

Swan Creek Water District

Record of Proceedings

February 17, 2017 – **Special**

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call attendance showed the following Board members present: Walter Lange, Dale Brunner and Mark Fowler.

Attendees Included: Dennis Miller Maumee Valley Planning Organization, Swan Creek Township Trustees; Ron Holdeman.

The Board held this special round table meeting to discuss any potential infrastructure grants or funds for studies that may be available at the Federal or State level and discussed the following areas:

Economic Development – Water & Fire

1. Study the *Quantity & Quality of the water in Swan Creek Township*
 - a. Sand Point Wells – less than 25' deep
 - b. Deep Wells – greater than or equal to 25'
 - c. Peaceful Valley Area
 - d. Pipeline Construction Effect
 - e. Farming Effects – Sandland Dairy Farm & Others

Trustee Brunner stated that these points are of great concern to the Swan Creek Water District. Trustee Lange stated to the panel, how do we start to get studies for these questions done?

Dennis Miller suggested contacting the Regulatory Compliance Assistance Program (RCAP) which is a multi-state agency that is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA.) They have an office in Fremont, OH as well as they work out of a TMACOG Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Government (TMACOG) office in Toledo. RCAP might be of help with some preliminary studies and or solutions. The Water District is a member with RCAP.

A conversation was had regarding mapping the location of all wells in the area. Mr. Miller said he could have his GIS person pull up the well log from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) website and map all of the wells in the area. The Board thought that this information would be very helpful to the district.

The cost of doing a study(s) was discussed as well as how the studies are funded, and what are the guidelines of the funding agencies?

2. Study *All Possible Water Sources*
 - a. Fulton County via Toledo
 - b. Delta
 - c. Swanton

It was discussed and agreed upon that a study or conversation should be done to research other possible options of water sources for the district. This could be for either daily use and/or emergency purposes.

3. Study the *Future Infrastructure Needs*
 - a. Airport Highway corridor development – East of Swanton to Delta
 - b. Future Township Business & Residential Development

Trustee Holdeman said this could go thru with Regional Planning and could be a year out or around the end of the year. Updating the study done in 2000 would be a good place to start, as well as keeping communication open between the involved entities.

4. Study the *Emergency Management Needs*
 - a. Fire & EMT

- b. Pipeline Fall Out – preparedness

There is a pipeline “Rover” project that is already a go and with more pipeline projects being slated for the township, the district feels it is important to have information and studies done in case of an emergency.

- 5. Study the *Fire Service needs for the township*
 - a. The “Joint Fire District study for Swanton, Delta, & York Township” is at the document signing phase.
 - b. There is a possibility the study may shed some light on the need for an adequate water supply for firefighting needs.

The details of this study will be released after the document is signed. The water district would like to make sure the Fire Departments will have access to the water they need.

- 6. Study the *Status of the Zoning in the Township*
 - a. Zoning Enforcement
 - b. Zoning Needs
 - c. Marketing Zoning

Having zoning codes and enforcement are vital to the area and its development. If zoning can be marketed to the public “like at a county fair” and have brochures or power point presentations that show what can happen with or without zoning the public would then be educated.

How do we Fund Studies?

- 1. *Grant Sources*
 - a. County - Community Development Block Grants
 - b. State
 - c. EPA
 - d. Ohio Water Development Authority

The study parameters should be defined first, then speak with Mr. Miller from Maumee Valley Planning who then could help bring people together towards a study. Possibly using the ditch readings that Rotary are documenting could be of help towards a study as well.

- 2. *Other Sources*
 - a. Ohio Department of Natural Resources
 - b. Ohio Water Development Authority
 - c. Ohio Public Works
 - d. Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act

These sources could all be a consideration to contact to see if they could help in any of the process.

Adjournment - At 11:37 a.m. Trustee Lange moved to adjourn seconded by Trustee Brunner. Motion Carried.

SWANCREEK WATER DISTRICT BOARD

Mark Fowler

Dale Brunner

Shawn Albert

Randy Walker

Walter Lange, Water Board Secretary