

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session at 7:00pm  
on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 with all three Trustees present.

Also in attendance: Fiscal Officer Ron Smith, Zoning Director Marshall Lewis,  
Road Superintendent Tom Hewitt, and Fire Chief Scott McKibben

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:	Mr. William C. Smith	-	Present
	Mr. Christopher B. Nichols	-	Present
	Mr. James A. Wilcox	-	Present

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the August 25, 2009 Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Nichols, and voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

**FIRE:**

Fire Chief presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$17,057.74, \$304.00=CPR, and \$200.00=Donations, for a total of \$17,561.74. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the report/fees as submitted, seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve closing 1 BC:  
#10 = Misc Communications

Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve opening 1 new BC:  
\$5,000.00 = Awards Banquet

Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols. Fiscal Officer certified funds are available.  
Voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

FYI: > Fire Dept Accident-Incident-Injury Policy complete and in place  
> Ohio Billing Report for August 2009, and Credit Summary by Call-Type  
> Fire personnel will be attending a Flu Pandemic training class at Jackson Township on either September 10 or 17

**ROAD:**

FYI: > Stark County Commissioners having Public Hearing on Sept 23 at 1:30pm concerning vacation of Eversole Ave SW  
> Adjust “Stop” signs in Treemont Estates to Stark County Engineer recommendations – Will forward to Atty. Hall for resolutions  
> Carnwise SW turn-around and Cole SE allotment asphaltting is complete  
> Chip&Seal has started. West side of township is complete. 37% of township roads are complete. Additional materials are needed.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Stark County Engineer recommendations for adjustments to “Stop” signs in Treemont Estates except at the intersection of 48<sup>th</sup> St SW and Ashmont SW, which the Board requests that it remain as is. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to authorize Lytle Construction to complete the township paving project by using additional materials at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve opening 1 new PO:

\$10,000.00 = Lytle Construction

Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox. Fiscal Officer certified funds are available. Voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

**ZONING:**

Zoning Director presented receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$567.60. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the report/fees as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve closing 4 PO’s:

#20 = Purchase Power/Pitney Bowes

23 = Haines & Company

25 = Hill Court Reporters

28 = Premier Court Reporting

Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve opening 2 new PO’s:

\$800.00 = Purchase Power/Pitney Bowes

800.00 = Premier Court Reporting

Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox. Fiscal Officer certified funds are available. Voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Zoning Director using a township vehicle to attend Zoning Mutual Assistance Committee meeting to be held at Plain Twp office on Friday-September 11 from 9am to 11am. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

**Closed Violations:**

Stacy Parker	3740 Whipple Ave SW	Unsafe structure removed
John Schoonover III	1114 Mill St SW	Unlicensed vehicles removed
Donna Dalton	322 Mill St SE	Unlicensed vehicles removed
77 Gulliver’s Travel Plaza	2320 Faircrest St SW	Tires & trash
Roseanne Moore	4801 Cleveland Ave	Grass has been cut

**Rose Cox: 3111 Central Ave SE**

Trash/Unsecured Structure – lawsuit filed March 23, 2009 – Stark County Health Dept – vs - Rose Cox Court date April 3, 2009 – taking bids to raise structure and remove trash & debris

**Tani Taylor: 2812 Lincoln St East**

Expansion of non-conforming auto sales – auto salvage business in residential district  
Canton Twp filed with county prosecutor office on July 20, 2009

**Charles Minard: 4026 Lincoln St East**

Owners Dina & Teresa Valentine – B-3 business property operating in violation of district.  
Salvage and auto repair not authorized in this district.  
Canton Twp filed with county prosecutor office on July 20, 2009

**Charles Minard: 3600 Lincoln St East**

Non-conforming auto sales business in residential district.  
Salvage/storage junk automobiles in rear section of property.  
Canton Twp filed with county prosecutor office July 20, 2009

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Resolution #09-01-09 authorizing civil action against the property owners of the old North Industry School to demolish, raise, or otherwise remedy the nuisance condition; and when the civil suit is filed any and all affiliated entities to the ownership and that mailing address be listed as party to the lawsuit. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith.

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Mr. Smith     YES  
                                  Mr. Nichols   YES  
                                  Mr. Wilcox   YES

**FISCAL OFFICER:**

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$26,231.15 and payroll in the amount of \$69,027.55, for total checks of \$95,258.70. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve the checks as presented, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

Payment Register and Fund Status reports handed out to all three Trustees and Department Heads. New Appropriation Status report and new PO & BC lists to be given to Department Heads on Thursday – September 10.

- FYI: > AEP street lighting bills for other properties not assessed.  
      Paid approx \$9,200 in January and paid approx \$9,200 in July
- > Employees Handbook – Received first draft from Paychex for review
- > Per Atty. Hall, township purchase of small lot on Parkway NW owned by Canton Elks Lodge #68 has been approved by the Elks.  
      Atty. Hall working on necessary paperwork.
- > Trustees to sign bank reconciliations for months of July and August.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve holding a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 29 at 6:30pm to discuss the Employee Handbook and any other township matters that comes before the Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox. Atty. Hall will be asked to attend this meeting.

**PUBLIC SPEAKS:**

**Jim Simodi = 2004 Ravenna Ave SE – East Canton**

Mr. Simodi was in attendance to discuss his properties located at 2706 and 2716 Lincoln Street East in Canton Township. He has been in touch with Steve Bellamy of the Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District and he verified which fees would be adjusted.

Mr. Smith stated he negotiated with the County to get the fees adjusted; and now Mr. Simodi needs to take the process from here and move forward. He thanked Trustee Smith for all his help and constant follow-up to let him know what was going on every step of the way.

**James McIntyre = 3916 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Canton Township**

Mr. McIntyre was in attendance to voice his complaint about the condition of 4<sup>th</sup> St NE and the ditch along the road. Road Superintendent stated the only plan for 4<sup>th</sup> St NE for this year is patching; possibly chip & seal next year. He was upset that his road will not be blacktopped; he does not want it chip & sealed. Road Superintendent will check 4<sup>th</sup> St NE tomorrow. At this point, Mr. McIntyre left the meeting.

**Adam Stewart = 2648 Lincoln Street SE, Canton Township**

Mr. Stewart was in attendance to voice his complaint for “No Parking” signs erected on his street. There are no signs anywhere else in the area. He does not feel that just because one resident wanted “No Parking” signs, the township immediately put them up. Trustee Smith explained after viewing the parking on both sides of this street, it is too narrow to get an emergency vehicle down the street. Fire Chief will view the street again and report back at the next meeting.

**Linda Stevens = 206 Cole Ave SE, Canton Township**

Ms. Stevens was in attendance to voice her complaint about the “No Parking” signs on Cole SE. There is no place for visitors/company to park if they cannot park on the street. Also, if you can put up signs, why doesn't the township do something about the trash at the white duplex. Zoning Director stated he been there three times since August 31<sup>st</sup>; and the house is being served with a Public Health Order by the Stark County Health Dept. Fire Chief will also view Cole Ave SE again concerning the “No Parking” signs and ability to get emergency vehicles down the street and report back at next meeting.

**TRUSTEES:**

**MR. SMITH:**

Web Site = Up and running, getting more updates. Jon Smith will be handling keeping the articles updated.

Pekin Drive SE = Trees cut down by AEP (lot #42 in the park) Road Superintendent stated this area is in Osnaburg Township, not Canton Township. Trustee Smith will drive by again to check it out.

**MR. NICHOLS:**

Black Top vs Chip&Seal = It costs approximately \$80,000 to black top one mile of road. Canton Township has 98 miles of roadway; that means it would cost approximately \$7.8 million to pave all 98 miles. With our current budget of \$175,000 and the current cost of black top materials that translates to paving our township roads once every 44 years. The Board is stretching the taxpayers' dollars the best way possible by chip & sealing the necessary roads to make them last for a few more years.

Upgrade Computer System at Administration Offices = Mr. Nichols was to meet with 3 companies concerning computers upgrades. The following 2 companies gave quotes, the third companies cancelled.

Seifert Technologies Inc	=	\$15,547.00
Intech Computer Solutions Inc	=	\$12,153.87

Mr. Nichols made a motion to hire Intech Computers Solutions for network upgrades and installation of a new network server to the computers located at the Township Administration Building, at a cost not to exceed \$12,500.00 Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve opening 1 new PO:  
\$12,500.00 = Intech Computer Solutions Inc  
Motion seconded by Mr. Smith. Fiscal Officer certified funds are available.  
Voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

MR. WILCOX:

Damage at Community Park = Someone drove through the fence at the Community Park on Oyer Street SE and did approximately \$500 to \$800 worth of damage. Mr. Wilcox filed a report with the Stark County Sheriff's Dept. The deputy's opinion is that it was done intentionally. Mr. Wilcox has pictures. He will have the fence repaired.

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:14pm, seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Smith, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Wilcox.

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Ronald L. Smith, Fiscal Officer

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William C. Smith, President

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Christopher B. Nichols, Vice President

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James A. Wilcox, Trustee