

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session at 7:00pm
on Tuesday, July 13, 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. Wilcox made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the June 29, 2010 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the July 3, 2010 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$14,794.42=Ambulance Billing, \$50.00=CPR for total receipts of \$14,844.42. Mr. Nichols 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. Wilcox made a motion to approve opening 1 new BC:

\$25,000.00 = Misc Operations, Supplies, Expenses

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

FYI: > Fire Chief will be attending the Ohio Fire Chief's Conference July 17-21 in Sandusky, Ohio

ROAD:

Road Superintendent presented culvert pipe receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$318.00. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve closing 2 BC's and 4 PO's:

BC

#30 = Supplies

33 = Repairs

PO

#39 = H&H Auto Parts

41 = Marlboro Supply

69 = McIntosh Oil

83 = Plain Township

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

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve opening 2 new BC's and 3 new PO's:

BC

\$ 5,000.00 = Supplies

10,000.00 = Repairs

PO

\$ 5,000.00 = H&H Auto Parts

5,000.00 = Marlboro Supply

10,000.00 = McIntosh Oil

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

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve the Board President signing the Bond Release form from Ohio Farmers Insurance Co. for the Faircrest St SW road project. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Smith. Mr. Nichols abstained from the vote.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Board President signing the Bond Release form from Ohio Farmers Insurance Co. for the Belden Ave SE road project. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Smith. Mr. Nichols abstained from the vote.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve Board President signing the ODOT Speed Limit Revision form for two sections of Prairie College St SW: (1) from Sherman Church SW to IR-77 Overpass to be 40mph and (2) from IR-77 Overpass to Dueber Ave to be 45mph. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Smith. Mr. Nichols abstained from the vote.

FYI: > Trustee Smith asked the Road Superintendent to check the back of Faircrest Park to make sure the drains are not plugged from the heavy rain last evening.

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$151.00. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the report/fees as submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 07-01-10 “Regulate and Control Noise Nuisance” with the amended changes. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox.

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Resolution No. 07-02-10 “Regulations Necessary to Abate Zoning Nuisances” (high grass) with amended changes. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox.

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

FYI: > Updated mowing list given to Board
> Updated nuisance list given to Board
> Discuss portable sign on 32nd St and Cleveland Ave
> Assessments for tear-down of houses on Martin Dr SE & Central Ave SE; and boarding up old North Industry School
> Process to get Zone Pro program up and running has been started

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$96,854.92 and payroll in the amount of \$86,074.21 for a total of \$182,929.13. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the checks as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Payment Register and Fund Status reports handed out to all three Trustees and Department Heads. New Appropriation Status, Fund Status, BC Status and PO Status reports to be given to Department Heads on Thursday, July 15.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve the Board running a half-page ad in the 2010-2011 Canton South High School Football and Basketball Programs at a cost not to exceed \$150.00. Cost to be taken from existing BC. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Board running a half-page ad in the 2010-2011 Canton City Schools Football and Basketball Programs at a cost not to exceed \$300.00. Cost to be taken from existing BC. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer distributing the new Canton Township Employee Handbook to employees. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Smith.

- FYI:
- > Tape Recorder Update
 - > 2nd half 2010 Real Estate Tax advances started July 8th and will be received for next 6-7 weeks
 - > Bonding company has paid the township \$523.55 for remainder of Sheri Griffith's reimbursement for overpayment of her wages
 - > Trustees to sign June 2010 Bank Reconciliation
 - > Audit Update: Now that the cities and villages audits are complete, the state auditors are ready to complete our audit. Bank Reconciliation adjustments will have to be made with auditor's assistance.
 - > Over-Age Child Health Care Coverage memo will be distributed to all full-time employees
 - > 2011 Budget and Street Lighting Assessments to be completed within the next 3 to 4 weeks
 - > Fiscal Officer will be out of town the last week of July

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

Glenn Shaffer: 1257 Grandview SW – City of Canton

Mr. Shaffer was in attendance this evening to report his concerns about Gregory Manufacturing on 13th St SW off Whipple SW. Mr. Shaffer lives across from Gregory's and he was here 2 years ago to complain about the appearance, pollution, and noise. Unfortunately, he is here tonight to complain about the same issues. The appearance issue has been taken care of; but he gave the Board pictures to show the massive amount of dust the equipment stirs up. The equipment drivers wear face masks for protection. Gregory was going to take care of this problem 2 years ago, but unfortunately they did not. The EPA informed Mr. Shaffer that Gregory did not register the proper documents dealing with their operations and pollution.

Also, the tree buffer that Gregory was going to put in was only partially finished, then stopped. His main concern is the noise. Five nights a week for the past year from 11pm to 6am the steel being moved and dropped sounds like thunder. He presented the Board with a signed petition from the neighborhood concerning the noise. He wanted to make sure the Board is aware that Gregory has flawlessly maintained the landscape along the entire length of the plant including the steel area. It is mowed and trimmed and the appearance is very nice. He would appreciate it if the Board would keep his ward councilman, Mr. James Griffin, updated on what is being done about the noise and pollution..

Melvin Miller: 3516 Robin Ave SE – Canton Twp

Mr. Miller, first wanted to thank Tom (Road Superintendent) for the good job of patching the hole on his street. He was in attendance this evening concerning the noise from his neighbor. In the new Noise Resolution the Board approved this evening, they stated a starting time for excessive noise to stop is 11:00pm. He goes to bed at 9:00am and he does not feel this time is satisfactory.

James E. Griffin: 202 Poplar Ave NW – City of Canton

Mr. Griffin is the 3rd Ward Councilman of the City of Canton. He is in attendance this evening in support of Mr. Shaffer concerning the issues at Gregory Manufacturing. He does not live near Gregory, but sometimes, during the night, the noise from the factory is so loud he can hear it. It is not just the noise, but also the traffic. There could be an accident occur there at any time. He gets phone calls all the time from his constituents about this problem. He wants to go on record stating he is asking the Board to help these people and he is in full support of Mr. Shaffer.

TRUSTEES:

MR. NICHOLS:

Muskingum Watershed/Assessments: Update on the assessments from MWCD for the township park on Oyer St SE. He has applied for an assessment review through MWCD. When that is complete, he will report back to the Board with more information. If approved, the township assessment would be readjusted for future savings, as well as a possible reimbursement of the past two years of approximately \$2,000.00.

Website: Les Lehman is in process with updates. Within next week or two, the next phase of the website should be up and running. Mr. Nichols thanked Jon Smith (Zoning Director) for all his help with the website.

MR. WILCOX:

Nothing further to discuss this evening.

MR. SMITH:

Nimishillen Creek Tour: Reminder that the tour of the Nimishillen Creek with representatives from Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District will be Wednesday, July 21st at 11:00am.

Police Levy: It is common knowledge that Stark County is going to be lacking funds within the next year or so; and this has nothing to do with the theft in the Treasurer's office. One of the first things that typically gets cut is police protection. Two different times in the past, the Board gave Canton Township residents the opportunity to vote on additional police protection for the township and it was miserably defeated. He thinks the Board should entertain the possibility of putting a levy on the ballot again, asking the residents if they want additional police protection

for Canton Township. If it fails again, that's fine; but Canton Twp is the most populated township without additional police protection. Our police protection right now is already limited. If we don't put it out there for the vote, we will not know if the people are interested. He just wants to get the thought process started for the sake of Canton Township.

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Wilcox made a motion to adjourn at 8:17pm, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Ronald L. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Christopher B. Nichols, President

James A. Wilcox, Vice President

William C. Smith, Trustee