

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY MARCH 01, 2005

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, March 01, 2005 with two trustees present.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLE CALL:** Mr. James A. Wilcox - Absent (illness)  
Mr. William C. Smith - Present  
Mr. Christopher B. Nichols - Present

Also in attendance: Clerk Ron Smith, Zoning Inspector Ray Bednarczyk, Road Superintendent Dave Robertson, and Fire Chief Scott McKibben.

### WORK SESSION:

The Board met with Department Heads prior to the Regular Meeting starting at 6:30pm in a Work Session that included topics and/or approvals that each Department would like presented at the Regular Meeting.

### MINUTES:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of the February 15, 2005 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Receipts collected for two weeks for ambulance billing, in the amount of \$7,230.56. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the fee report as submitted, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve opening the following new PO's for a total of \$11,827.50:

\$2,000.00 = Fire Safety Services  
\$1,327.50 = Arnold Printing  
\$500.00 = Bierly-Litman Lock  
\$2,000.00 = Office Max  
\$4,000.00 = Staley Technologies  
\$2,000.00 = Howell Rescue

Motion seconded by Mr. Smith. Clerk certified funds are available. Voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve opening a new BC for the following:

\$2,000.00 = Miscellaneous Repairs

Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols. Clerk certified funds are available. Voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the applications of the following as probationary firefighters. They have met all required qualifications.

Allan Ramsey – Station #5

Kevin Hawkins – Station #2

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

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the acceptance of a 1993 Ford E-450 modular medic van from Ron Cordray of Medical Transport Systems as a donation to be used as transportation to the Explorer post. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve a five-year lease for a new copy machine at the Fire Administration Building from Copy Right Inc., at a cost of \$172.00 per month. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Road Department crew attending an Open House Lunch at Marlboro Supply on March 11, 2005. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Road Superintendent reported to the Board that he adjusted the road salt route on 48<sup>th</sup> SW. It worked out well and the residents are very pleased.

## **ZONING DEPARTMENT:**

Zoning fees for two weeks presented in the amount of \$863.90. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the report as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

FYI: 1504 Warner SE – possible illegal business, inoperable vehicles. Letter has been sent; owner has responded. Met with him on March 1<sup>st</sup>. All vehicles are properly licensed with up-

to-date stickers. All are operable except three. He is not running any business out of his garage. He is making a good faith effort and will we will continue to work with him.

4105 Georgetown NE (Crossroads Tavern) – abandoned building. Numerous liens, unable to find present owner. He will have Stark County Health Department and Building Department, and Canton Township Fire Department investigate this building. Legal ads will be run in the newspaper to contact owner.

Notified by Stark County Treasurer's office that properties we have been maintaining for the past few years at 1932 Village SE and a vacant lot in the 4000 block of Sherman Church SW will be sold at Sheriff Sale on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dell Computer has a recall for laptop AC power supply. Contact Dell for replacement.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve opening new PO's for the following:

\$1,600.00 = U.S. Postage

\$2,000.00 = Office Max

Motion seconded by Mr. Smith. Clerk certified funds are available. Voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

#### **CLERK:**

Clerk submitted payroll totaling \$38,290.94, and bills totaling \$38,677.94, making total checks \$76,968.88. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the checks as submitted by the Clerk, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Clerk noted Pending Warrant, Fund Status and Appropriation Status reports were handed out to all three Trustees and Department Heads. PO and BC lists will be given to Department Heads on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the 2005 Permanent Appropriations. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve renewing the Township's membership with the Ohio Plan and Whitaker-Myers Insurance Agency; and to open a PO to Whitaker-Myers Insurance Agency, in the amount of \$50,803.00, for the 2005 premium. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols. DISCUSSION: Mr. Smith noted that we received a quote from OTARMA that was slightly less, but locks you in for five years. In talking to Summit Insurance, if the Township was not presently involved in a law suit, the savings would probably be \$11 to \$12,000.00 per year. They could possibly give us a quote mid-term and will submit this in writing. Voting yes – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve opening a PO to National Flood Insurance Program, in

the amount of \$4,985.00, for the Township Administration building and contents. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

FYI: 2004 Financial Report has been completed and filed with the State Auditor's office, and has been advertised in The Repository.

New procedure for picking-up payroll checks.

Clerk has been in touch with Rob Murray of State Auditor's office and will try to set meeting date with him and Don Titko to discuss best option to progress with our 2002-2003 audit.

## **PUBLIC SPEAKS:**

### **Sybil Sims – 1520 Warner Rd SE, Canton Township**

She wanted to check on the progress regarding her previous complaint concerning 1504 Warner SE. She heard the Zoning Inspector's report earlier in tonight's meeting, and wanted to know if the Township made continuous follow-ups until the property is completely cleaned up. Zoning Inspector stated as long as property owner is making a good-faith effort to clean-up, he will work with him. If he does not continue to clean-up, it was explained to the property owner the Township would declare the property a nuisance, have it cleaned up, and put the cost of the clean-up on his real estate tax bill. Zoning Inspector will periodically drive by to check the progress. Some of the trash is a Health Department issue and they are dealing with it.

### **Lori Serafini – 2162 Howenstine Dr SE, Canton Township**

She is President of the Canton South Soccer Club. She was inquiring, first of all, if the Board would give them permission to use the field at the Community Park again this season. Also, the Soccer Club would like permission to put a storage unit (72 cu.ft. Rubbermaid structure) at the soccer field during soccer season, which is August, September, October. They would keep it locked and would like to secure it to the goal post. She thanked the Board for allowing the Soccer Club to open/close the park for one month each of the past two years, and would like to do it again this year. Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols were in agreement that using the field and placing a storage unit would not be a problem; but since Mr. Wilcox handles all park matters and he is not in attendance at tonight's meeting, it will be addressed at the next Regular Meeting when all three Trustees are present. Also, Mr. Wilcox will handle opening/closing of the park.

## **TRUSTEES:**

MR. WILCOX: (absent this evening)

(In Mr. Wilcox's absence, Mr. Smith addressed the following items)

Park Seminar – Atlanta = Mr. Smith made a motion to approve opening a BC, not to exceed \$1,000.00, for expenses for Mr. Wilcox to attend a park products seminar in Atlanta, Georgia

on March 9th thru 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols

**DISCUSSION:** This seminar is sponsored by Kaboom and Home Depot and is attended by approximately 125 people. First two days are focused on grant writing and fund raising for parks. There are grants available, but only open to those who attend. The third day is spent building equipment at a park. In order for our park to grow and prosper, it needs to be done through grants and community support. Mr. Wilcox should come back with a great deal of positive ideas making the trip very worthwhile. Voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

RP Architects = Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Trustee Wilcox, Road Superintendent, and Fire Chief traveling to Columbus on March 17th to RP Architects to view a garage/fire station design. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

MR. SMITH:

FEMA Agreement and Resolution = Mr. Smith proceeded to read a Resolution allowing the Township to enter into agreement with FEMA for Federal disaster assistance.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution allowing the Township to enter into agreement with FEMA for Federal disaster assistance and for the Board to sign the Resolution and the Grant Agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols

Local Government Conference = Mr. Smith made a motion to approve opening a BC, in the amount of \$1,000.00, for the State Auditor's Local Government Officials Conference in Columbus on March 23 and 24, to be attended by the Trustees and Clerk if they are able. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Haines & Co CD = Mr. Smith made a motion to approve opening a new PO, payable to Haines & Co., in the amount of \$315.77, for new list of residential and business addresses in Canton Township. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

MR. NICHOLS:

Meyers Lake Lighting/AEP = Mr. Nichols made a motion to contact AEP to add the street light at the NW corner of Edmeyer and Patton NW to the Meyers Lake Street Lighting District. Zoning Inspector to call AEP. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

"911" Meeting = Mr. Nichols received a page today from Fire Chief Heck of Jackson Township informing him of a meeting Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Jackson Safety Center concerning "911" service.

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:18pm, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

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Ronald L. Smith, Clerk

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 James A. Wilcox, President

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William C. Smith, Vice President

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Christopher B. Nichols, Trustee

**FUND STATUS REPORT**  
**03-01-05**

Fund Number	Fund Name	Fund Cash Balance	% of Total Balance
01	General	51,142.92	11.4
02	Motor Vehicle License Tax	8,459.82	1.9
03	Gasoline Tax	14,753.90	3.3
04	Road and Bridge	93,190.03	20.8
07	Lighting Assessment	5,470.35	1.2
10	Fire District	70,705.51	15.8
13	Zoning	8,288.11	1.8
14	Park Advisory	548.73	0.1
14A	Recycling	0.00	0.0
14B	FEMA Grant – Flood Plane	0.00	0.0
14F	Fire Loss Claim Fund	0.00	0.0
20	Fire Levy	128,497.54	28.6
23	Permissive License Tax	463.09	0.1
28	Ambulance & Emergency Medical	64,819.42	14.4
30	Faircrest Project – Issue 2	0.00	0.0
30A	Cheyenne Bridge Project	<u>2,258.79</u>	0.5
		<b>448,598.21</b>	

