

**SWANTON TOWNSHIP**

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**MINUTES OF: REGULAR MEETING**

**HELD: MARCH 10, 2008**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman, John Warkentin

Officials Present: Trustees: John Warkentin, Jim Irmen  
Officials Absent: Trustee: Dennis Tippie  
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 approve and sign "Then and Now" P.O. 19-08 to the Village of Swanton for \$76,752.00 for fire and rescue protection for 2008 per contract by Jim Irmen. Seconded by John Warkentin. Roll Call: Jim Irmen, yes; John Warkentin, yes. Motion carried.

Motion to pay bills Voucher Number 19915 through 19936 and sign the payment register report by Jim Irmen. Seconded by John Warkentin. Roll Call: Jim Irmen, yes; John Warkentin, yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the February 25, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented by Jim Irmen. Seconded by John Warkentin. Roll Call: Jim Irmen, yes; John Warkentin, yes. Motion carried.

At the request of the trustees, Jason Gaghne and Kevin Shipman, representatives from Allied Waste, were present to discuss the ongoing inefficiency of trash pick up in the township. John Warkentin discussed the problems the township has had during the last few months with Allied Waste. The representatives apologized for the substandard performance and committed to being out in the township on the second Monday each month to make sure the waste collectors have done their jobs. They will also check in with Gary or one of the trustees for an update on residences that have been missed. There will also be an 800 number that will forward messages to the rep the day of pickup of missed residences as well to ensure all trash will be picked up. John Warkentin advised the representatives that he does not want to revisit this problem again. There was discussion on Mrs. Schroeder's garbage and the excessive weight of it. Allied has fluorescent stickers that will be applied to the resident's trash cans that will state why the trash was not taken.

Matt Sapora from the Lucas County Port Authority was present to discuss a yard waste recycling site where one or two 40 yard dumpsters could be placed. He advised there is a bit of money from a grant to help with this and the dumpsters would be staffed by a subcontractor. John Warkentin suggested the dead-end part of SR 295 on the south side of the airport would be a good spot. Another suggestion from Mr. Sapora was the Jehovah Witness Hall that is currently vacant on US 20-A. Jim Irmen felt that location might be too visible. It was agreed that the proposed location on SR 295 would be a good choice from a traffic standpoint. Jim Walters from Lucas County Solid Waste District was also present to discuss this topic. There will be ongoing discussions to finalize location in the coming weeks.

Regular meeting suspended at 8:02 p.m. by Chairman John Warkentin. Open public hearing at 8:03 p.m. 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.

After further discussion and public input, the trustees decided to continue the public hearing due to the absence of Dennis Tippie, who was out of town because of a family illness, until April 14, 2008 at 8 p.m. so he could be part of the final decision and vote. Close public hearing at 9:05 p.m. Regular meeting reopened at 9:06 p.m. by Chairman John Warkentin.

Discussion regarding letter submitted to the trustees by Mrs. Mary Solomon which addressed the proposed renovation of the township hall.

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Enter letter from Mrs. Mary Solomon into the record.  
Enter Correspondence  
Enter February 2008 bank statement initialed and approved by the trustees

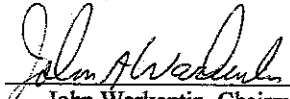
Discussion concerning the outside storage of recreational and motor vehicles at the Store More storage units on Airport Highway. The Airport Highway Overlay District prohibits this. Gary will check into this.

There was discussion on the state of the driveway and parking area of Soul Road Auto Parts and the resulting mud and stones that were being deposited on Soul Road as a result of its disrepair. Gary will talk with Trigger Smith to get this resolved.

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

- Gary advised the trustees that Travis Weigel will be coming in to restate his request for purchase of non-resident graves at East Swanton Cemetery. John Warkentin suggested the trustees reassess the non-resident rate before they hear the request. Jim Irmen stated that since Mr. Weigel had made his request before the recent sale to other non-residents, Mrs. Desko and Mrs. Speelman, that he be charged the same non-resident rate. It was agreed that no further non-resident sales will be allowed until the rate can be revisited. If approved, the same burial conditions set forth for Desko and Speelman will be applicable to the Weigels. Reference February 11, 2008 regular meeting minutes for burial restrictions. Gary advised the trustees that after the sale of graves to the Desko and Speelman families, he received a phone call from someone wanting to purchase three more graves for Amy Speelman.
- Gary and Ken were commended by Jim Irmen for the excellent job they have done maintaining the roads this winter. He also presented a letter he received via e-mail from resident, Dave Smithers that acknowledged the good job the road crew has done.
- Gary advised the trustees that there are approximately three loads of salt left in the bin. He said Lucas County only has 45 loads left.

After public comment, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman, John Warkentin at 9:25 p.m.

Signed:   
John Warkentin, Chairman

Signed:   
William B. Cook, Fiscal Officer