

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2010**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session at 7:00pm
on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 with all three Trustees present.

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

MINUTES:

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the June 15, 2010 Regular Meeting with one correction. Assistant Chief Engineer from Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, his name is spelled *Rekstis* (Mike Rekestis). Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith. Due to his absence at the June 15th meeting, Mr. Nichols abstained from the vote.

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$11,710.30=Ambulance Billing, \$200.00=CPR for total receipts of \$11,910.30. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to accept the report/fees as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve closing 1 BC:

#32 = Misc Operating Supplies & Expenses

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

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

\$208,000.00 = Riverside Metal Craft (fire training tower – 95% reimbursed thru a grant)

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

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Board receiving and reviewing the Ohio Billing report for May, 2010. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve the township mechanics, Don Bradford and Andy Meyer attending the Emergency Apparatus Maintenance Symposium at the Ohio Fire Academy in Reynoldsburg, Ohio from Sept 19 to 24. Cost will be \$385 each person for training, \$240 total for both for lodging, plus travel cost. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve a per hour pay increase for Cory Wigington from \$10.71 to \$11.77, effective June 20, 2010. This is a pay scale increase from EMT to Paramedic. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve moving into Executive Session at 7:14pm with Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Fire Chief to discuss appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of employee(s) Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox.

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve moving out of Executive Session at 7:29pm, seconded by Mr. Wilcox.

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

ROAD:

Road Superintendent presented culvert pipe receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$295.75. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to accept the receipts as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

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

- #35 = Bank of Magnolia
- 72 = Central Allied Ent

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

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 06-04-10, Erect “Stop” and “Stop Ahead” signs at rail grade crossing project at Belden Ave SE. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox.

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

- FYI:
- > Offer of \$8,500 for sweeper truck has been accepted by Plain Twp
 - > Auction: In checking with surrounding townships, only Sandy Twp may have a tailgate spinner to sell. Mr. Nichols will contact Atty. Hall for the procedures to obtain quotes for auction services, after which an auction date can be set.
 - > Insurance Bond Release Forms for Faircrest SW & Belden SE Road Projects: They have been received from Westfield Insurance. Road Superintendent will have Atty. Hall review forms and he will present them to the Board at next meeting.
 - > Meyers Lake Village: North Park storm water and road quality issues. The engineering services that are needed cannot be handled by Stark County Engineers; so the total cost of \$11,800 for the engineering services will be provided by Cooper and Associates and the cost will be shared equally between Canton Township and the Village of Meyers Lake.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the engineering cost of \$11,800 provided by Cooper and Associates will be shared equally by Canton Township and the Village of Meyers Lake at \$5,900.00 each. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Smith.

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

\$5,900.00 = Cooper & Associates

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

FYI: > Trustee Smith reported there was a complaint filed with Ohio Public Utilities Commission concerning the dangerous railroad crossing at Faircrest St SE (near Central Ave SE). In order to see what state funding would provide for upgrades to this crossing, an application must be completed and mailed in. Trustee Smith and Road Superintendent will take care of this. Also, contact the Angels on Track Foundation for their possible funding options.

ZONING:

Trustee Nichols welcomed Jon Smith to his first meeting as the new Canton Township Zoning Director.

Zoning Director presented receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$471.00. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the report/fees as submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

FYI: > Board provided with updated violation list mailing, which are mostly high grass.
> Trustee Nichols stated the township will get Jon's name submitted to the Ohio Township Association to become a member and receive their monthly publication. In the legislative update in the latest issue, one of the changes that is talked about is for repeat offenders of high grass violations.
> Zoning cell phone – Zoning Director presented the Board with info for a new WiFi wireless card with a monthly charge of \$49.99 with unlimited use. This would be a savings of \$20.00 per month since the previous zoning cell phone was discontinued at a monthly cost of \$69.99.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to authorize the Zoning Director to acquire the internet WiFi wireless card for use with his PC in the Zoning vehicle at a cost of \$49.99 per month. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Zoning Director sending a request to the Stark County Auditor for special assessments to be applied to the real estate taxes for grass mowing done by the township.. This is for 20 parcels totaling \$2,697.50. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

FYI: > Canton Title is doing a title search on 4260 – 14th St NE to determine the owner
> 3 nuisance complaints were sent to Stark County Health Dept today concerning rats and other rodents. (Central Ave – Carroldale Ave – Dueber Ave)
> Zoning camera is broken. Van's Camera charges \$25 just to determine what may be wrong. Since it is an expensive camera, the Board said it is worth \$25 to have it checked. Zoning Director will take care of it.

- > Zoning Director has sent Atty. Hall information to review and write a resolution concerning lawn mowing. A onetime \$150 administrative fee and a minimum of \$400 to mow each time. He will possibly have a resolution for the Board to review at the next meeting.
- > Zone Pro Software – Trustee Nichols stated he has been in contact with Stark County Auditor’s office for a data base of all the parcels in Canton Township. When this is received, then the Zone Pro can be put into use.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$33,233.79 and payroll in the amount of \$57,579.31, for a total of \$90,813.10. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the checks as submitted, seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith with Mr. Wilcox abstaining from the vote on warrant #9269, in the amount of \$248.59 payable to himself for vision reimbursement.

Payment Register and Fund Status reports handed out to all three Trustees and Department heads. New Appropriation Status, Fund Status, BC and PO Status reports to be given to Department heads on Thursday, July 1st.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve closing 1 BC:

#4 = Misc Expenses

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

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve opening 1 new BC:

\$2,000.00 = Misc Expenses

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

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Interim Zoning Inspector pay increase of \$1.00 per hour for Dorene Crilow to end July 17, 2010. He also stated that Dorene did a fantastic job of handling the Zoning Office – solo – during the busiest time of year for zoning matters. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Resolution No. 06-05-10 Authorize Fiscal Officer to Dispose of Certain Township Records. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox.

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

- FYI:
- > Medical Insurance Premium: 9.8% increase, effective July 1st.
 - > Audit Update
 - > Road/Administration Agreement for 2006-2009
 - > InterFund Transfer: General Fund to General Fund Other
 - > New Employee Handbooks Received
 - > Stark-Tusc-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District sent a proposal for our recycling program; it is due back by July 15th. The plan is too long to print out. If the Board chooses to read it, it is available at www.timetorecycle.com and it can be discussed at the next meeting.

- > *Congratulations to Trustee Nichols for being selected to the 2010 class of “20 under 40” chosen by Canton Chamber of Commerce YSTARK! Program and The Repository. They choose 20 young professionals, 40 years of age or younger, who live and work in Stark County and make a difference in our community.*

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

Mike Howard: 2821 – 24th St SE – Canton Twp

Mr. Howard was in attendance this evening to discuss several complaints, some of which have been on-going since 2002.

First is Street Lighting. He has an assessment on his tax bill for street lighting in the amount of \$5.79. There is no street light in front of his home. Street lights on 24th Street do not start until two houses down.

Storm Drains: This is a big issue for him. Trustees Smith and Wilcox have been to his home before when he bought it in 2002. Storm drains were cleaned out a couple years ago and they are still O.K. The problem he has is the pipes are separating more, and these pipes go right passed his drinking well. He had his well re-tested again, and is being told he must have this storm drain problem fixed and away from his well and his house (the pipes go under his garage). He had the previous Road Superintendent to his house to show him how the floor in his garage has dropped 2-1/2 inches in seven years and the concrete floor has separated two inches and the foundation of his house is separating and cracking. His insurance company will not cover it. He asked the Board in 2003 to move the pipe to the vacant lot and he offered \$500 toward the project; nothing was done. Again, in 2010, the proposed sanitary sewer project failed and nothing was done. He is asking the Board what is going to be done.

Property Values: He has a picture of his neighbor’s property; it is pretty bad. His property value has gone down from \$70,000 when he purchased his home to now being worth \$30,000. This property has a bad septic which has collapsed and has a barrel on top of it. Mark Goudy lives there, but according to tax records Charles Bailey owns it. He has been told Mr. Bailey is deceased. What is the township going to do about it? (*Mr. Howard has pictures he presents to the Board*).

Ms. Elise Rorrer: 1306 Bywood St SE – Canton Twp

Ms. Rorrer was in attendance this evening to ask questions about the recycling program. She has seen companies dump yard waste at the township. This program is for residential use only. The Board stated there is sign posted in the recycling area that says “No Commercial Dumping”.

Any commercial business caught dumping will be turned over to the Sheriff.

Also, the railroad sign on the corner of Faircrest and Central SE are hidden with high shrubbery. Road Superintendent will have them trimmed back.

TRUSTEES:

MR. NICHOLS:

NSP Program/RPC: He reported that he received e-mail from Dan Morganti from Stark County Regional Planning concerning 2 additional houses that Canton Twp wants to have demolished through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program grants (NSP) He gave copies to the Board & Zoning Director. Properties are: 5200 Ridge Ave SE and 4260 – 14th St NE

Website: Jon (Smith) has a meeting on Thursday with Les Lehman concerning upgrades for our website.

Muskingum Watershed/Assessments: Assessment from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District for the township park on Oyer Street SE is \$948.00 per year, while the main parcel at “The Strip” in Jackson Twp. is being charged only \$12.00 per year. His calculations show our charge should be only \$24.00 per year. He has sent Kelly Stanford at the Auditor’s office an e-mail to inquire about this problem.

Intech: He will be meeting with Intech on Thursday, here at the township office, to get some of our computer issues taken care of. If we pre-pay a block of time it is \$850.00 for ten hours of support (this is a discounted rate), or we can pay as we go. How does the Board want to handle this?

Mr. Nichols made a motion to purchase a ten-hour block of support for the township computer system, at a cost of \$850.00, from Intech Computer Solutions, Inc. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

MR. WILCOX:

Car & Bus Removed: After pursuing this nuisance for a year, the Board finally had a car and bus towed from 3439 Dueber Ave SW

MR. SMITH:

Mills Industrial Park: Trustee Smith and Zoning Director met with Bob DeHoff last week at the Mills Industrial Park. There has been some concern about the buffers. They are getting close to the end of the excavating. They will be getting in touch with each property owner on the south end and possibly offer them land, verses “mounds”. If they mound, mature trees will have to be removed. They have a good start with MetLine being there. By fall, there should be signs on Sherman Church and Faircrest, each property will have seeded lawns. Trustee Smith told Mr. DeHoff they need to do a better job on the street to make it look more attractive. The next step is contacting the property owners. The trees will probably be planted in September.

Noise Resolution: We have had some problems and calls about our Noise Resolution. After many calls back and forth with Chief Deputy Rick Perez, and his communication with the Sheriff’s Dept. legal counsel, they finally have come up with a resolution that is being used by Nimishillen Twp. It works well and thoroughly covers everything. Trustee Smith just received a copy of this resolution this afternoon. He would like the Board to look it over and they will discuss it further at their Special Meeting which will be set with the next motion.

Special Meeting: Mr. Nichols made a motion to set a Special Meeting for Saturday, July 3, 2010 At 8:00am to meet with Road Superintendent at 8:15am and Zoning Director at 8:45am and discuss any other township matters in open session that may come before the Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:36pm, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

**SIGNATURES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM
REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2010**

Ronald L. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Christopher B. Nichols, President

James A. Wilcox, Vice President

William C. Smith, Trustee