

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2004

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

Trustees Present: John Warkentin, Mike Lewandowski, Dennis Tippie

Visitors Present: Refer to visitor's list 17 people signed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Mike Lewandowski to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of previous regular meeting of February 2, 2004, seconded by John Warkentin .

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

Financial report was presented.

Statement of bills due for payment was presented.

Motion by Mike Lewandowski to approve & sign Then & Now P.O. 14-04 for \$4,787.10 to Lucas County Engineer for Whitehouse Spencer Road project, Swanton Township's 2004 repayment and Then & Now P. O. 15-04 for \$8,218.00 to OTARMA Service Center for township insurance 2-1-04 to 2-1-05. Seconded by Dennis Tippie.

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

Motion by Mike Lewandowski to pay bills, Voucher No. 17628 thru 17648 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 Swanton Township Zoning Commission minutes of regular meeting held February 9, 2004 and two public hearings held February 9, 2004, Cannaley rezoning & zoning text amendments regarding signs.

Enter February 2004 OTA "Grassroots Clippings."

Enter letter dated February 2, 2004 from Amy Stone, Extension Agent, Ohio State University, Ohio Department of Agriculture. There will be a Gypsy Moth Open House on Thursday, February 19, 2004 between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., at the Swanton Township Hall.

Enter revenue & expense reports for the Village of Swanton fire & rescue funds.

The trustees initialed their approval of the January 2004 bank statement received in February 2004.

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Zoning Inspector Gary Heinemann reported on the following:

1. Report dated February 13, 2004 with one zoning approval.
2. Enter three new zoning violations dated February 2, 2004. Judy Sparks, Fred Kachenmeister & Glen Wright.
3. The zoning inspector received no response to the three new zoning violations. Dennis Tippie will check with the three zoning violators.

The zoning inspector asked was there ever an approved trailer park next to the Haven Bar (east side)? John Warkentin said to his recollection there was never an approved trailer park at that site. John Jones said four or five years ago the owner of the property asked what his options were on what he could do with his property. John Warkentin said the owner of the property must show the paperwork and the map that proves that there was an approved trailer park. Don Strayer said at one time there may have been approval for four or five trailers on that property. Mike Lewandowski has questions about the property with the antenna tower, this will be checked out by the zoning inspector with the county prosecutor.

Enter letter dated January 30, 2004 from Zoning Commission Chairman Ron Grant to Zoning Inspector Gary Heinemann. Memo sent to Airport Highway Overlay District Steering Committee, there is a tentative date of Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. to reconvene and discuss the Airport Highway Overlay District. The letter asked the zoning inspector to present any information or instances (positive or negative) that have arisen due to the placement of the overlay district in the past six months, either in person, or in the form of a written summary if you cannot be present.

Road Superintendent John Jones reported on the following:

1. January 2004 monthly report.
2. Jeff Lohse, Lucas County Engineer Office is working on plans for the Scott Road project that has been approved by the OPWC.
3. The township may wish to come up with a list of roads to be crack sealed, as the cost of that material will be increasing.
4. New tires have been installed on the 1999 Chevy pickup truck and that bill was paid this evening.

Mike Balusik, 14210 Bette Lane, Swanton Township said he does not have access to part of his property because he cannot use a lane that the county engineer's office said was never approved. Bill Cook said he sent all the information on this to Mike Meyer at the Lucas County Engineer Office. John Warkentin said we will put this back on the agenda in two weeks and the zoning inspector was asked to check on this with the Lucas County Engineer Office. John Warkentin said he believes at the time the township wanted to curtail the development of part of that property.

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Dennis Tippie asked the status of the township handbook? Bill Cook said it is being worked on by the trustee's secretary Renee Dowling and himself and should be ready for the trustees' review by next week.

It was reported that all procedures concerning zoning have been worked out between the zoning secretary, Sue Smithers and the trustee's secretary, Renee Dowling.

Motion by Dennis Tippie to reimburse at their regular expense rates all zoning members and the zoning secretary who attended the January 19, 2004 regular trustee meeting, seconded by Mike Lewandowski.  
Dennis Tippie – Yes Mike Lewandowski – Yes John Warkentin – Yes  
Motion Carried

Dennis Tippie said that the letter Peggy Michael gave to the trustees at the last meeting had a question about the signs being up 15 days before an election and thinks this should be answered by the trustees. John Warkentin said the township cannot enforce that section of the sign regulations in the zoning resolution. Ed Snyder said that the placing of signs has been ruled a violation of the first amendment. The township can check this out with the Lucas County prosecutor. Dennis Tippie said he would do a letter to the prosecutor for the other trustees to sign.

Dennis Tippie said there is a letter coming from David Simko concerning the security system at the zoning inspector's home. This was not authorized by all of the trustees.

Dennis Tippie said he had talked to George Oravec and he wants a meeting with the trustees at the port authority office in Toledo, concerning property being developed across from the airport. Possible date for this meeting would be Friday, February 27, 2004 after 2:00 p.m.

Jim Irmen gave the trustees copies of the proposed Swanton Township Website with a break down on cost. He said the first year cost would be \$1,440.00 and the second and subsequent yearly cost would be \$915.00. \$65.00 would be due immediately, this covers domain registration, web hosting fee/set-up fee. The trustees will have a 90 day trial period, during which website modifications will be provided at no additional charge. The website will go online 30 days after this proposal is approved. Website design and creation (15 pages) \$500.00 and a \$50.00 monthly charge for update service (posting agendas, minutes, notices and etc.)

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Motion by John Warkentin to extend for one year the proposed Swanton Township Website presented by Jim Irmey at a cost of \$1440.00 for the first year, seconded by Dennis Tippie. Discussion followed. Mike Lewandowski said that he is not opposed to the township website, he believes that if we cannot afford a raise for the workers, we cannot afford this website. Dennis Tippie said that the workers raise was tabled.

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

John Warkentin said he was approached by the Swanton Area Chamber of Commerce and asked for the Swanton Township's trustees support for the upcoming Swanton Local School 1.25 mill levy. Discussion followed. Dennis Tippie said this is not a township issue and when the City of Toledo Council was asked to support the Toledo Public School levy they declined. Ed Snyder said that the township trustees have taken positions concerning the community in the past such as voting against the Rails to Trails. John Warkentin said he feels that the defeat of the levy will hurt the areas property values. Mike Lewandowski says we have good schools and we should support them like Perrysburg and Sylvania does. Julie Tippie said we cannot afford any more taxes and that is why she does not live in Perrysburg or Sylvania. Mike Solomon said if this levy passes they will be moving from the township.

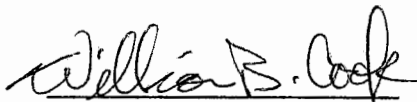
Motion by Mike Lewandowski to support the Swanton Local School Levy, seconded by John Warkentin.

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

John Warkentin said if there are no objections the meeting stands adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting March 1, 2004.

  
Trustee Chairman John Warkentin

  
Clerk