

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session at 7:00pm
on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 with all three Trustees present.

Also in attendance: Fiscal Officer Ron Smith, Zoning Director Jon Smith, Road Superintendent Tom Hewitt, Fire Chief/Administrator Scott McKibben and Trustee Elect Bill Mittas.

MINUTES:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of the December 6, 2011 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$16,385.20=Ambulance Billing, \$990.00=CPR, \$1,028.61=Seminar, for total receipts of \$18,403.81. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to accept the receipts as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Smith made a motion to acknowledge receipt of Ohio Billing credit & billing report for November 2011. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

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

\$15,000.00 = Finley Fire Equipment

Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols. Fiscal Officer certified funds are available. Voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols. (Note from Fiscal Officer: PO will be opened to assure Finley Fire Equipment the funds are available, then the PO will be closed and new one opened after the first of 2012.)

FYI: > Fire Levy Planning Committee next meeting will be Wednesday, December 28th
at 9:00am

ROAD:

Road Superintendent presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$50.00=Road Opening Permit, \$146.00=Culvert Pipe, for total receipts of \$196.00. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, and motion seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

FYI: > 2011 Year-End Report provided to the Board
> Stark County Engineers have completed repairs on Willie Smith's property on 39th St SW (collapsed culvert)

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented zoning fee receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$532.65. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to accept the report/fees as submitted, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer signing Ohio Division of Liquor Control approval form of the Application for Change of Corporate Stock Ownership for Embassy Management, Inc. *dba* Embassy Bowling Lanes, 1222 Whipple Rd NW, Canton Township, Canton, Ohio 44708. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

- FYI: > Update on National Lime & Stone Company
> Updated list of zoning nuisance properties provided to the Board.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$42,525.85, and payroll in the amount of \$104,212.41, for total checks in the amount of \$146,738.26. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve the checks as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

- FYI: > Payment Register and Fund Status reports handed out to all three Trustees and Department Heads. New Fund Status, Appropriation Status, and PO/BC Status reports will be given to Department Heads as soon as possible after 2011 is closed, and funds for 2012 are appropriated.
> All BC's and PO's will be closed tomorrow, December 21st.
> No bills will be paid at the January 3rd Regular Meeting
> Next bill pay will be at the January 17th Regular Meeting

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-02-11 “Apportion the Trustee’s Salary & Benefits among all Township Funds pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 505.24(C). Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols.

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

Fiscal Officer Smith thanked Trustee Wilcox for his 12 years of service to the township; and made note of the fact that during that time, the township’s books very finally balanced after years of instability and poor audits. *Enjoy your retirement Jim, you have earned it.*

ADMINISTRATOR:

- FYI: > Expense budgets for Fire and Road will be emailed to the Board before next meeting..
> Fire Levy Planning Committee Meeting is not a Board of Trustees meeting, so it does not have to be advertised.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

Mr. Skip Skelley – 722 Ironwood St SW – Canton Township

and

Mrs. Patience Rush – 3829 Baum St SE – Canton Township

Mr. Skelley and Mrs. Rush were in attendance this evening to question the Board as to why the fire levy is going to be on the same ballot (March 6, 2012) as the school levy. They both asked the Board to consider not putting the fire levy on the ballot at the same time as the school levy.

TRUSTEES:

MR. WILCOX:

Nimishillen Creek: Mr. Wilcox reported there was a meeting held at the township on December 15th with Mr. Boris Slogar, Chief Engineer with Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, Road Superintendent Tom Hewitt, Zoning Director Jon Smith, and himself. They discussed the MWCD Debris Removal Grant Agreement. There is a good possibility the township may qualify for a grant to dredge and clean-up the Nimishillen Creek.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to appoint Zoning Director Jon Smith as the contact person for this project through MWCD. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

MR. SMITH:

THANK YOU TO JIM WILCOX

Trustee Smith told Trustee Wilcox it has been a great pleasure working together. You have achieved so much for the township in the past 12 years. The clean-up of the Nimishillen Creek is finally going to happen because of you. So many kids are enjoying our two township parks because of your persistence to get funding for playground equipment, and to get the ball fields in shape for hundreds of kids to “play ball!” Enjoy your well-deserved retirement; we are going to miss you.

MR. NICHOLS:

Website and Newsletter: Newsletter will go out after the first of next year; and along with that the website information will be refreshed.

Agenda on Website: Starting next year, goal is to put a draft agenda on the website the Friday before each meeting.

AGAIN...THANK YOU TO JIM WILCOX

It has been a pleasure working with you. When he and Bill came on-board in January 2002, they would not have made it if it weren't for your guidance and patience. Enjoy your retirement and come back and visit us.

Jim thanked Bill and Chris for working together as a team for the past 10 years. Together, they have accomplished quite a bit for the township residents. Welcome and the best of luck to trustee elect Bill Mittas.

**Signatures of Board of Trustees from
Minutes of December 20, 2011 Regular Meeting**

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Wilcox made his final motion as a Canton Township Trustee to adjourn at 7:30pm, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Ronald L. Smith, Fiscal Officer

James A. Wilcox, President

William C. Smith, Vice President

Christopher B. Nichols, Trustee

*We will all miss you Jim.
Congratulations on a 12-year job well done.
Enjoy your retirement
and
Visit us when you can fit it into your schedule.*