

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF

REGULAR MEETING

HELD

NOVEMBER 24, 2003

Meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman John Warkentin.

Trustees Present: John Warkentin, Dennis Tippie, Mike Lewandowski

Visitors Present: Refer to visitor's list 12 people signed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Financial report was presented.

Statement of bills due for payment was presented.

Motion by Mike Lewandowski to pay bills, Voucher No. 17499 thru 17518 and sign payment register report. Copy in file. Seconded by Dennis Tippie.

Mike Lewandowski - Yes Dennis Tippie - Yes John Warkentin - Yes
Motion Carried

Enter correspondence, copies in file.

Enter letter dated November 20, 2003 from Clerk William B. Cook concerning the Swanton Township Record Commission, Trustee Chairman John Warkentin & Clerk Bill Cook met on November 20, 2003. Items were discussed in detail with no action taken at this time.

The trustees were given copies of the November 2003 "Grassroots Clippings."

Enter minutes of Swanton Township Zoning Commission regular meeting held October 20, 2003.

Enter minutes of Swanton Township Zoning Appeals Board regular meeting held September 17, 2003.

Enter copy of Swancreek Township's employee handbook received through Mike Lewandowski. John Warkentin has that information at this time.

Enter letter dated November 19, 2003 from Mary Solomon to Trustee Warkentin.

Enter zoning inspector's report with one zoning approval.

Road Superintendent John Jones reported that the rear tires on the five-ton dump truck are getting bad. John Jones said one of these rear tires were torn up in the past and was able to get it replaced at 795 Tire Service Inc. The trustees discussed this with John Jones.

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Bonita Palmer, Operations Officer Lucas County Department of Emergency Services, explained the "Lucas County, Countywide All Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan." She said this must be adopted by all entities by December 23, 2003. Mike Lewandowski has had "The Plan" for two weeks and is just now passing it on to John Warkentin for his review. Ms. Palmer said the expenses still have to be decided. There may be some kind of match by townships or by EMA. John Warkentin said he was confused on the funding, it is not cleanup money, but is prevention money. Stu Draheim said "The Plan" says 21 entities have to adopt, was anyone from Swanton Township on "The Plan" committee? Yes, John Jones was on that committee. Ms. Palmer explained some of the mitigation process. Mike Lewandowski said it was a very detailed plan. Dennis Tippie said if Swanton Township decides to adopt "The Plan" could they opt out in the future? Ms. Palmer said she would check if this was possible. John Warkentin said page 32 could be used as a possible water system for the township. John Warkentin said there seems to be more questions than answers. Ms. Palmer said she would get back with the township and try to answer all of their questions. No action was taken by the trustees at this time to adopt "The Plan."

Bob Leonhard talked to the trustees about the proposed "Joint Fire District" (JFD). He asked are there any issues the township has in forming a JFD? John Warkentin said the issues are mostly financial issues with the current service providers. Dennis Tippie said Lucas County and Fulton County pays for their ALS. Dennis Tippie asked how does Swancreek Township like the proposed JFD? Mr. Leonhard said that Swancreek Township does not like the district area wide levy. Dennis Tippie said that Swanton Village Council is not in favor of JFD and York Township is not in favor of the JFD. Mr. Leonhard asked if there were any annexation issues with the Village of Swanton? John Warkentin said there are many issues concerning annexation. Mr. Leonhard gave a history of the Plain City, Ohio, Madison County. They are about the same size as this proposed JFD. They have passed a 10.5 mill operating levy and have a total of 12.5 mills for the JFD. Dennis Tippie said the study for the proposed JFD should include whether there are full time or part time personnel. Mr. Leonhard said he would do the most cost effective study for the JFD. Mr. Leonhard discussed billing procedures. He said soft billing is where insurance companies pay and the residents do not.

John Warkentin said several residents asked him to look into the problems with the local school districts. He talked to Tom Baker, County Superintendent of Schools, and was told it would do no good to pursue this issue.

Dennis Tippie again asked for copies of the minutes a week early, copies of all correspondence and a mail log. The trustees took no action on this request.

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Dennis Tippie asked the clerk if the hall rental fees were posted at the township hall? Clerk Bill Cook said he should ask the trustee's secretary, as she is the one who takes care of renting the hall.

Dennis Tippie asked the clerk what is the amount the township charges for cost per sheet for copies? Clerk Bill Cook said in the past the township established a cost of .25 cents per copy, but he does not feel that this is a legal cost. Dennis Tippie said he would call the copy machine company to find out what the actual cost is.

Dennis Tippie said all the township residents have been given copies of the recent audit and have questions and said this issue should be put on the next agenda. John Warkentin said that if anyone has questions on the audit they would have to submit them in writing and whom the question is from.

The trustees discussed the October 27, 2003 minutes that are on hold. Dennis Tippie wants the sentence "It was pointed out that this letter has inaccurate information and was not authorized by all the trustees" on page 4 omitted. Clerk Bill Cook said he does not agree to this change.

Motion by Mike Lewandowski to approve the minutes of October 27, 2003 as amended, seconded by Dennis Tippie.

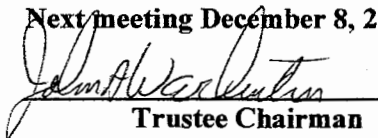
Mike Lewandowski – Yes Dennis Tippie – Yes John Warkentin – Yes
Motion Carried

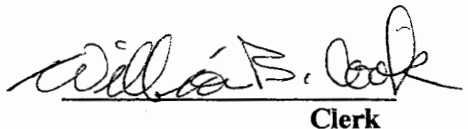
Motion by Mike Lewandowski to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of the previous regular meeting of November 10, 2003 as submitted. Seconded by John Warkentin.

Mike Lewandowski – Yes John Warkentin – Yes Dennis Tippie - No
Motion Carried

Trustee Chairman John Warkentin said if there are no objections the meeting stands adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Next meeting December 8, 2003.


Trustee Chairman


Clerk