

SWANTON TOWNSHIP

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR MEETING

HELD: JANUARY 28, 2025

Chairman Mike Nowicki called the January 28th Regular Meeting of the Swanton Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:52 PM.

Roll Call:

Trustee Mike Nowicki	- Present
Trustee Kyle McPherson	- Present
Trustee Jeff Michael	- Present
Fiscal Officer Peggy Michael	- Present

Visitors Present: 11

Business of the Fiscal Officer

Motion by Kyle McPherson to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025 Swanton Township Trustee Organizational Meeting and the January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Jeff Michael. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; Jeff Michael, yes; Mike Nowicki, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 13-2025.**

Motion by Kyle McPherson to pay the bills and sign the payment report. Seconded by Jeff Michael. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; Jeff Michael, yes; Mike Nowicki, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 14-2025.**

Fiscal Officer Peggy Michael entered the correspondence into the Record.

Zoning Report

1. Trustee Mike Nowicki gave the Zoning Report.

Roads Report

1. Trustee Jeff Michael gave the Roads report.

Cemetery Report

1. Trustee Kyle McPherson gave the Cemetery report.

Old Business - None

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New Business

1. Annexation by the Village of Swanton

The elected officials discussed the Petition for Annexation of four parcels (approximately 170 acres) in Swanton Township to the Village of Swanton. The petition was sent to Swanton Township residents in the surrounding area by the Village of Swanton and not the actual petitioners. A couple of residents that received the petition attended the meeting asking what this meant. They said they are opposed to the annexation due to the potential impact it will have on their property, lives, and road. If the annexation is approved, by law the road maintenance will become the responsibility of the Village. This is a concern because the Township has received a number of complaints that the Village does not maintain, mow, plow snow, not salt Brindley Road. It was discussed that during the Fire Levy the Village of Swanton Administrator indicated a Swanton Township resident met with the Village of Swanton in late October to address local issues and then a couple of months later the Village filed the petition to annex these properties. The Village of Swanton has not attempted to annex any Swanton Township properties in almost ten years and now they once again are attempting to annex. The question was if it had anything to do with the resident that met with the Village. With the Village of Swanton and Metroparks taking property from Swanton Township, the tax burden on the remaining properties and resident will increase. The elected officials said they will object to this annexation but noted that this rarely succeeds unless there is some violation of law that can't be remedied. The decision is made by the County Commissioners. The Township should receive the notice of filing in the office of the clerk of the board of county commissioners from the petitioners and clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion by Kyle McPherson to adjourn at 8:33 PM. Seconded by Jeff Michael. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; Jeff Michael, yes; Mike Nowicki, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 15-2025.**

Signed: 
Peggy Michael, Fiscal Officer

Signed: 
Trustee