

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Swanton Township
Board of Trustees, held March 29, 2004 at 7 PM
with Lucas County Commissioner, Maggie Thurber

Meeting opened at 7 PM by Chair, John Warkentin.

Trustees present: John Warkentin, Dennis Tippie, Mike Lewandowski.

Visitors present: Refer to visitors' list 17 people signed

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Enter proof of the posting of Notice of this Special Meeting in the Township Notice Board on March 26, 2004 & faxed same date to the Swanton Enterprise, a paper of general circulation in the Township. Copy in file.

Commissioner Thurber discussed:

EMS billing/collections/ funding issues;

Health Dept issues relating to potential delays to contractors due to staffing cut(s);

Water issues relating to: Toledo, the County Service Area boundary(ies), & the Sylvania-sponsored Alternative Water Supply/Source;

Sheriff Dept issues including attitude, budget, response time, & staffing;

Workforce Development & Business Incubation (now RGP & EIC at the Univ of Toledo's responsibility)

Countywide Levies should or should not be on ballot all at once?

TMACOG billing formula for dues: county residents "billed twice"?

Emergency Mgmt Plan

Commissioners Meetings on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM, except 1 per month for an afternoon session. Agenda available on the web-site; meeting packets are available upon request but can be voluminous, one may want to check.

Special meeting over at 8:05 PM.

Minutes taken by township resident Ed Snyder.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


JOHN WARKENTIN, CHAIR


WILLIAM COOK, CLERK

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Swanton Township
Board of Trustees, held March 29, 2004 at 8:05 PM

Meeting opened at 8:05 PM by Chair, John Warkentin.

Trustees present: John Warkentin, Dennis Tippie, Mike
Lewandowski.

Visitors present: Refer to visitors' list 17 people signed

Pledge of Allegiance recited during preceding Special
Meeting.

Motion by Mike Lewandowski to pay bills, Voucher No. 17674
thru 17710 and sign the payment register report. Signed copy in
file. Seconded by Dennis Tippie. Vote: Mike Lewandowski-
Yes, Dennis Tippie-Yes, John Warkentin-Yes. Motion Carried.

Bob Leonard of Columbus, OH presented the study on the
proposal to form a Joint Fire District JtFD. Copy in file and a
CD copy for the Township. He also provided a copy of the fire
runs for 2003 from Swanton FD he had been given. Copy in file.

Discussion was had by the Trustees as to how they were not
satisfied by the study since EMS was not included and Swan Creek
Township was included but did not pay for nor wish to
participate in the JtFD. Mr Leonard said this was specified in
the original request for proposal (RFP) and to allow "apples to
apples" comparison.

Mr. Leonard indicated the study showed a JtFD was not
feasible since: no money is to be saved; there seems to be a
lack of commitment by elected officials to work out issue(s)
between the jurisdictions; coverage would not be improved
without an additional station (and costs) and continued good
mutual aid agreements. EMS crossing county lines would also be
an issue.

Mr. Leonard said he was not done until "you guys [the
Trustees] are satisfied" and was told by the Trustees to
consider EMS in the Study.

Zoning Inspector Gary Heinemann presented his reports for
March 12 and 26, 2004 with 1 approval each. Copies in file.

Road Superintendent/Cemetary Sextant John Jones reported
that: the mylar of the Soul Road ditch improvements cannot be
found, they will keep looking;

the Trustees should consider what road projects they
think the Township can afford this year: crack-sealing; tar and
chipping; Jeffers Road - double coat of tar and chip at 1 ½ the

cost of a single coat? John Jones is not impressed, he
recommends seal coat; Wilkins Road (our section); Scott Road
(turnpike bridge and slopes);

The trustees indicated they wanted best and worse case
financial scenarios as to how much money is available for road
work from Clerk Bill Cook. Ed Snyder will communicate with Bill
on this.

Jim Irmen asked about the burned out trailor on Wilkins,
North of the Haven? Trustee John Warkentin said contacting the
County Health Dept would be the first step.

Enter correspondence, copies in file.

Trustee Dennis Tippie brought up the following:
-the Unigov meeting attended by himself and John Warkentin

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was not published and is in violation of the Sunshine Law in his opinion. Trustee John Warkentin said not in violation as no decisions were made on behalf of or binding the Township, it was an informational meeting;

-as Clerk Bill Cook refunded his reimbursement for the Auditor's Conference he was unable to attend due to his injury, was he able to cancel motel and other expense(s)? Ed Snyder will communicate with Bill on this;

-the citation from last year's State Audit regarding Zoning Inspector Gary Heinemann having a security system at his home, as he considers the issue pending and a "fringe benefit" under IRS as per the County Township Association meeting. Trustee John Warkentin disagreed based upon information he has.

-minutes he regards as incorrect, which he signed in the past but will not anymore. Trustee John Warkentin indicated they are a reflection not a transcript; when citizens have numerous questions and answers they could be submitted in writing to supplement the minutes, if desired.

Motion by John Warkentin to read all minutes. Seconded by Dennis Tippie. Ed Snyder stated that, by law and Robert's Rules, minutes are to be read automatically unless waived. Motion and second withdrawn by their makers.

The Trustees initialed their approval of the February, 2004 bank statement, received in March, 2004.

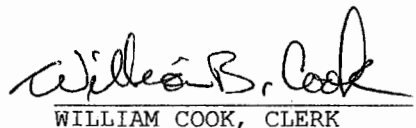
Chair John Warkentin said if there are no objections the meeting stands adjourned at 9:59 PM.

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