Forces, and foreign dignitaries.

Four United States Code, Section Seven, (generally referred as the Flag Code) states: In the event of the death of other officials or foreign dignitaries, the flag is to be displayed at half-staff in accordance with recognized customs or practices not inconsistent with law.

Ohio does not have a statute in the Ohio Revised Code regarding flying the flag at half staff, which is the codified body of state laws passed by the Ohio legislature.

The Ohio Administrative Code is where state agencies publish the rules they create under the authority granted to them by the legislature. The OAC contains rules developed by state agencies to administer those laws in the Ohio Revised Code.

Ohio generally follows Four United States Code, Section Seven which states: in accordance with recognized customs or practices not inconsistent with law.

Where was this outrage when the City of Toledo flew the flag at half staff for Mayor D. Michael Collins, or when Lucas County asked us fly the flag at half staff for County Recorder and personal friend of Commissioner Gerken Phil Copeland, or Commissioner Sandy Isenburg, where was this outrage then?

These are just haters that only take the part of the Code to fit what they want the narrative to be, so they try to justify themselves by posting lies and misinformation. Trustee Michael stated all you have to do is look at who posted and who liked the posts to see who these people are.

Trustee Kyle McPherson stated that she and Trustee Mike Nowicki instructed the flag to be lowered.

Old Business - None

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New Business

1. Swan Creek Watershed Community Meeting

Trustee Jeff Michael reported he is reviewing the Township's legal position with the attorneys. He also stated he has some other information that will be a compelling argument on the benefit of the project and the assessments. Reminder the Final Hearing on July 15th at 2:00 PM in the County Commissioners Meeting Room in One Government Center.

2. Toledo Express Airport JEDD appointment – Township Representative

Trustee Jeff Michael is the current Township Representative and needs to be reappointed for his second term. Monclova Township has already taken action to reappoint Trustee Michael.

Motion by Kyle McPherson to reappoint Jeff Michael to the Toledo Express Airport JEDD Board of Directors representing the Townships in the District for a second term. Seconded by Mike Nowicki. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; Mike Nowicki, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 54-2025.**

Motion by Kyle McPherson to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Seconded by Jeff Michael. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; Jeff Michael, yes; Mike Nowicki, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 55-2025.**

Signed: _____
Fiscal Officer

Signed: _____
Trustee